



We are a non-profit Association, in which our only wish is that all animals have a dignified life.

Our priority is that they can be happy forever.

If you want to get to know us better, access any of our social networks, we are sure you will fall in love.



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The Animal Academy



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We are looking for committed people who love animals and are aware that we work for them.

*"If you want to come lend a helping hand and be part of our family,
"We will be happy to welcome you."*



OUR “SUPERHEROES”

Our “Superheroes” come with very sad stories, such as abuse, abandonment and overexploitation.

Some others suffer from severe allergies, and even if they receive treatment and daily care, they will suffer for life.

As is the case with **Siri** and **Willy**.



Samantha arrived overweight and because of this, her hooves were deformed and she had micro fractures all over her body. She is now recovered, but the consequences prevent her from walking well. He needs his hooves groomed from time to time to be able to walk better.



You can see the difference in the hooves in both photographs.

But many have been able to heal and enjoy a full and happy life in the shelter, you just have to see them.



Our purpose is that they are happy, that they do not lack food.

We want them to spend quality time, and there is no better way than spending time with them, not just doing tasks, but quality time. We can learn a lot from them and the love they give us, despite everything they have suffered, is the most beautiful gift you can take with you is this experience.



Our volunteers not only work so that they do not lack anything, they also give them a lot of pampering and they let themselves be loved.



COLLABORATE WITH US

As a non-profit association, we do not have much help, so we need you, the volunteers, throughout the year.

To come help us it is not necessary to have previous experience with animals, simply be willing to help them.

In the shelter we carry out different tasks, the main one is feeding, once all the animals are enjoying their food, we start with the cleaning tasks in the different enclosures.

- The work to be done is physical, we have to work with wheelbarrows, both to feed the animals and when we clean, such as using a shovel and rake to clean the enclosures.



- On the other hand, two tasks are carried out in the afternoons, but they are shared in shifts among all volunteers during the week.

One of them is to go to two supermarkets to look for food that they donate to us, which is useful for both us and the animals, and the other task is to give a snack to the pigs, ducks and some wheelbarrows of hay to the horses if they no longer like them. nothing left.



THE STAY AT THE REFUGE

For us, the refuge is our home.

So we look for a family atmosphere, of camaraderie, of being a team and thus being able to enjoy the experience together.

The shelter has a house, made up of a room shared between volunteers, bathroom, living room, kitchen (in which all the food found there is available to all volunteers) and an outdoor area.



The maintenance and cleaning of the house depends on everyone, the active collaboration of each member of the team is extremely important to always maintain order and cleanliness, we are all equal.

So don't hesitate, come and enjoy a beautiful experience.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To come to the shelter.

Being an association we have almost no help, we work hard every day so that the shelter can be maintained.

We are aware that we are on an island “Fuerteventura” in the Canary Islands, and the flights are sometimes very expensive, but as we need help throughout the year, you can look for the dates that best suit you.

Important points:

- Volunteers come to the shelter from many places in the world, Spanish, Italian, French, Swiss, German, it is an **INTERNATIONAL** place, **ideal for practicing different languages**, 94% of the volunteers who come are not Spanish. We are from the island and we try to communicate in Spanish, so we need the volunteers who come to **have a minimum knowledge of Spanish**.
- The stay may vary depending on the circumstances of each person, for us the best thing is that they can **stay for a period of 3-4 weeks**. But there are volunteers who come for several months and others for a week.
- The refuge is located in the center of the island, there is nothing around it, so in order to leave the refuge you need to **rent a vehicle**.
- In the event that they decide to come, we pick them up at the airport the day they arrive and take them the day they leave.
- **To reserve a seat**, we need a photo of the purchased flight, with the flight number, the date and time of arrival and, very importantly, before purchasing the ticket, we must confirm that there are seats available for the indicated dates.

**WE MAKE A VIDEO CALL WITH EVERY VOLUNTEER WHO WANTS TO COME
HELP US.**

This way we can get to know each other and better explain each and every one of the previous points.

