



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Skiathos Cat Welfare is not a cat sanctuary or cat shelter it is the home of Sharon Ewing. The cats on the premises are free roaming apart from the blind and special needs cats that are kept in the house. At the time of writing this there is around 150 cats.

Things may be very different than what you are used to at home when visiting dedicated rescue centres. It can be chaotic with all the free roaming cats all needing something and it is also Sharon's home. Sharon welcomes all the help she can get but like our homes we would like to think that if you use something you put it back, you wash your own dishes, and try and see what needs doing without having to be asked. In an environment where every penny counts...Yes we would like things to be different, better, but we are totally reliant on donations and that's why we really appreciate your help.

Volunteering is a very rewarding experience and thank you for considering volunteering for this charity, you will have one of the best experiences of your life and like previous volunteers will wish to volunteer again. You don't need experience for most of the duties all we ask is that you are caring, hardworking and have a sense of humour and we are always willing to share our skills with you. If you are a single traveller then this could be the perfect chance to do something to help the stray cats and enjoy the beauty of Skiathos in your free time. We are a friendly bunch and more often than not there may be other single travellers at the same time. Many friendships have been made between volunteers.

You don't need any qualifications or experience just a willingness to learn, work hard and love cats, naturally.

Hours of Work (Day)

Volunteers will be required to work 5 hours a day, between the hours of 9am-6pm. This could be mornings or afternoons or midway between. For example 9am-to 1pm or 10am-3pm or 1pm-6pm or any 5 hour slots between 9am-6pm. We try and accommodate 2 days off in every 7 days, however your flexibility is appreciated if we are short of volunteers during your time or if we have special neutering projects.

Hours of Work (Evening)

18.30-20.30 mainly in our information kiosk talking to visitors about the charities work and would normally be only 1 Evening in 7 but you can choose to volunteer for more if you wish as this is a vital way to raise awareness and donations for the charity. The kiosk is only operational between May-September.

Neutering Events

If a neutering event is taking place during your visit we ask that you could do as many hours as possible for us to achieve the best results.





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Duties can be varied but in general and not limited to:

- Cleaning litter trays
- On and off site feeding
- Cleaning the main living areas of the onsite cats
- Changing and washing cat bedding
- Keeping the vet room clean
- Washing and filling water bowls which may be many times a day in the height of summer
- Emptying the rubbish
- Bathing kittens and cleaning eyes and ears
- De-worming and de-flee treatment
- Brushing long haired cats
- Socialising with the cats and kittens
- Bottle feeding new born abandoned kittens



Flights

Unfortunately we are unable to help with the funding of flights to Skiathos but we will cover the transfer to and from the airport.

There is various ways to get to Skiathos depending on the time of year. There are direct flights from many countries from May-October and at other times would be via Athens or Volos.

Accommodation

During the tourist season of MAY-September we MAY be able to provide you with free accommodation during your stay but this on a first come first served basis. If this is not possible we can recommend a hotel and apartments at a very reasonable price.

For winter volunteering October-April for help of 2 weeks or more FREE accommodation will be provided.





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Transport

Transport to and from the charity's site which is located about 5 minutes from Town. We will always try to collect you each day, if not there is a bus which runs from Skiathos Town (Summer Only) which passes close by the cost is under €2 one way, depending on available funds we may be able to cover the cost for you.

You may wish to hire a scooter or car to see more of the Island in your free time and we can negotiate a reasonable rate for you with the hire company.



Food

A simple lunch (for example a sandwich and fruit) is provided for those volunteering during the daytime and if you choose to work longer snacks will be provided, soft drinks are available throughout the day. We will provide a small welcome pack for your arrival if you are staying in our accommodation. If you are volunteering at our kiosk then we will provide you with funds to buy a "Gyros" to keep you going whilst chatting to the tourists.

We always try and organise an evening meal out with volunteers and visitors usually once a week, for which funds depending if you choose to join us we will try and contribute to your costs. All other food costs are your responsibility, we just don't have the funds to do more.



Whilst there is no salary provided the rewards you will reap from helping the stray cats will far out way anything financial. So if you would like more details and an informal chat then please get in touch.
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