



Volunteer Information Guide

Everything you need to know before volunteering at Manali Strays

ADULTS 18+	LUNCH PROVIDED	MANSARI, KULLU
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Welcome

Thank you for offering your time to help rescued animals. This guide explains what to expect, how to prepare and how to work safely alongside our shelter team.

Who can apply

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Both Indian and international volunteers are welcome, subject to identity and document verification.
- Choose Veterinary / Para-vet only if you are currently studying or have completed a veterinary, para-veterinary or related veterinary medical qualification.
- General volunteering is open to people who want to support shelter work without a veterinary qualification.
- Submitting an application does not automatically confirm a placement.

What Manali Strays provides

- Lunch on scheduled volunteer days.
- Orientation and task instructions from shelter staff.
- Suitable assignments based on current shelter needs, experience and comfort level.

Health requirement

- Pre-exposure rabies vaccination is compulsory before volunteering. Please arrange it with a qualified medical professional before your first volunteer day and follow the recommended vaccination schedule.

What is not included

- Breakfast, dinner and accommodation are not provided.
- Medical insurance and accidental insurance are not provided.
- Travel, personal medical expenses and visa arrangements are the volunteer's responsibility.

Possible volunteer activities

- Dog walking and socialisation
- Feeding animals
- Shelter cleaning and maintenance
- Bathing and grooming
- Rescue assistance
- Clinic support under staff supervision
- Photography, videography, social media and fundraising
- Transportation and administrative support

Safety rules

- Follow staff instructions at all times.
- Do not enter restricted kennels or clinic areas without permission.
- Do not handle medicines, treatments or medical equipment unless authorised.
- Do not feed, move or release an animal without approval.
- Tell staff immediately about bites, scratches, injuries or unsafe conditions.
- Wear closed shoes and practical clothing. Wash or sanitise hands between animal areas.
- Respect each animal's space; frightened or injured animals may react unpredictably.

Prepare for your volunteer visit

Bring practical clothing suitable for shelter work and changing mountain weather. Your clothing and footwear may become dirty. Please do not wear loose jewellery around animals.

Before arrival checklist

- Wait for written confirmation of your placement and dates.
- Arrange your own travel and accommodation.
- Arrange suitable medical and accidental insurance if you require it.
- Bring closed, non-slip footwear and clothes suitable for physical work.
- Carry personal medicines and disclose relevant allergies or limitations.
- Save the shelter address and helpline number before travelling.
- Tell the team promptly if your dates change.

Your first day

- Report to the designated staff member before beginning any activity.
- Complete the shelter orientation and ask questions whenever instructions are unclear.
- Work only in assigned areas and do only the tasks approved for you.
- Lunch is provided on scheduled volunteer days; tell the team about dietary needs in advance.

Identity documents and privacy

Indian applicants should submit either a Masked Aadhaar or voter ID. International applicants should submit the passport identification page and a valid Indian visa or applicable immigration document. Documents are requested only for identity verification, safety and volunteer administration. Access should be restricted to authorised personnel and documents should be deleted after the stated retention period unless longer retention is legally required.

Contact and location

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