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## ANIMAL SHELTER IN AZUAY

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# WELCOME TO ECUADOR AND WELCOME TO FOUNDATION PROYECTO ECOLÓGICO CHIRIBOGA

The Foundation Proyecto Ecologico Chiriboga welcomes you to the organization and to our associated projects.

We thank you for preferring us and for being part of our mission and this dream that drives us to fight every day for a better future for Ecuadorian society.

We are happy to have your support and presence and we offer our services.

We hope that your experience in Ecuador is pleasant and unforgettable and that the experience of volunteering means personal growth and openness of mind and heart towards new cultures, new schemes and new experiences.

The Foundation Proyecto Ecologico Chiriboga opens the doors to this wonderful country and hopes that your stay will become a beautiful memory for a lifetime.





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## ECUADOR

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Its name comes from the Equatorial imaginary line that divides the Earth into two hemispheres: North and South. It has four regions: Coast, Highlands, Amazon and the Galapagos Islands.

It does not have defined seasons, however there is a rainy season and a dry season, depending on the región. The rainy season appears on the following months:

- ◆ Coast: from December to May. Media temperaturas between 25 and 30 °C, dry weather.
- ◆ Highlands: from November to April. Media temperaturas between 10 y 20°C.
- ◆ Amazonia: from January to September. Media temperature between 30 y 35°C, humid.

The capital city is Quito, it is located on the Highlands at 2800 meters above the sea level.

Ecuador is a country with a mix of indigenous and spanish cultures from the time of colonization, this influences its gastronomy, art, architecture, language, customs and traditions. It offers several landscapes, cultures and experiences.

Despite being a small country, it is rich in natural resources, which are degraded due to excesive explotation and poor protection.

The official language is Spanish, although some indigenous nationalities speak their own language; most of the population does not speak English.

Its population is mestizo and the majority has a médium low economic level.

The currency in Ecuador is the american dollar since 2000, that year the original currency dissapeared after a very hard crisis.

Ecuadorians use buses and taxis as common transportation, to move within cities and between them. The basic rate is \$0.25 to bus travel and \$1.50 for taxi, inside the city.

For more information about Ecuador and turism, visit the web page: <https://ecuador.travel/>

# FOUNDATION PROYECTO ECOLÓGICO CHIRIBOGA

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The Foundation Chiriboga is a non governmental, non profit organization; does not have any political, religious, or racial conflicts. It was legally constituted by ministerial agreement No. 47 from the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, on March 19th, 1999.

Our main objective is to protect and preserve the environment, to promote de community development, which activities are related to the environmental field and devopment of local economy.

Furthermore to help people to realize the importance of reforestation and sustainable agriculture in the área; with the help of national and international volunteers and the participation of governmental institutions related to urban conglomeration, environment, life quality, equity relations between the population and its environment.

We feel responsible of protecting the remaining western Andean mountains forests, in the Pichincha province.



**REFORESTATION IN THE RESERVE**



**CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESERVE**



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## ANIMAL SHELTER GENERAL INFORMATION

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This animal shelter aims to care for the animal welfare through good nutrition and care.

This shelter welcomes the following wild animals: ocelots, penguins, blue-footed boobies, tapir, buffalo, deer, ostriches, yamalas (small deer), cuchuchos, variety of birds, alligators, ostriches, peacocks, turtles etc.

Initially it had just 5 deers and a Capuchin monkey, but the number of animals increased due to donations from people who had them in their homes..

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## LOCATION DETAILS

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**LOCATION:** It is located in the mountains 30 minutes from Cuenca

**TEMPERATURE:** This part of the country has temperatures between 6°C in winter and 22° C in summer., please bring warm clothes.

**PUBLIC SERVICES:** There is water, electricity, phones. Internet can be found on internet-café.

**TROPICAL DISEASES:** There are no infectious or tropical diseases.

**HOW IS THE FEE USED?** 85% of the fee covers accommodation and food for the volunteer and 15% covers part of the salaries of two workers at the Reserve of the Proyecto Chiriboga, phones, internet and energy of the office and the Reserve, the rest of the expenses are covered thanks of our extra work in other activities.

