

The Sanctuary

Rainfer is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and conservation of primates.

Most of the primates held come from confiscations of the illegal market, circus and abandonments. The animals arrive to our installations with severe problems either physical (malnutrition, mutilations, osseous deformities, cutaneous infections, lack of hair, etc) or psychological (stereotypes, phobias, trauma)

The major task of the sanctuary consists in the rehabilitation, the maintenance and the integration of the primates in new social groups, to be able to offer them a new opportunity to live with dignity, how they deserve, and become primates again.



Arrival of Cheeta from circus, 2007

Cheeta rehabilitated in Rainfer

Rainfer's activity is not remunerated and does not produce incomes. It has been calificated as "Non-profit Organization" and declared as being of "Public Interest" by the CAM (Autonomous Community of Madrid).

The maintenance of the more than 120 confiscated primates sheltered in our sanctuary is defrayed by our own means as we do not receive many helps.

Volunteering at the sanctuary

The task of Rainfer involves many fundamental aspects as conservation, rehabilitation and education, and we have different departments to develop all the work.

The continuity of Rainfer in the future depends heavily on the joint effort done by volunteers, for whom we offer places in the conservation department supervised by our keepers.

The daily work in this department requires a high level of physical effort so the volunteer must be physically fit, motivated, be energetic and responsible. Given the conditions (physical and / or psychological) that some of the primates arrive in, the volunteer must be emotionally mature, patient and positive, and be sure that he/she wants to help these rescued primates to be

able to recover and not just wish to humanize them (direct contact is forbidden). It also requires ability to work both in team and alone as the daily tasks may need it.

Volunteering offers the privilege of knowing firsthand the real problems that these close cousins suffer in captivity and also to assist in collaborating with the caring and conservation of more than 20 different primate species held. This experience will surely give you the satisfaction of being part of an altruistic mission in life and helping in the recovery of this primates that have suffered so much in the past.



★ The Programmes

Long term volunteering programmes

- **PROFESSIONAL:** from 6 months up to 1 year (min. 6)

Assistance: 5 days/week- 9:00 am to 18:00 pm

Tasks: Collaboration in the preparation of diets; help in feeding small and medium primates; hygiene and disinfection of primate enclosures; training and supervised development of environmental enrichment techniques (nutritional and structural) for physical and psychological rehabilitation of primates; collaboration with the closing of the small primates in their sleeping enclosures; participation in the observation and care of the great apes.

- **INTENSIVE PRO:** from 3 to 5 months (min. 3)

Assistance: 5 days/week- 9:00 am to 18:00 pm

Tasks: Collaboration in the preparation of diets; help in feeding small and medium primates; hygiene and disinfection of primate enclosures; training and supervised development of environmental enrichment techniques (nutritional and structural) for physical and psychological rehabilitation of primates; collaboration with the closing of the small primates in their sleeping enclosures.



* Days off do not always understand the weekends.

* feedings do not include Great Apes due to the high risk it involves and special training it requires (only collaborations in the professional programme).

Enrichment: This task consists in providing devices that modify the environment of captive primates to stimulate behavior as similar to those carried out in the wild.

Enrichment of the enclosures helps to observe in animals an increase in behaviors considered normal and a clear decrease in behaviors considered deviant or abnormal.

Short term volunteering programmes

- **BASIC INTENSIVE:** min. 1 month

Assistance: 5 days/week- 10:00 am to 17:45 pm

Tasks: collaboration in the hygiene and disinfection of primate enclosures (including adaptation and play devices); training and supervised development of environmental (structural) enrichment techniques for physical and psychological rehabilitation of primates; collaboration with the maintenance of the primate enclosures.

This programme has the option of working some days in the diets team only for volunteers staying in the sanctuary's bungalow (depending on the availability of places).

- **BASIC:** min. 3 months

Assistance: 1 day/week-11:00 am to 17:30 pm

Tasks: collaboration in the hygiene and disinfection of primate enclosures (including adaptive and play devices); training and supervised development of environmental (structural) enrichment techniques for physical and psychological rehabilitation of primates; collaboration with the maintenance of primate enclosures.



