

Seoul Rescued Animal Care

Korea, Seoul

Quick Overview

Participate in the upkeep of the animal rehabilitation and rescue center in lovely Korea, where rescued animals such as dogs and pigs are cleaned, fed, and generally cared for.

These animals were rescued from an 'illegal dog farm' which bred these dogs to take them to the slaughterhouse and sell them as a piece of meat. The activist and the non-profit organization won the fight against these illegal dog farms and took control of it by turning the dog farm into a protection shelter and looking after the rescued animals with all the love they deserve.

Program Description

The shelter is located 5 subway stops away from the accommodation and is run at the shelter located on the top of a mountain, with around 100 dogs awaiting their turn for adoption. The shelter is run purely by volunteers and 2 staff that work there permanently.

The shelter operates through the collective efforts of animal protection organizations, volunteers, and numerous sponsors. With their support, the facility has been gradually improving, yet it still faces significant challenges and requires further assistance to enhance the living conditions for the rescued animals. This collaborative environment emphasizes the community's dedication to animal welfare and the ongoing need for support in their mission.

Over the course of one week, you will offer a helping hand at the animal shelters and help the local team take excellent care of the rescued animals of Korea.

Moreover, you will play a major role in assisting the process of rehabilitation, recovery and release. You will feed and clean the animals while being involved in other activities.

As a general rule, we kindly ask you to follow the safety instructions and not to whistle or make loud noises when you first meet them, as this can be seen as a sign of aggression. Try to build trust before going near them.

Thus, grab this rare opportunity to be part of this meaningful community program as you extend your genuine heart and hand to the rescued dogs who have been deprived of their rights to be taken care of.

Aims & Objectives

- Lend a helping hand in taking care of animals.
- Help the injured or starving animals to recover their health.
- Assisting with the international adoption of these dogs.

Add-on: +Learning

There is no +Learning add-on available for this program.

Schedule

Monday

- Orientation, Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice, handling of documents & Signing up of relevant documents and South Korea Do's and Don'ts, Dress Codes and basic Culture Lessons
- Seoul City tour

Tuesday to Friday

- Work at Animal Care Shelter
- On one evening from Tuesday to Thursday, depending on the decision of the local staff,
 - We will visit Gwangjang Market, one of Korea's top traditional food markets.
 - We will visit a jjimjilbang near the accommodation, a popular Korean 'entertaining sauna' experience.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2024

This program starts every week.

During 2025

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Standard Requirements

Minimum age: 18

Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required: No Resume copy required: No

Required qualification: None

Additional Requirements

The following are further necessary for the participants, local staff and everyones involved to have a meaningful, enjoyable and safe community program.

- Due to the length and active nature of this program and as there are lots of outdoor and physical activities under the heat of the sun, a decent level of fitness is required.
- Excellent time management and self-organizing and a strong desire to take on new challenges and learn as much as possible.

Additional Equipment

Personal belongings such as:

- Comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting wet or dirty.
- Comfortable and sturdy shoes as there are lots of activities taken on foot.
- Bring Personal toiletries such as basic soap, shampoo, toothpaste and towels.
- Bring also hat, and sunglasses to protect from the heat of the sun, particularly during your placement activities.
- An environmentally friendly sunscreen or lotion is also advised to protect you from the heat
 of the sun and please carry with you preventive agents during outdoor activities, such as
 mosquito repellents for insect bites or other insects that may irritate your skin.
- Moreover, bring Medicines with you especially if you have to take specific medicines regularly as well as other medicines for headaches and stomach aches.
- Refillable water bottles and hydration packs to stay hydrated throughout the day, particularly during the placement.
- We recommend everyone bring a functioning smartphone to use the map and taxi apps etc. and to use in their free time.

Dress Code:

- Rubber boots and disposable dust suits will be provided. However, if you prefer to use your own for personal reasons or out of environmental concerns, you are welcome to bring them.
- Personal Appearance. You may wish to bring a range of options from casual to business casual, similar to what you might wear at home. There is no strict restriction on the clothes you choose to wear in your free time, but please make sure you pack work clothes for the following placement.
- It is completely fine to wear Western clothes as long as they fit the local standards.
- Be thoughtful of the graphics, symbols or text printed on your clothing and avoid wearing clothing styles that might be inappropriate especially when visiting the Royal Palace and Temples in your free time.