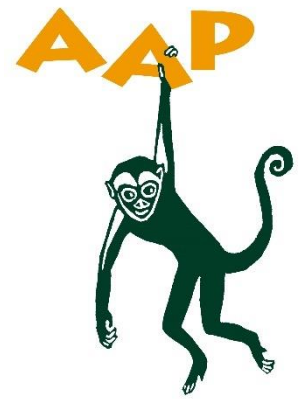


VOLUNTEER

ANIMAL CARETAKER*

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT



Dear all,

AAP gives primates and other exotic mammals a better future! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers with an affinity for animals that want to help us in our daily activities. Join our animal care team for 12 months in our international rescue centre and help us take care of the animals.

When: **September 15th 2024 – September 14th 2025**
Duration: **Full 12 months**
How many: **Nine volunteer placements (18-30 yrs)**
How to apply: **Send your motivation letter including a picture of yourself and CV to esc.nl@aap.nl with “application Monkey Business 2024 in the subject of your mail**

Application deadline: **19 june 2024**

What is AAP and what do we do?

AAP (Animal Advocacy and Protection) is an European animal welfare organization dedicated to the welfare of exotic animals. It is our mission to end their suffering by rescuing animals in need and advocate for better laws and regulations. (see also [Home - AAP English](#)).

The animals that end up with AAP often come from illegal trade, research laboratories, circuses, illegal zoos or directly from private individuals. The foundation specializes in the rescue and rehabilitation of apes and monkeys. Other small exotic mammals are also sheltered by AAP, including raccoons, skunks and prairie dogs. Prior to their arrival at AAP they often have been seriously abused and severely neglected. At AAP the animals receive the professional care needed for their recovery. AAP's aim is to make the animals mentally and physically healthy and to place them in a more natural environment, such as a natural enclosure or in a renowned zoo.

What does your home and workplace look like?

As an ESC volunteer at AAP you are part of a large group of volunteers who work within AAP. AAP is located in a green, recreational area in Almere, “De Kemphaan”.

Your home:

AAP has two volunteer houses, one on its own premises and one in a residential area

near the city center of Almere. Here you will share a living room, bathroom, toilet and garden with other ESC volunteers who work at AAP as well. You will have a private bedroom.

Staying in the AAP-volunteer house gives you an opportunity to experience living with like-minded young people, participate in social activities and learn more about the Dutch culture.

Your workplace:

At AAP the main focus is on the animals' welfare so the majority of your activities will be directly linked to this. How your individual responsibilities and tasks evolve during your project is largely up to yourself. You will be working 32 hours a week (including a weekend day), rotating every 3 months, at four animal departments; Quarantine, Mammals, Primates and Chimpanzees. Throughout the year, one day a week, you will work at the Central Kitchen as well. Here the food of the animals gets prepared.

Daily activities;

- A big part of your job will be cleaning enclosures.
- Feeding the animals.
- Food preparation.
- Small maintenance jobs.
- Making/giving enrichment for the animals to stimulate their natural behaviour.
- Refurbishing an enclosure.
- Other tasks may be behavioural observations.



Who are you?

- An affinity with the objectives of AAP.
- You love animals and actively want to have a lasting impact in improving their welfare.
- Are interested in working with exotic animals. If you already have a little bit of experience working with animals even better. This can be for example volunteering in an animal shelter or you used to take care of your pets or grew up with them.
- You are looking for an unique experience and are motivated to learn new things
- Don't mind physical work? The work involves around 60% of the time cleaning.
- Someone that likes to meet new people and getting to know a new culture
- Sufficient verbal and written communication in English (main language within AAP).

What do we and the project offer?

- 12 month European Solidarity Corps volunteer placement (for this you will need to register, for more info see: [Volunteering Activities | European Youth Portal \(europa.eu\)](#))
- An inspiring working environment situated in the green heart of Almere. Within easy reach of the cities Amsterdam and Utrecht.
- An international organization with room for ideas and innovation.
- A unique experience within the leading rescue centers for exotic animals in Europe.
- Your travel to and from the project, depending on the distance, up to certain amount will be reimbursed by the project.
- Pocket and food money, a monthly allowance by the project.
- The European Solidarity Corps provides a complementary insurance for the placement year.
- Training days (mandatory on arrival and midterm training) provided by European Solidarity Corps.
- Linguistic support and training.
- 24 holiday days.
- A bicycle for transportation.

Note; The pocket and food money is decent for a volunteer, however it's wise to have some savings. This to have the chance to explore the Netherlands even more.

How do you apply?

Please send us your CV and motivation letter to esc.nl@aap.nl subject: "Monkey Business 2024" **before the 19th of June 2024**.

What should your CV and motivation letter include:

- CV with a photo of yourself
- Motivation letter: mention why you would like to come to AAP and what you hope to learn by participating in this project.

Mention also your SO (incl. contact details)

*** Non-Dutch applicants only**

From the applications received we will make a selection of 20 candidates who will be contacted by telephone or email for an interview. This interview will be with one of our Animal Care Team Leaders.