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Rescue
P.A.W.S.
Providing Animal Welfare through Sterilization



Volunteer Program Overview

Who is Rescue P.A.W.S?

Thailand faces an increasing challenge with an ever-growing number of stray animals living in desperate conditions on the streets – most are in dismally poor health and reproducing at an alarming rate, causing associated public health problems.

We have:

Sterilized more than 11,000 dogs and cats

Found homes for more than 600 stray animals

Educated more than 36,000 Thai youth on animal care/welfare

Fed and provided medical care to more than 40,000 stray animals

About Us

Rescue P.A.W.S. is a non-profit organization located in Pranburi, Thailand whose mission is twofold. First, to help stray dogs and cats in need through regular feeding, medical aid, and tender love and care. The second part of our mission is to reduce the stray population over time through sterilizations, education, and local and international adoptions. Rescue P.A.W.S. has achieved amazing results in its nearly 10 years of operation.

Team / Facilities / Operations

Our team of 12 full time, experienced Thai and expat staff are passionate about animal welfare. Our facilities include 21 kennels, a surgery clinic, and a play area for dogs. From these premises, we conduct all sterilizations, vaccinations, parasite treatments, veterinary care, and rehabilitation for abandoned, mistreated stray animals. We also venture out to surrounding villages regularly to perform fieldwork, caring for upwards of around 550 street dogs on a daily basis. Finally, we have a dedicated team that specializes in educating Thai youth on animal welfare, rabies awareness, and responsible pet ownership.

The Rescue P.A.W.S. Volunteer Program

We are a small team of full-time staff so volunteers are absolutely critical to our existence. They help us to meet the physical demands of day-to-day operations and ensure that we give every dog and cat sufficient medical care and love. The funds they provide also help pay for medical supplies, medicine and equipment that enable us to treat the many animals under our care. Simply put, volunteers keep our doors open!

There are two main volunteer opportunities based on experience and training. The first, Animal Lovers, experience first-hand the joys and challenges of working at an animal rescue organization, as well learning what it takes to run an organization like this, through animal training, feeding runs, kennel/clinic upkeep, and shadowing the medical team.



The second, vet students, qualified professionals, or anyone considering studying in the various fields of animal or veterinary sciences, Rescue P.A.W.S. offers a truly exceptional opportunity to gain practical experience. Under the close supervision and guidance of our resident vets, volunteers partake in various animal care activities, including rehabilitation, vaccinations, in-clinic and field wound care, parasite treatments, and other activities. Rescue P.A.W.S. is also an ideal choice for students looking to fulfill practicum hours and further academic accreditation.



Eligibility

The Rescue P.A.W.S. volunteer program is open to people from all walks of life, be they trained animal care specialists, inexperienced who are animal lovers, or anyone seeking a meaningful travel experience – our only prerequisite is an enthusiastic passion for animals! Typically, eligibility requirements are:

- Must care about animals
- Must be 18 years of age (Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parental guardian).
- Must be in good mental and physical health
- Must provide a clean criminal background check (third-party check is sufficient. This is for volunteer visa application)
- Most provide proof of rabies vaccination before arrival at Rescue P.A.W.S.
- Must have a decent command of the English language

Duration

Our volunteer program duration ranges from **1 week up to 12 weeks**, with an option of further extension. While we fully understand that time commitments make it impossible for everyone to volunteer for a long period, for maximum benefit for both the volunteer and Rescue P.A.W.S, volunteers are encouraged to stay for two weeks or more.



What's Included?

- Airport Transfers * to and from Khao Tao (using a private transfer car down to Hua Hin and a comfortable direct bus back to the airport after the programme)
- Accommodation & utilities
- WIFI internet at the accommodation and clinic

Several amazing cultural excursions and activities. Subject to program duration, these include:

- Excursion to a cave temple
- Kui Buri National park safari with an opportunity to see wild elephants
- Meditation session guided by a local monk
- Thai cooking class

**When signing up for two weeks, volunteers will participate in at least one excursion. For four weeks, you'll participate in at least two excursions.

What's Excluded?

