

Domestic Animal Shelter



Overview

Location	Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa.
Duration	From 2 weeks.
Dates	All year round.
Capacity	Max. 6 volunteers at one time
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum age: 18.• You must have an Intermediate level of English.• Special skills: You should have a love for animals.
Your impact	♥♥♥♥♥
Documents required	Enrolment form, curriculum vitae, letter of motivation, passport copy, proof of medical insurance.
Day of arrival	Sunday.
Day of departure	Saturday.



Highlights

- Assisting the Vet Tech and Hospital Manager with their daily duties (previous animal medical experience is essential for this).
- Caring for animals (dogs, cats and farm animals) - providing them with love, attention, exercise and grooming.
- Spending time walking the dogs and/or assisting the team in their daily duties, including clicker training for socialising the dogs as well as river and mountain walks.
- Assisting the team when going into the local township to offer education, medical treatment and building of enclosures, etc.
- Learning about animal behaviour from a qualified animal behavioural specialist.
- Assisting in educational presentations and outreach programmes to teach local children from the local low-income areas in Hout Bay about animal-human interactions. This includes a literacy programme where one of the project's dogs attends reading groups at the local primary schools.
- Getting personal support from the volunteer coordinator.
- Experiencing amazing tours and adventures in and around Cape Town.

Project information

The animal shelter is a non-profit organisation whose core aim is to rehabilitate and re-home lost, abandoned, abused, and neglected animals and to educate local communities, in particular their children. They strive to uplift the lives of companion animals in disadvantaged communities by providing free sterilisations to qualified families, primary health care, veterinary treatment and food as well as humane education to pet owners.

The shelter aims to:

- Lessen the suffering of abandoned, injured and abused dogs and cats by rescuing them, providing for their well-being and placing them into loving homes.
- Reduce the numbers of unwanted animals by providing free sterilization for dogs and cats in disadvantaged communities.
- Provide education to create an awareness of the moral and ethical responsibility we have towards the animals whose world we share.

Programme details

The core aim of this animal shelter is to rehabilitate abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats and to find a new home for them.

Your role

A possible work schedule could be:

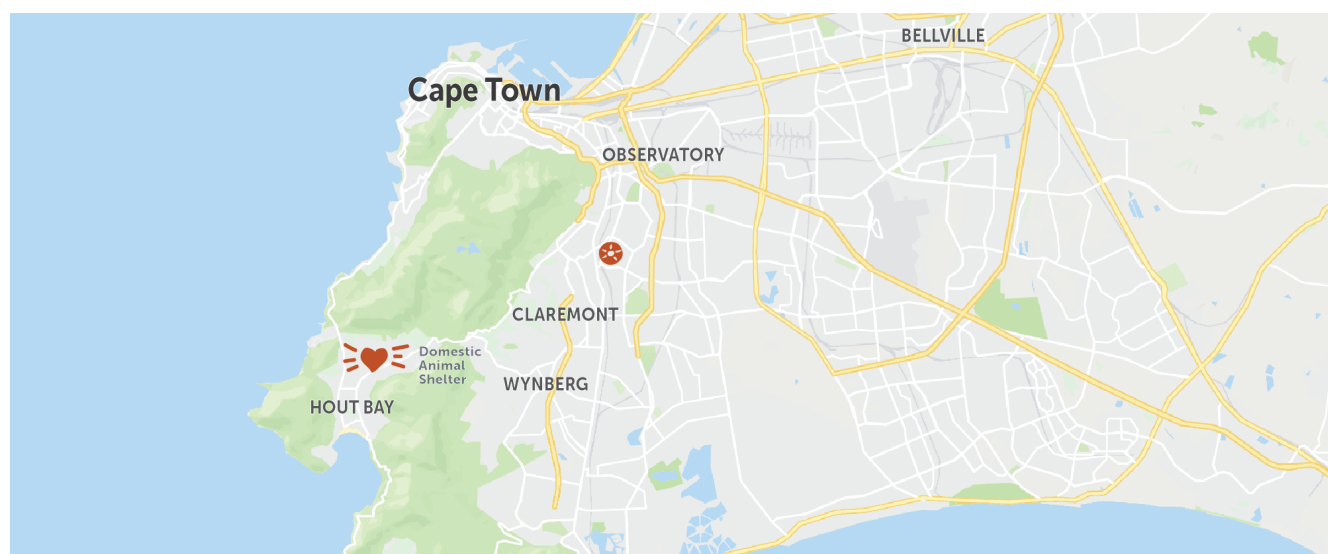
- 9:00 -12:00: Go for a walk with the dogs. Whenever volunteers are between jobs, all staff are encouraged to spend time with the cats, dogs and puppies – they need human contact and love desperately, and always enjoy some human interaction. You groom the dogs/cats and make enrichment toys. You will be able to assist in socializing the dogs and also spend time with the dogs in their enclosures.

- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch.
- 12:30 – 13:30 Assist with maintenance of the shelter.
- 13:30 Departure from the project once all is done.

You will get a full orientation and introduction after your arrival.

It is important to note that this description serves as an example only. The daily tasks and challenges depend on the volunteer, the time of the year and the work that needs to be done. The final job description can therefore vary substantially from the above.

Project location



The Domestic Animal Shelter is located on a large plot in Hout Bay, a beautiful sea-side neighbourhood just outside Cape Town.

Getting to and from the project

You will need to arrive at Cape Town International Airport. Our driver will meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation.

Arrival

Please make sure to arrive on a Sunday. After an orientation meeting at the language school in Newlands on Monday, your first day of volunteering will be on Tuesday.

Departure

Please schedule your departure for Saturday after your final Friday at the project. Your departure airport transfer is not included in the project fee, however we can assist you with arranging a transfer for you at an additional cost, should you require one.



Accommodation

You will live at the Volunteer House. It is a private house in an upmarket residential area with single beds and twin bedrooms. Volunteers are accommodated in twin bedrooms but may upgrade to single rooms upon request. There are 4 bathrooms to share, a communal kitchen, a dining room, a lounge with TV and DVD and a beautiful garden with a swimming pool.

Bedding is provided. Towels are not provided.

There is a washing machine at the residence for you to use which works with tokens which can be purchased for R40 per load.

Meals

Self-catering. The main shopping areas as well as restaurants, pubs, etc. are within walking distance of the Volunteer House.

Free time

Together with other volunteers and language students from Good Hope Studies you can take part in the entertainment programme of the Social Club. There are organised events, outings and tours most evenings and at the weekends. To find out about the current programme, go to <https://www.ghs.co.za/activities>.

Local transport

You will be transferred daily from the Volunteer House to the project and back.

What to bring

There are no special requirements in this regard but we recommend bringing comfortable, practical clothes as well as a small, easy-to-carry bag so that you can keep important belongings with you. Anything else you might need is readily available at local supermarkets in South Africa.

Your commitment

Please be aware that in applying for a volunteer project, you are making a firm commitment to the project. Our projects depend on the volunteers. It is necessary that you take this commitment seriously.

Some projects will appoint specific responsibilities to you; others are less structured and require the volunteers to use their initiative. If you prefer the one type over the other, please ask us for the most appropriate project for your preference.

Your daily presence is required and working hours are to be followed strictly. Not fulfilling your obligation can result in your dismissal from the project.



Cell phone use during working hours

We kindly ask that you refrain from using your cell phone during work hours as this will distract you from doing the work at hand. This is for the safety of the volunteers who work with animals.

Volunteers who would like to take photographs of their projects are free to communicate this directly to their project supervisors for guidance and instruction

What to wear

You are asked to wear sensible clothing and to be culturally sensitive of the communities you are working with. You are expected to wear modest clothing, which includes jeans, leggings, long shorts, and long skirts. Closed shoes are advisable, especially when working outdoors. Underwear is not to be seen under any circumstances.

Not acceptable are low cut tops, short shorts/shirts, bikinis and swimwear, belly tops, shirts/t-shirts with no sleeves for male volunteers as well as flip flops or no shoes.

Please also do not wear any camouflage patterned clothing.

Insurance

Travel insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out full personal insurance cover.

This should include protection against theft and against loss of fees, should the whole or part of a programme or activity or accommodation not be attended.

Medical insurance

You are required to take out medical insurance before travelling.

You must ensure that you are covered from the day of departure in your home country to the day of arrival back in your home country. The minimum coverage must be US\$ 100.000 and, as part of the enrolment process, you will need to email us a copy of your insurance policy documentation.

Safety

While all safety precautions are followed, you are still working with animals and must be aware at all times and follow the safety guidelines.

Health

No vaccinations are required except for travellers going to the north-eastern areas of South Africa, where anti-malaria precautions are recommended. Clients should consult their doctor for recommendations.

A yellow fever certificate is compulsory for those persons who have travelled from, or intend travelling through, countries in the yellow fever belt:

Africa: Angola, Burundi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda.

South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Surinam, Venezuela, Argentina and Paraguay.

Bring medication just in case you suffer from any travel-related illnesses, e.g. stomach upsets, since your body needs to adjust to the change in food and water during your first few days in South Africa.

It is important to keep in mind at all times that HIV and Aids are widespread diseases in South Africa.

Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. We recommend that you make contact with your local vaccination services. The vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine and polio vaccine. In addition, we recommend Hepatitis A, typhoid and rabies. You can get hepatitis B through sexual contact, contaminated needles, and blood products, so this vaccine is recommended if you might get a tattoo or piercing.