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# DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

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TYPE: Permanent

DATES TO APPLY: All year long., from January 2nd to December 22nd

AGE: Older than 18.

LANGUAGE: Spanish is necessary. English.

WORK: Animal care.

ACCOMMODATION: In a modest volunteer house near of the zoo..

Minimum time of participation: 4 weeks

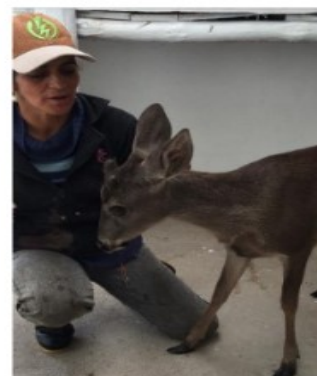
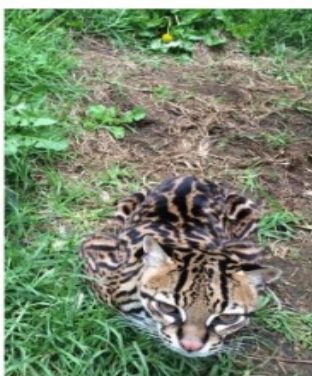
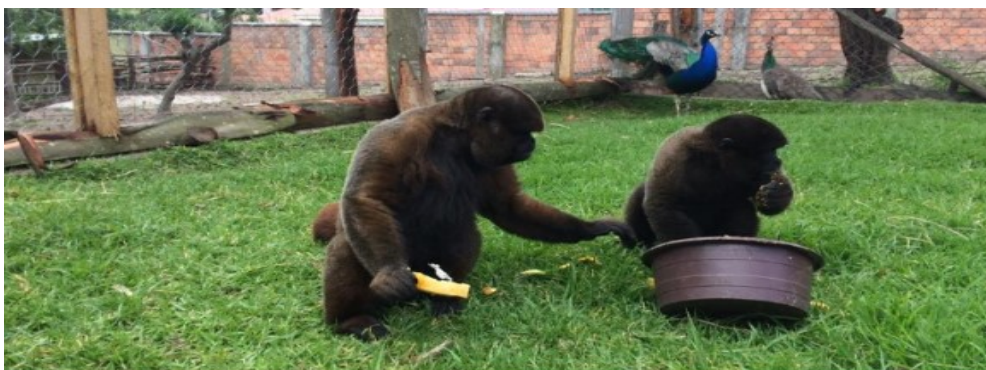
SCHEDULE: According to the project's director., agreed with the volunteers , Work 5 days

per week, 2 days off

COST: **500,00 USD, must be paid at your arrival, before going to the project.**

**Cost includes:** Four weeks of accommodation in the volunteer house, three meals breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Cost does not include:** Any kind of transportation, bottled water, extra food and beverages, calls and internet access.



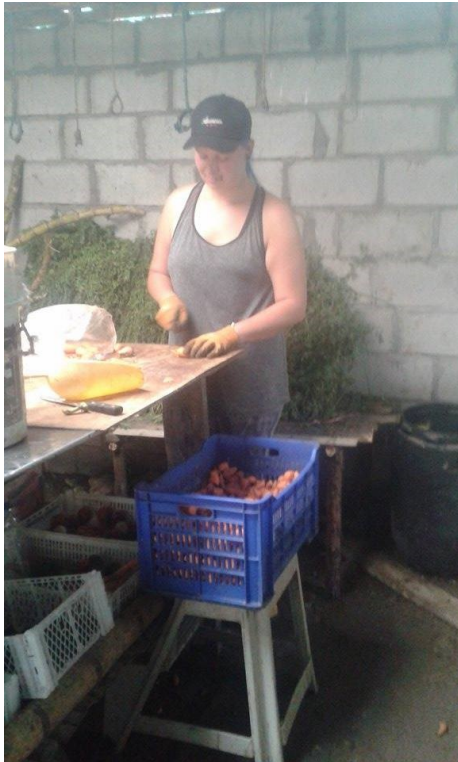
The animal shelter does not receive any economic support from the government, the staff of the center every Sundays, organizes in the yard next to the center, workshops of>

environmental awareness related to animals

Football games

Presentations of birds

The money they collect of the entrances tickets, is spend in food for the animals.



