



Animal Welfare



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📍 India - Goa

Participate in maintaining the animal rehabilitation and rescue centre for cattle, goats, dogs and cats in beautiful Goa!

These animals are invariably affected by life-threatening road accidents. Give them a new lease of life by helping them recuperate and maintain their shelter until they find new homes. During monsoon, we go to the beach to feed the hungry animals.

Culture



Learning



Leisure



Community Engagement



Physical Demand



Program Description

The state of Goa has a large number of cattle freely roaming in the streets. There are also a number of dogs on the beaches due to numerous beach shacks and restaurants located on the beaches during the tourist season.

During the month of May to mid-September which is also the months of peak summer and monsoon season, the restaurants along the beach close and the dogs do not have access to food. During this time of the year, we take cooked food to the beach and feed the dogs. As for the cattle and also other animals who meet with road accidents, they are brought to the rescue centre. Here they are treated, medicated, and taken to the stable to regain their health, and given away for adoption so that they do not land up on the roads again.

Your work will mainly be to maintain the rescue center, take care of the injured animals, go out to rescue injured animals when required, assist the local veterinarian and also feed the dogs on the beaches during the months of May to September.

By joining this program you will have an opportunity to make a real contribution to the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned animals. This will be done through a variety of tasks at a network of rescue centres within North Goa region. You will be directed by local rescue experts in daily rescue and rehabilitation tasks, which may include collecting and transporting injured, orphaned and sick animals, animal husbandry duties, basic first aid as well as the construction of animal enclosures.

You will play a major role in assisting the process of rehabilitation, recovery and release, especially for the orphaned animals that have had one or both parents killed in a road accident, and would otherwise perish without your assistance.

As a general rule, we recommend never to look at an animal directly in the eye, when you first meet them, as this can be seen as a sign of aggression. Try to build trust before going near them.

With Kittens and Cats

- Wipe eyes and body with warm salty water, and pat dry. Clean litter trays and cages.
- Play and spend time stimulating them.

With Puppies and Dogs

- Wipe with warm salty water and pat dry. Groom and treat for ticks and fleas if any.
- Give them lots of exercises and then give them "Training lessons". You may use a rolled-up newspaper for when they are naughty and lovely treats when they are good. This can be a very important training when they go to their new homes.

With Calves

- Wipe with warm salty water.
- Bottle-feeding. Make sure your head is away from theirs and your feet are away from the "kick distance". Wipe the calf's mouth and chin with a damp cloth after feeding.

With Cows

- Cows are gentle creatures, but always be aware of your surroundings, when you are with the cows.
- Grooming: This is very important for calves and cows. Again, make sure you are not in the kick distance. Make deep sounds when grooming, this comforts them. Massage in circular strokes on the side of their face.

With Goats

- Love being groomed and are very friendly, but shy.

This project would be conducted in the mornings. If you wish, you can continue the program in the afternoon as well.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

Provide a safe haven for orphaned, injured, and sick animals.

Schedule

Monday

On your first day of the program, you will have an orientation day to better understand your new environment and program. Our coordinators will take you to an enchanting spice plantation, visit the local market, and a few supermarkets located close to our center. You can also utilize this time of the day to exchange your currency or purchase any of the essential items you might need during your stay.

Tuesday

On the second day of your first week, introduction to the local project and program will be given through an observation time at the project site, you can also choose to assist the existing participants on the project. Our coordinator's on-site will theoretically orient and train you on the activities of the project tasks to introduce you to the project in a step-by-step manner.

Wednesday to Friday

Your time on the project will commence on Wednesday.

After an early breakfast, travel to the animal rehabilitation center to participate in various activities, you will be helping with the following tasks:

- Help to feed the animals
- Daily or hourly monitoring, reporting and assessing animals on each day
- Reporting behavioural changes each day
- Changing bandages where required
- Washing and cleaning of animals where required
- Administer medicine and ointments as required
- Cleaning enclosures and their environment
- Animal Enrichment
- Go to the beach to feed stray dogs during the monsoon season of June to October

Please take treats along with you every day. You will have your packed lunch at the shelter and you may continue with your work after lunch. You will finish your work at about 16:30 and return to the center for a well-deserved rest.

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

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

- Participants below the age of 18 should have parental consent.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.
- Ensure that you have had all the necessary vaccinations before participating on the project.

Additional Equipment

- Sturdy walking shoes
- Hat and sunscreen
- Water bottle