- ❁ Food
- ❁ Flights
- ❁ Travel Insurance
- ❁ Visa Fees





Program Options for 2024-2025

| Program Options | Price in USD |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 week | 900 |
| 2 weeks | 1200 |
| 3 weeks | 1500 |
| 4 weeks | 1800 |
| 5 weeks | 2100 |
| 6 weeks | 2400 |
| 7 weeks | 2600 |
| 8 weeks | 2800 |
| 9 weeks | 3100 |
| 10 weeks | 3300 |
| 11 weeks | 3500 |
| 12 weeks | 3600 |

Rescue P.A.W.S.' programme fees are what makes it possible to manage to our mission every day. Every last bit of volunteer program fees goes towards reducing the stray dog and cat population and bettering the lives of street animals.

Rescue P.A.W.S. operates with set intake dates every Monday throughout the year. Volunteers arrive on a Monday morning or early afternoon in Bangkok. Should this not be possible, alternative transport down to Hua Hin may need to be arranged by the volunteer.

100% of your volunteer program fee goes directly back into Rescue PAWS to provide animals in need with food, essential medical care, shelter, and the necessary equipment needed to continue our work in the community.

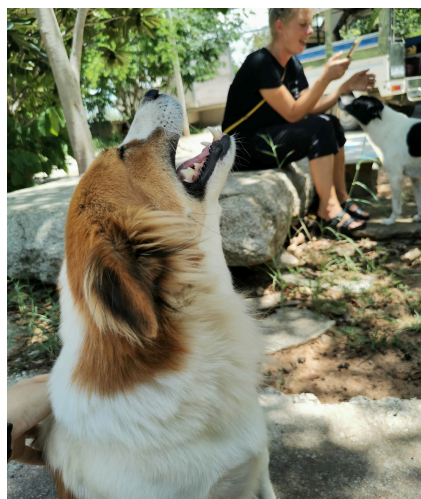
**A \$300 USD deposit is required to reserve your preferred date. This comes with a lifetime guarantee should you wish to change your dates. Conditions apply.*

For inquiries, contact coordinator@rescue-paws.org

Location

The Rescue P.A.W.S. clinic is located on the grounds of Khao Tao Temple, a Buddhist temple that borders a long stretch of beach. The temple grounds and its surroundings are conducive to the healing of animals and people alike, and the beach and ocean are perfect for rehabilitation through hydrotherapy and daily walks.

Khao Tao is an authentic Thai village about 12 kilometers south of Hua Hin, away from the hustle and bustle of a big town, but close enough to enjoy the amenities that a city offers. There is a selection of local restaurants within walking distance of the clinic that offers both Thai and western food.



Accommodation

Our volunteer house is a two-minute walk from the best beach in the region and a 5 to 10-minute walk from our clinic. The house itself is a traditional Thai house surrounded by nature and wildlife. Accommodation is shared with other volunteers and has Wi-Fi, a common area, and cooking and laundry facilities for all volunteers to use. There are three restaurants and a small convenience store only a few hundred meters from the accommodation.

We offer two options for accommodation:

1. Volunteer House: The volunteer house, as described above, provides a great opportunity to socialize with fellow volunteers and is conveniently located near the clinic and the beach and is all included in the program fee.

2. Offsite private Guesthouse: For those seeking a bit more privacy, we have a guesthouse just down the road from the volunteer house. Managed separately from Rescue Paws, the guesthouse features rooms with a king-sized bed, air conditioning, and a private ensuite. It's only a two-minute walk from the volunteer house, so you can still easily socialize with other volunteers. The guesthouse manager, offers a discounted rate of only \$20 USD per night for Rescue Paws volunteers.

Both accommodation options ensure you have a comfortable and enjoyable stay while volunteering with us.



Culture

Thai people are easygoing, courteous, and hospitable. Buddhism is the dominant religion in Thailand and has a major influence on Thai culture. As we are located on the site of a Buddhist temple, it is an every-day occurrence to see monks meditating, chanting, and blessing people in the community. The concept of “wai,” is a way that we say hello and goodbye without using words. It entails the physical gesture of bowing one's head to meet the thumbs of two pressed palms. We use this gesture to show respect and appreciation.



Religion

Buddhism has a major influence on the daily lives of Thai people and is practiced throughout the normal course of life. The Buddhist principle teaches one to follow a middle path, avoid anything extreme, and emphasizes personal well-being above material items or career achievement. Foreign nationals visiting a Buddhist temple, or a sacred place should behave in an appropriate manner, as Thai people may consider some actions as sacrilege. As always, the best course of action is to follow the example set by the Thais.



Climate in Thailand

Temperatures in Thailand vary with the time of year and the region. In most of the country, temperatures are generally hot and humid, with a cooler season between November and February. March to June is a hot and dry season with little rain. In contrast, between the months of July and October, Thailand sees as much as 98 percent of its annual rainfall.