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# ACTIVITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEER

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- Preparation of animal's food.
- Placing food containers.
- Cleaning of dens
- Weeding and atmosphere of dens
- Preparation of compost from organic wastes
- Caring of plants in the recreational area.
- Signs and maintaining the ecological trail
- ◆ Guidance for visitors and tourists
- ◆ To help in the daily task of the center
- ◆ To help in the maintenance of the court used for recreation activities to get funds for the animals on weekends

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE VOLUNTEER

Good attitude

Open mind.

Collaborative spirit.

Adaptation to the environment of family and work.

Punctuality and initiative.

Disposition to work in the jungle and not to be afraid of animals.

Volunteers with studies on natural sciences, biology and veterinary

WE ARE WAITING FOR  
YOU!!



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## WHAT TO BRING

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- Cap
- Sunglasses
- Long trousers for cold nights and to protect from insects.
- Insect repellent
- Sunblock
- Towel
- Warm clothes for winter season (October to April)
- Mountain shoes or rubber boots.
- Items for personal hygiene
- Rain coat



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## SPECIAL REMARKS

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**CRIMINAL RECORDS:** No criminal records required.

**CULTURAL INFORMATION:** We appreciate punctuality and responsibility. For work you need to wear rubber boots. Do not go inside a house if you are not invited by the family boss.

Please come prepared! We suggest you to read and learn about Ecuador, its culture, history and general data.

Please send us your flight information at least one week before your arrival.

The electricity in Ecuador has 120 v. The electrical outlets have to two flat, parallel prongs (type A). If you come from other countries, we suggest you to bring an adapter to charge your electronic devices.



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# CITY OF CUENCA

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The city of Cuenca is the third city in Ecuador. It is the capital of the Province of Azuay. This city is known for its organization and culture.

The city has a wide range of services , tourism and hospitality ; its architecture , history, gastronomy combine urban life with the natural beauty of its landscapes.



## IMPORTANT

The instructions for getting to the Project and information about the host family will be given by the Foundation Chiriboga when you arrive.

The Foundation offers cheap accommodation for the volunteers who stay extra days in the Foundation's house in Quito. The cost is 12.50 dollars each day, including breakfast and dinner in a clean and nice place.

If you need a taxi to pick you up from the airport, or to take you there we can arrange this service. You just need to ask for it in advance and the fee will be paid directly to the taxi driver.

Please indicate in advance if you have allergies , chronic disease or special dietary needs.

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# HOW TO GET TO FOUNDATION CHIRIBOGA

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If you want us to book a taxi to pick you up from the airport to the Foundation house, please let us know, you need to send us the full details of your arrival, the taxi ride must be paid by you.

In case you decide to get to the Foundation by your own, at the exit of the baggage hall of the airport there is the counter of the airport taxi company, request a taxi to go to the Foundation Proyecto Ecológico Chiriboga, they know our address, any way this is:

Puruha Oe2- 781 and Epiclachima  
Ciudadela San José - La Magdalena  
Quito, Ecuador