Please contact us at Good Hope Volunteers should you have any questions about this.

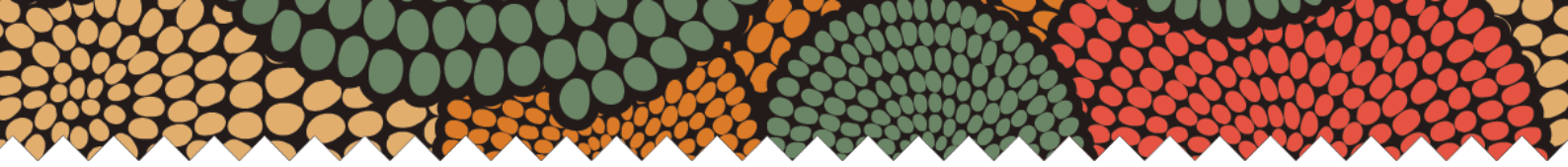
What's included / not included

Included:

- Project placement
- Airport transfer on arrival
- Accommodation (Volunteer House: shared room, shared bathroom, self-catering)
- Daily transfer to and from the project
- A donation towards the project
- Good Hope Volunteers welcome pack
- Regular site visits by our coordinator
- An orientation at the beginning of your volunteering experience
- Electronic certificate (printed copy on request)
- Local support including a 24-hour emergency number
- Wi-Fi

Not included:

- Food
- Any other transport
- Airport transfer on departure
- Laundry (tokens can be purchased at the residence)
- Any items of personal nature



Visa

You can volunteer in South Africa on a visitor's visa for up to 90 days.

Nationals from certain countries (e.g. Brazil, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, France, the Netherlands, Spain) will receive their visa when entering South Africa. Other nationals need to apply for a visitor's visa at a South African Embassy in their home country before travelling.

If you come to South Africa on a visitor's visa, you can extend once by another 90 days.

If you plan to come for more than 90 days, you need to apply for a volunteer visa at a South African Embassy in your home country. Please ask us for the necessary documents for your visa application.

For the latest information contact the South African Embassy or Good Hope Volunteers.

For non-English speakers: vocabulary list

For your own safety and to make your volunteering a success, basic communication skills are essential. Below we have put together a list of important vocabulary. Prepare yourself for your trip by making sure you are in command of these words.

ENGLISH	PORTUGUÊS	DEUTSCH	FRANÇAIS
Good morning	Bom Dia	Guten Morgen	Bonjour !
Please	Por favor	Bitte	S'il te plaît
Thank you	Obrigado	Danke	merci
How are you	Como você está	Wie geht es Dir?	Comment ça va?
Good bye	Adeus	Auf Wiedersehen	Au revoir
Dog	Cachorro	Hund	Le chien
Cat	Gato	Katze	Le chat
Cage	cela	Käfig	La cage
Fence	Cerca	Gitter	La barreaudage
Gate	Portão	Gatter	Le treillage
Keep the gate locked	Mantenha o portão trancado	Lass das Gitter zu!	laisse le treillage fermé
Make sure you close the gate	Certifique-se de fechar o portão	Versichere Dich das Gatter zu schließen	Assure-toi que tu fermes le treillage
Water bowls	Tigelas de água	Wasserschale	L'abassine
Meal times	Horário das refeições	Essenszeit	heure des repas
Barking	Latidos	bellen	aboyer
Bite	Mordida	beissen	mordre
Leash	Trela	Leine	La laisse
Wash	Lavar	waschen	laver
Blanket	Cobertor	Decke	La couverture
Treats	Trata	Leckerli	La gâterie
Strong	Forte	stark	fort
Pulling	Puxar	ziehen	tirer
Growl	Rosnar	knurren	gronder
Safe distance	Distância segura	Sichere Distanz	distance de sécurité
Don't put your fingers through the fence	Não coloque os dedos na cerca	Stecke Deine Finger nicht durch das Gitter!	Ne mettre pas les doigts au travers de la barreaudage
Donations	Doações	Spenden	La donation



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Chew	Mastigar	kauen	mastiquer
Vomit	Vomitar	Erbrochenes	Le vomi
Diarrhoea	Diarreia	Durchfall	La diarrhée
Not safe	Não é seguro	Nicht sicher	Pas sicure
Rabies	Raiva	Tollwut	La rage
Pain	Dor	Schmerz	Le peine
Sore	Dorido	wund	blessar
Paw	Pata	Pfote	La patte
Claw	Garra	zerkratzen	s'égratigner
Limp or Limping	Mancar ou mancar	hinken	boiter
Tick	Carrapato	Zecke	La tique
Flea	Pulga	Floh	La puce