



ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE QLD EDUCATION DIVISION

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International Volunteer Training Program in Animal Care

Thank you for your interest in the Animal Welfare League Queensland's International Volunteer Training Program. Overseas volunteers play an important part of our volunteer team and we look forward to a long and rewarding partnership.

The Animal Welfare League Queensland (AWL Qld) offers a unique and rich cultural experience for overseas students. Our animal refuge has been a sanctuary for homeless animals in need for 50 years. We are one of the largest companion animal refuges in Australia and we have one of the most successful dog and cat rehoming programs in the country.

The AWL Qld refuge grounds are, at any one time, a temporary home to over 100 dogs and cats as well as various livestock, birds and small animals. Each year in total, AWL Qld cares for over 12,000 cats and dogs. All these animals need feeding and care seven days a week, as well as veterinary care, before they are ultimately adopted by a new family and given a loving home. We also have two veterinary clinics on the premises, one being open to the public and the other dedicated exclusively to the care of our refuge animals.

AWL Qld employs approximately 60 staff members and has the help of a large team of volunteers who assist with everything from dog walking to cleaning and socializing and playing with the cats and dogs. Every one of these employees and volunteers is integral to the smooth operation of our facilities. The diverse experiences and backgrounds of these individuals contribute to an exciting and dynamic workplace environment where everyone is working towards the same ultimate goal - helping animals in need.

Our international volunteer program provides overseas students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in this unique environment, where they not only have the chance to improve their English speaking skills, make new friends and learn new skills, but also contribute to the well-being of animals in need.



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

This is a practically based volunteer program, encompassing elements of companion animal care, training and management. Volunteers will gain an understanding of the needs of dogs and cats in an animal refuge facility and learn how to manage these particular needs. They will also gain practical instruction in basic dog obedience training and hydrobathing, as well as have the opportunity to enhance their English language and cultural skills through social interaction with staff members and other volunteers in the workplace.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Volunteers have a choice of working with either dogs or cats or a combination of both. Their volunteering days are 4 hours in duration, between the hours of 9:00am - 1:00pm.

The program is designed so the volunteer is given maximum supervision and instruction in the first week, with direct supervision and instruction tapering off into the second week once the volunteer is capable of working more independently with the animals.

PROGRAM FEES

Due to the amount of training and individual staff attention that is required in order to train an international volunteer, the following training fees are charged according to the duration of the volunteer program that is being undertaken. The longer the volunteer is involved in the program, the less the training fee, as the volunteer's individual contribution to the refuge increases and the amount of direct supervision and instruction decreases. Below is an outline of the training fees for the program according to the length of the program as well as what is included with this training fee.

Program Duration	Training Fee	Inclusive in this fee
1 week only	\$375	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer application paperwork & administration • Welcome pack with copy of personal training schedule and training handbook (with English/Japanese translation) • Japanese/English translator (if required) • Individual program development • Occupational health & safety training • Workplace orientation and guided tour of AWL refuge
2 - 3 weeks	\$350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional training on safe dog and/or cat handling • Dog obedience training lessons from qualified dog trainer • Dog hydrobathing & grooming lessons from AWL instructor • Structured workplace training within dog section and/or • Structured workplace training within cat section • Cultural enrichment through interpersonal exchange • Use of all facilities • Certificate of Completion
4 weeks +	\$200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "AWL Thank you" pack including DVD, sticker, badge, Magnets, bag & AWL Magazines

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an invoice; All prices are plus 10% GST

TRAINING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Throughout their time as a volunteer, students will have access to quality instruction, training and support from qualified staff members as well as experienced volunteers. Working directly with the student in their first week as a trainee volunteer will be the following staff members of the Animal Welfare League Education Team:

Sharee MacKay - Education & Training Officer

Sharee is a dog trainer and instructor with many years experience training dogs and teaching others how to train and handle dogs. She has worked with the AWL for five years, teaching school students as well as adults in our volunteer program about dog obedience.

Hisako Tobe - International Student Liaison and Training Officer

Hisako is a dedicated animal lover, with over a year's experience working as a volunteer dog 'beach walker' with the AWL. She has only recently taken up the role within the AWL's Education Division, working with International Students in volunteering and education programs.

After their initial week of training, students will receive ongoing support and training from the AWL's Volunteer Coordinator as well as experienced AWL Volunteers, whom students will be teamed with during their second week of volunteering.

Managing and programming the training schedules, and taking care of all student administration will be AWL Education and Training Director, Zoe Hinds (see last page for contact details).



REFUGE FACILITIES



Fully stocked shop with a great range of pet related merchandise



Staff and volunteers kitchen, with free tea and coffee

Professional dog hydro-bathing rooms with new hydro-baths and grooming table





Lots of beautiful, lush, green open space and well-kept animal enclosures



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SAMPLE ONLY

(Based on a 2 week volunteering program)

WEEK 1

DAY 1 Monday 8th Dec

Time	Activity	Support Person
9:00 - 10:00	Tour of facilities including Occupational Health and Safety Training*	Training Officers
10:00 -11:00	Safe Dog Handling Techniques *	Training Officers
11:00 - 11:20	Morning Tea Break	
11:20 - 12:00	Introduction to dog walking and enrichment procedures *	Training Officers
12:00 - 1:00	Introduction to dog care procedures *	Training Officers

DAY 2 Tuesday 9th Dec

Time	Activity	Support Person
9:00 - 9:30	Revision of OHS and dog handling techniques *	Training Officers
9:30 - 10:30	Introduction to dog obedience training *	Training Officers
10:30 - 10:50	Morning Tea Break	
10:50 - 12:00	Dog walking and enrichment *	Training Officers
12:00 - 1:00	Revision of dog care procedures *	Training Officers

DAY 3 Wednesday 10th Dec

Time	Activity	Support Person
9:00 - 10:00	Dog obedience training	Training Officers
10:00 - 11:00	Introduction to dog Hyrobathing *	Training Officers
11:00 - 11:20	Afternoon Tea Break	
11:20 - 12:20	Dog walking and enrichment	Volunteer Coordinator & volunteer dog walker
12:20 - 1:00	Assist with dog care procedures	Volunteer Coordinator & AWL Animal Attendant

DAY 4 Thursday 11th Dec

Time	Activity	Support Person
9:00 - 10:00	Introduction to general refuge duties	Training Officers
10:00 - 11:00	Dog obedience training lesson	Training Officers
11:00 - 11:20	Afternoon Tea Break	
11:20 - 12:20	Dog walking and enrichment	Volunteer Coordinator & volunteer dog walker
12:20 - 1:00	Assist with dog care procedures	Volunteer Coordinator & AWL Animal Attendant

DAY 5 Friday 12th Dec

Time	Activity	Support Person
9:00 - 10:00	Dog Hyrobathing	Training Officers
10:00 - 11:00	Dog obedience training lesson	Training Officers
11:00 - 11:20	Afternoon Tea Break	
11:20 - 12:20	Dog walking and enrichment	Volunteer Coordinator & volunteer dog walker
12:20 - 1:00	Assist with dog care procedures	Volunteer Coordinator & AWL Animal Attendant

** indicates that an interpreter is provided for students if required*
Indicates that the support person is supervising volunteer directly
Indicates that the support person is supervising volunteer INdirectly

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