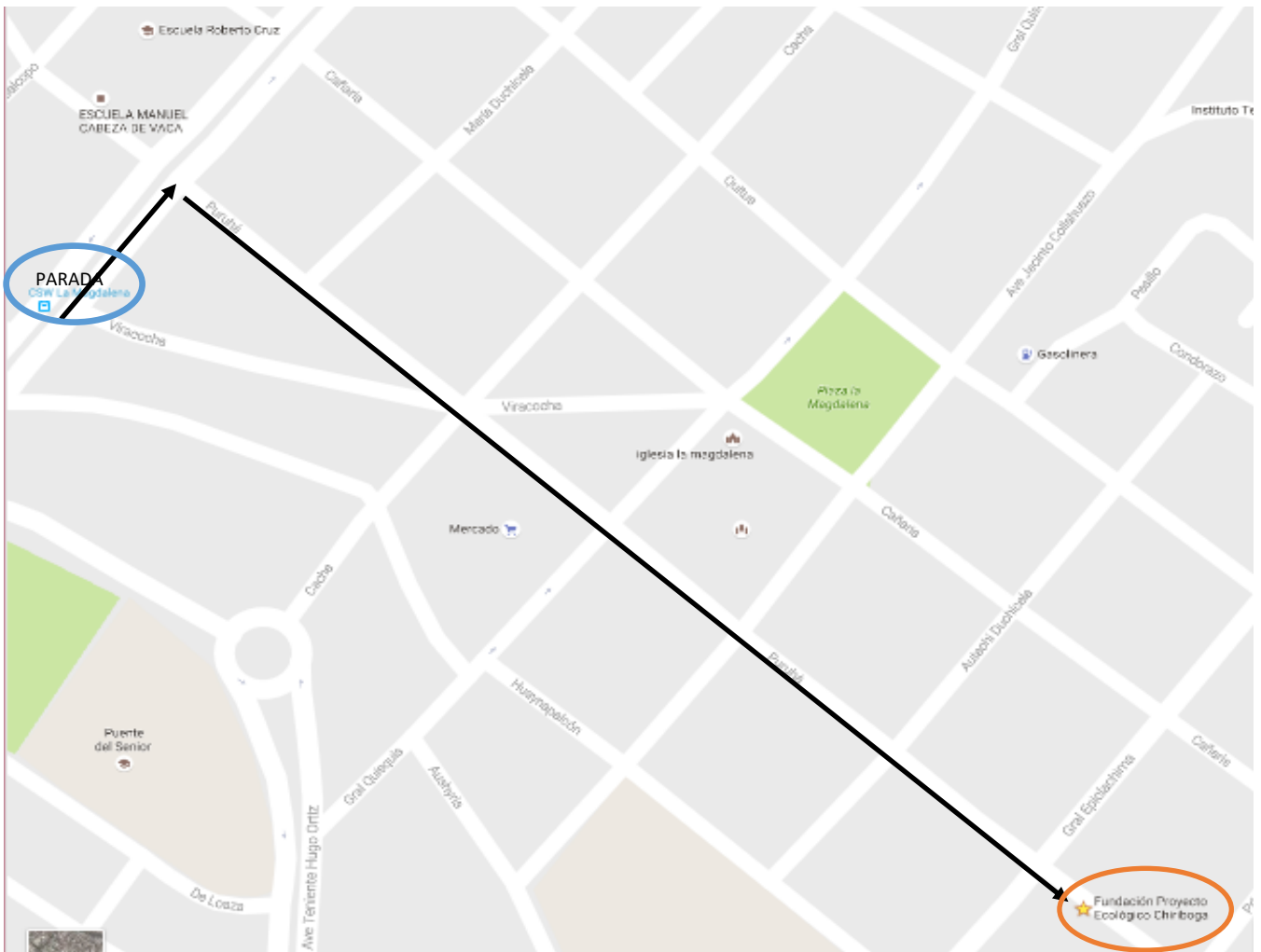
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**BY BUS:** If you don't have more than one backpack, if you want to save money and you can arrive to the airport before than 18:00 p.m., you can take the last bus that leaves at 7:00 p.m. to the QUITUMBE TERMINAL, the cost is \$ 3.00 dollars, when you get to the Terminal Quitumbe, take a taxi to get to the house, the cost is around 6 dollars.

