

Project name	Animal care / Zoo	
Location	Quetzaltenango	
Year of foundation	1956	
Number of permanent employees:	11	
Project description:	The zoo in Xela is a municipal institution where they receive about 500.000 visitors yearly. The zoo has 200 animals of 41 species. Many of the visitors are school children coming on a school trip to learn about the animals, but also regular visitors come to the zoo. The zoo is currently going through renovations, improving and increasing the animal spaces.	
Description of volunteer tasks:	<p>The volunteer can involve in different areas of the zoo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work directly with the veterinarian, making daily rounds, administer medication and vitamins and create a healthy environment for the animals. - Feed the animals and prepare the food - assist with the tours and conferences for groups (mostly school children) - help in the maintenance department (also cleaning) - for people with experience in the health sector, they can learn how to apply injected and oral vaccinations to the animals. 	
Opening hours:	For public: Tuesday – Sunday 9:00AM – 5:00PM For staff/volunteers: Monday-Sunday 8:00AM – 5:00PM	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	Basic
	Minimum time commitment:	1 week
	Work schedule:	Mornings or full days.
	Others:	-
How to get to the project:	Volunteers can take a microbus from the city center to the zoo. It's Q1.25 each ride (the volunteer pays for that). Or if you feel up for it, you can walk it in 30 minutes from the city center.	
Closing dates of the project:	None. The animals always need care.	
Lodging options:	Hotel, hostel or host family in Quetzaltenango. Prices can be found here .	
Suggested donations:	Construction materials, freezer for kitchen, buckets (stainless steel and plastic), hoses, surgical equipment, didactic materials for kids, vitamins, antibiotics.	

Photo impressions