*NOT for people from outside Madrid

- **PLUS:** min. 3 months

Assistance: 2 days/week- 11:00 am to 17:30 pm

Tasks: collaboration in the hygiene and disinfection of primate enclosures (including adaptive and play devices); training and supervised development of environmental (structural) enrichment techniques for physical and psychological rehabilitation of primates; collaboration with the maintenance of primate enclosures.



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- **BRIEF STAYS:** 1 or 2 weeks

Assistance: 5 days/week- 9:30 am to 17:45 pm

Tasks: Hygiene and disinfection work is carried out on primate enclosures (including adaptation and play devices), maintenance and structural enrichment under the constant supervision of our professionals. It also offers the opportunity to do primate observation and a guided tour of the entire sanctuary.

Requirement: 180€/ week (5 days) without accommodation (5 days) or € 390€/ week with accommodation (6 nights).

This special stay is indicated for people who do not have availability to adapt to any of our volunteer programs but who wish to live the experience and help in the conservation work of the primates that we harbor. This stay has a cost, due to the expenses of the insurance for the stay and the time that our staff requires for the constant supervision and direct attention of this type of volunteers during such a short time.

★ Safety and Health:

The sanctuary has got internal rules which must be read and signed by all the volunteers and students within the facilities, in order to minimize risk situations in all circumstances. The breach thereof, will result in immediate expulsion from the sanctuary. Volunteers should also be vaccinated for Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, and have done a recent TB test (Tuberculosis) before starting the programme (will be required a medical proof of these test or vaccine if the volunteer is accepted).



★ Accommodation costs:

The sanctuary has got a bungalow in site for the volunteers from abroad and from out of Madrid. The price does not include: flights, transport to and from airport, personal travel insurance for the duration of your placement, food or drinks.

The bungalow consists of 4 bedrooms with independent toilet (each bedroom for 2 people maximum), full equipped kitchen and dining room.

In our bungalow you can enjoy a quiet stay in the countryside, on the outskirts of Madrid, away from noise and pollution, and marvel at the beautiful sunsets with views of the mountains.

The prices for the accommodation in the sanctuary are the following:

210 € per week
350 € per month



For the booking it will be required a deposit of the 50% of the stay and the rest of the payment will be done previous to the arrival.
A deposit fee of 100 € (cash) will be asked on the arrival in case of the breakage of the household goods. At the end of the stay it will be refunded to the volunteer.

Please notice that the stay at Rainfer's accommodation site is just for volunteers/students. Friends or family are not allowed in.

✦ Languages:

Spanish and English. We also accept Portuguese and Italian speakers with knowledge of some Spanish.

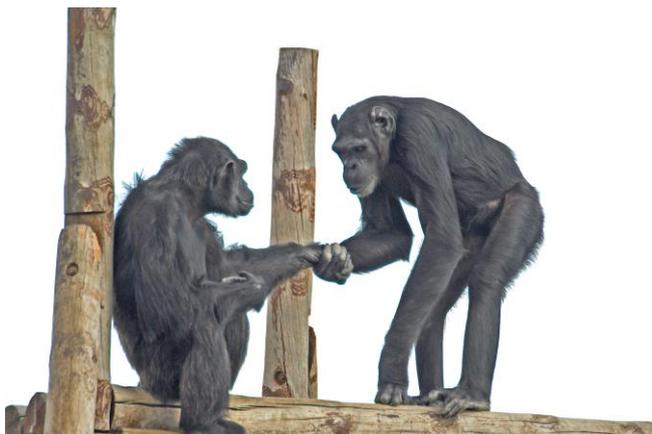
✦ Ages:

We accept volunteers from up to 18 years old on.



✦ Certification:

At the end of each of the volunteering stays you can ask for a certificate of the work done at our primates sanctuary as a guarantee for a quality future job.



✦ How to apply:

If you are interested in volunteering, please send your curriculum, copy of ID card or passport, and a brief letter of appliance with your programme selection and available dates to: **voluntarios@rainfer.org**

If you volunteer with us you will live a unique experience from a privileged position.



“Congratulations for all the wonderful people who work at Rainfer” Jane Goodall

Join us and be part of the change for the rehabilitation of the primates!