

ISPCA Corporate Volunteer Days at the ISPCA, National Animal Centre, Derryglogher, Keenagh, Co. Longford.

The ISPCA is headquartered at the National Animal Centre, Derryglogher, Keenagh, Co. Longford approximately 1.45hrs from Dublin, 35mins from Athlone and 1.30hrs from Galway city.

The Centre is designed to provide veterinary care and rehabilitation to rescued animals that have been subjected to cruelty or neglect returning them to a state that enables them to be responsibly rehomed in a suitable environment. The National Animal Centre is truly a centre for all animals and is currently capable of holding approximately fifty canines, fifty felines and in excess of fifteen equines. Other species the National Animal Centre accommodates on a regular basis include birds, exotic pets, small mammals and wildlife.

The projects that our corporate volunteers carry out are both vital and varied, with opportunities for volunteers existing in all areas of operation. Our corporate volunteers are placed according to the priority needs of the organisation and the skills and interests of the group we have working with us. [Corporate volunteering days... giving back to ISPCA, National Animal Centre, Keenagh, Co. Longford.](#)

To help us best manage our resources and keep focused on helping our rescued animals, we ask that our corporate volunteers help cover the cost of their day (unless they are engaged in a special project). We suggest €50 per person attending a Corporate Volunteering Day, some organisations donate €500 per full day for their volunteers to support the ISPCA. Others fundraise between €700 and €1,500 for a team of twelve to fifteen*.

* If your organisation is a major sponsor of the ISPCA these team sessions are free of charge.

We are confident that our corporate volunteering program offers a rewarding experience to both your employees and the ISPCA!

Lunch

Tea/coffee will be provided for your team. Please specify any special requirements in advance. We can cater comfortably for groups of 12 – 15 individuals at the National Animal Centre, Longford. Please bring your lunch, water, snacks with you so we can keep our costs to a minimum.

How it works

In the morning, you will take part in an education workshop designed to inform you about some lesser known parts of our work. You will spend time with ISPCA rescued animals and assist us with their rehabilitation programs. You can select your preferred area(s) of interest from the categories below. You can dedicate your day to working with for example dogs, but if you prefer you can opt to work with dogs, cats and equines etc.

You will also be provided refreshments at breaks, morning and afternoon.

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

Cattery

Handling and grooming cats and kittens. Providing food/water, washing bowls, preparing feeds, assisting with administering medicines. Cleaning out indoor and outdoor pods, cleaning cat litter trays. General maintenance in the cattery.

Kennels

Walking, handling, socialising dogs and puppies. Assisting with training. Providing food/water, washing bowls, preparing feeds, assist administering medicines, assist with grooming/washing dogs. Cleaning kennels and compounds. General maintenance of the kennel area.

Stables

Handling and grooming equines. Providing food/water, washing bowls, buckets and troughs. Preparing feeds. Cleaning out stables, preparing stables for new arrivals, assist with administering medicines. General maintenance of the stable yard and fields.

Maintenance

Sweeping, hedge trimming, weeding and tidying of flowers beds and pods, watering. Decorating indoors/outdoors, creating and maintaining the paths in the small woodland area onsite, simple maintenance jobs and repairs.

There are two types of schedules for your volunteer day; a full day and a half day. These two options are outlined below.

Corporate Volunteering at the National Animal Centre - FULL DAY

9.30 am - Arrival

9.30 am -10.00 am – Tea/ Coffee, Induction, Information Session, Tour

10.00 am - Allocation to Selected Activity

11.00 am -11.30 am - Tea/Coffee break

11.30 am – 1 pm- Allocation to Selected Activity

1 pm - 1.30 pm - Lunch break

1 pm - 3.30 pm - Allocation to Selected Activity

3.30 pm – 4pm Coffee/tea/group photo, preparation for departure

4pm – 4:30pm - Departure

Corporate Volunteering at the NAC - HALF DAY

10.30 am - Arrival

11.00 am - 11.30pm – Tea/ Coffee, Induction, Information Session, Tour.

11.30 pm - Allocation to Selected Activity

1pm - 1.30 pm - Lunch break

1.30pm - 2.30 pm - Allocation to Selected Activity

2.30 pm - 3.00 pm - Coffee/Tea, Group Photo, Preparations for Departure

3.00pm – Departure

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY IN ALLOCATED AREAS AND TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR SUPERVISORS AT ALL TIMES.

Benefits of a Corporate Support Day

At the end of a support day the ISPCA hopes to have provided participants with:

- A team building experience
- Greater understanding of the work of the ISPCA
- A sense of achievement
- An opportunity to support a worthy cause
- New skills and confidence

We also have a Centre in Donegal and Mallow so please get in touch if you would like to arrange corporate volunteering days at any of our centres. Thank you for your continued support.