Volunteer Duties & Activities

Daily Care for Stray Animals

A typical day for a volunteer at Rescue P.A.W.S. includes cleaning kennels, daily clinic up-keep, feeding, watering and administering medication to the dogs in our care, walks to the beach whilst leash training, grooming and most importantly, sharing the love!

More often than not, we also host injured cats and dogs, during which time it is the responsibility of the volunteers to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of these animals.

At any given time, Rescue P.A.W.S. overseas as many as 550+ stray street dogs in and around Hua Hin, Pranburi, and Pak-Nam-Pram areas, so fieldwork plays an essential role in our commitment to improving the lives of Thailand's stray animal population.

Fieldwork (or what we refer to as a 'feeding run') involves befriending various packs of dogs with food, administering parasite treatments and vaccinations, assessing the overall wellbeing of the packs, providing wound care to injured dogs, as well as identifying and recording changes in numbers (i.e. new litters of puppies, newly dumped dogs, pregnant females, etc.) and condition (i.e. dogs to be sterilized).



Typical Daily Volunteer Schedule

| Time | Activities |
|----------------------|--|
| 08:15 - 08:20 | Pick up from the Rescue PAWS accommodation |
| 08:30 - 08:45 | Morning meeting and get ready to head for morning clean |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | Kennel/cattery/side kennel duties |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Coffee break |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | Beach Walk |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | PM Activities: Feeding runs, beach walk, shy dog sessions, |
| 15:00 - 16:30 | Kennel/Cattery/side kennel duties |



Additional Volunteer Activities

Cultural Immersion Experiences

Extra weekend excursions are included within the Volunteer Program. When signing up for two weeks, volunteers will participate in at least one excursion, those signing up for four weeks will participate in two excursions. These include a guided meditation with our local monk, and a Thai cooking class where volunteers will learn to cook traditional Thai dishes and then enjoy the delicious meals. A 'must see' in Hua Hin is the Sam Rai Yot cave temple. Volunteers hike up to the cave, and are rewarded with a truly unique and picturesque temple inside a cave. Volunteers also visit Kui Buri National park, which is known to be one of the best places in Thailand to see wild elephants.



Each week, we visit a local temple hosting refugee children from Myanmar, many of whom are orphans. We provided English sessions for the children and veterinary assistance for the animals that call this temple home. Upon arrival at the temple, we are greeted with cheers and hugs. As their only opportunity to spend time with adults outside of the temple, the children enjoy these fun sessions immensely. With songs, crafts and games, it's a chance to help children in a meaningful way. This is an optional excursion and does not require attendance.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much do I have to allow for living expenses per day?

Budget for 300 baht or USD 10 per day for food, drinks and other meal expenses.

Q: How much does it cost to travel around?

Taxis can range from 60 – 200 baht for a 15 – 30-minute trip.

Q: Can you drink tap water?

It is recommended not to drink the tap water, as there can be bacteria our bodies are unfamiliar with in the West. Bottled water is very cheap, costing around 5 – 10 baht per bottle. The house is supplied with water by Rescue P.A.W.S.

Q: How safe are the surroundings?

Extremely safe. Like anywhere else it is recommended that you remain alert.

Q: What is phone and internet connectivity like?

Really good and great value for money. We provide high speed WIFI at the volunteer house and at the Rescue P.A.W.S clinic. We can assist with a Thai SIM card and selecting a plan for your phone.

Q: What's the dress code for volunteering?

The Rescue P.A.W.S clinic is located inside a temple. Please respect temple grounds and dress conservatively when during volunteer hours, this means long pants (covering knees) and tops covering shoulders.

Q: Any packing essentials? Do I need to bring towels etc?

You may bring towels and any other essentials if you wish. Please note that within the first few days of arrival we will take you to the mall where you can purchase food and goods.

Q: What kind of vaccinations do we need?

Every volunteer must have a rabies vaccination prior to arrival. In terms of other vaccinations, please ask your doctor for advice on what you should get based on your risk tolerance.

Q: Where does my volunteer fee go?

Your program fee goes towards certain aspects of your program including your airport transfer, accommodation, utilities and select excursions. In addition to this, your fees are what make it possible to manage to our mission every day. Every last bit of the volunteer program fee goes towards creating better lives for more stray animals and achieving the mission of reducing the stray dog population in Thailand.