

## 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 Center 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 100 confiscated primates sheltered in our sanctuary is defrayed by our own means as we do not receive many helps.

## Volunteering

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.



We offer different volunteer programs and at the end of each stay, the volunteer can ask for a certificate of the sanctuary as a guarantee for the future.

## The Programmes

### Long term volunteering programmes

**Assistance:** The volunteer must attend the sanctuary 5 days a week on full time (7,5h./day) for 3 to 6 months. Days off do not always understand the weekends.

- **BASIC:** from 3 to 4 months (min. 3)

Tasks: Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning of facilities, development of supervised implementation of environmental enrichment (supervised by caretakers), collaboration with the closing of the primates in their enclosures to sleep.

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

Tasks: Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning of facilities, development of independent implementation of environmental enrichment (after training), collaboration with the closing of the primates in their enclosures to sleep and possibility to collaborate in daily work with Great Apes (supervised by caregivers) from up to 3 months.



**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, full time (7,5h. /day).

Tasks: Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning and maintenance of facilities, development of supervised implementation of environmental enrichment (supervised by caretakers).

- **BASIC:** min. 3 months

**Assistance:** 1 day/week, full time (must be fixed and continued)

Tasks: Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning and maintenance of facilities, development of supervised implementation of environmental enrichment (supervised by caretakers).

\*NOT for people from outside Madrid



- **PLUS:** min. 3 months

**Assistance:** 2 days/week, full time (must be fixed and continued)

Tasks: Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning and maintenance of facilities, development of supervised implementation of environmental enrichment (supervised by caretakers).

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- **BRIEF STAYS:** min. 1 week

**Assistance:** 5 days/week, full time (7,5h. /day)

Tasks: Basics with constant supervision.

Preparation of diets, feeding of animals, cleaning and maintenance of facilities.

**Requirement:** accommodation in the sanctuary (information underneath)



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

### **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 if the volunteer is accepted).

### Hours of work:

Although the center is staffed 24/7, the timetable for the volunteers work is from 9:30-14:30 and 15:30-18:30 during the week and from 9:00-14:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 on weekends (1 hour for lunch and 1/2h. for coffee break).



### Accommodation costs:

The Center has got a bungalow in site for the volunteers from abroad. 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 2 bedrooms with independent toilet (each bedroom for 2 people maximum) and one kitchen and dining room.

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

**180 € per week**  
**300 € 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.

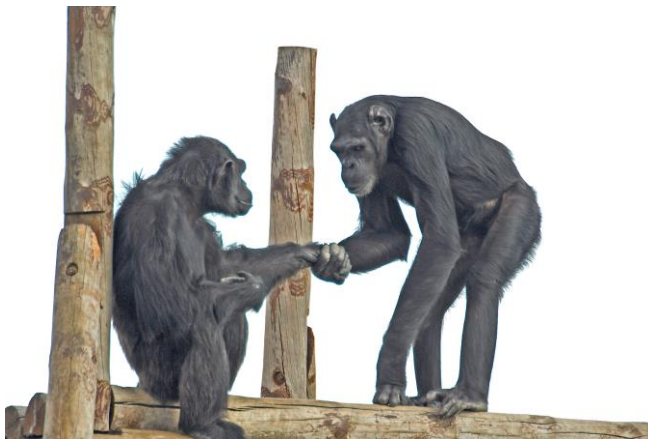
Please notice that the stay at Rainfer's accommodation site is just for volunteers/students. Friends or family are not allowed in.

## Languages:

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

## Ages:

We accept volunteers from up to 18 years old.



## 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 selected to:

[voluntarios@rainfer.com](mailto:voluntarios@rainfer.com)

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



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