



MINGA HOUSE

Minga House Foundation
Non-Profit Organization – Founded in 2014
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What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Animal Rescue Dog Haven & Veterinary Assistant



Learning Objectives:

This volunteering & internship experience is rich hands-on opportunity! You will be able to participate in 2 settings.

Location 1: Veterinary Clinic & Laboratory

You will have the opportunity to shadow 5 veterinarians as they conduct diagnosis & care, a vast range of surgeries, post-surgery recovery care, vaccinations, and control procedures. You will also learn all laboratory blood-based testing procedures.

Location 2: Dog Haven:

A dog haven is different from the typical animal shelter. These dogs are either too old or too sick or disabled to likely be adopted anymore unless a recovery intervention takes place. Their condition at intake is likely the reason why they were abandoned by their owners in the first place. Most of these dogs will live out the rest of their lives in this private facility 100% supported by volunteers. And, with some creativity and determination, it is still possible to provide them with extended healthy lives. Volunteers/interns in this position will have an incredible opportunity to experience all aspects of what it is like to run the entire operation which currently holds 35-40 dogs as well as dive into the dog care awareness campaign community-wide. Participants are invited to play an active role in all aspects of operations of animal shelter management:

- Dog population assessment & dog selection
- Dog health care management
- Dog intake & health check-up
- Dog grooming

- Dog nutrition
- Dog adoption campaigns
- Dog spay & neuter campaign
- Dog facility building & maintenance
- Dog volunteer management
- Dog shelter fundraising & event planning
- Dog life termination decision-making
- Dog veterinarian medical care & surgeries

Participant Requirements:

Educational Background:

Undergraduate & Professionals interested in any of the following fields: Veterinary medicine, animal shelter management, and/or just truly LOVES ANIMALS!

Spanish Language Skills:

(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:

- Shadow & assist veterinarian & dog haven manager as directed
- Tasked to compare/contrast Colombian practices vs. U.S. practices then make presentation
- Support in the creation of information materials for the public
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Conduct dog health & behavior management awareness campaign
- Participate in spay & neuter campaign
- Participate in fundraising campaign
- Population survey of homeless dogs in the community
- Participate in decision-making over which animals are brought into the shelter
- Observe and participate in animal care procedures as directed by veterinarian

Service Term:

- **Service Term:** 7 days minimum required – 32 hrs/week recommended (no period limit)
- **Work Schedule:** 4-8 hrs./day - Monday-Sunday (TBD am - TBD pm)
- **Service Window:** January to December

Special Skills Desired:

- Interest in animal science
- Passion & Love for animals
- Great attitude
- Proactive
- Self-directed
- Responsible & mature
- Strong work ethics
- Experience in animal shelters
- Experience in pet grooming & health care
- Ability and willingness to help in all aspects of the mission