If you arrive at the Quitumbe Terminal before 18:00 PM, you are able to speak Spanish, your luggage is not heavy, you can take a bus at the Quitumbe Terminal, you need to put 035 cents in the machine and change the platform and take the bus "El Corredor" (to the north way) ask for the La Magdalena Stop (you can ask the bus driver's assistant to let you know when you arrive). From the door of the bus stop, walk left towards Puruha Street, turn right and walk 5 blocks to Epiclachima Street, Cross the street, the house is the second one from the corner. See the map below.

If you need more information on how to get home, contact us.



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# COMMON PHRASES IN SPANISH

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<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ESPAÑOL</b>
Hello	Hola
How are you?	Cómo estás?
I am fine.	Estoy bien.
Thank you.	Gracias
Please	Por favor
Excuse me	Disculpe
Good morning	Buenos días
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes
Good night	Buenas noches
Sorry	Perdón
Can you help me?	Puede ayudarme?
How much is it?	Cuánto cuesta?
Where is....?	Dónde es....?
Where can I find....?	Dónde puedo encontrar...?
What time is it?	Qué hora es?
Restroom	Baño
Taxi/ Bus	Taxi/Bus
Stop/station	Parada/ terminal
My name is...	Mi nombre es...
What is your name?	Cuál es tu nombre?
Lunch	Almuerzo
Breakfast	Desayuno
Dinner	Merienda
Yes/ no	Si/ no
I do not speak Spanish.	No hablo Español.
Food/Drinks	Comida/Bebidas
I want...	Yo quiero...
I need...	Yo necesito...

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# CONDUCT CODE

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a volunteer of the Foundation Proyecto Ecológico Chiriboga, agree to observe the following regulations:

- To participate in the volunteer program, I must be at least 18 years old.
- I need to contract a travel insurance before my arrival to Ecuador which covers: accidents, theft, and health problems.
- Prepare for my volunteering, looking for information about Ecuador in general, about the province and the area where my volunteer place will be located and about the activities to be carried out.
- Respect local culture and traditions.
- Work 5 to 8 hours, corresponding to the Ecuadorian working day, according to the needs of the program where I applied.
- Do not arrive after 22:00 at the accommodation house or at the project.
- I will work 5 days a week, two days off weekly, I will agree with the Project Coordinator and I promise not to extend my days off without the Coordinator's acceptance.
- I agree not to use alcohol or drugs during my volunteer time under any circumstances, the use of drugs or liquor within the project may be the cause of my expulsion.
- Do not smoke or use improper language in front of visitors or authorities. If I smoke, I must do it outside the house or project so as not to disturb the other occupants and place the ash and cigarette butts in an appropriate place.
- I will follow the rules of personal presentation that the project requires, remember that pants and long-sleeved shirts are the best in environmental projects to protect against mosquito bites.
- In case I want to eat or prepare special food from my country, I will be responsible for doing it for myself, as well as for the acquisition of the ingredients.
- I will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of my room and bathroom or support cleaning the bathroom if it is shared, as a member of the project.
- I promise to take care of the furniture in my room and the house in general, such as not putting wet clothes on the furniture and fixing or replacing any damage that it has caused.
- To inform the Coordinator about my trips, as a security mechanism.
- Any type of complaint concerning the local project, accommodation, or a personal nature will be immediately addressed to the Foundation Coordinator, who will help me to take the most appropriate solution.

- I am aware that it is not allowed to maintain intimate relationships with family or project members, I understand that my reputation is the same as that of the foundation, the project and the country to which I belong, since I represent all them in the community where it is located in the project.
- I accept the rule of not introducing persons to the project or to my accommodation.
- The total program fee must be paid maximum on the second day of my arrival, before leaving to the project.
- Contributions are not refundable due to change of plans.

If any of the rules mentioned in this contract are not complied with, my participation in my project with the Chiriboga Foundation may be affected and even canceled.

Disrespecting these rules may result in immediate dismissal without any refund.

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