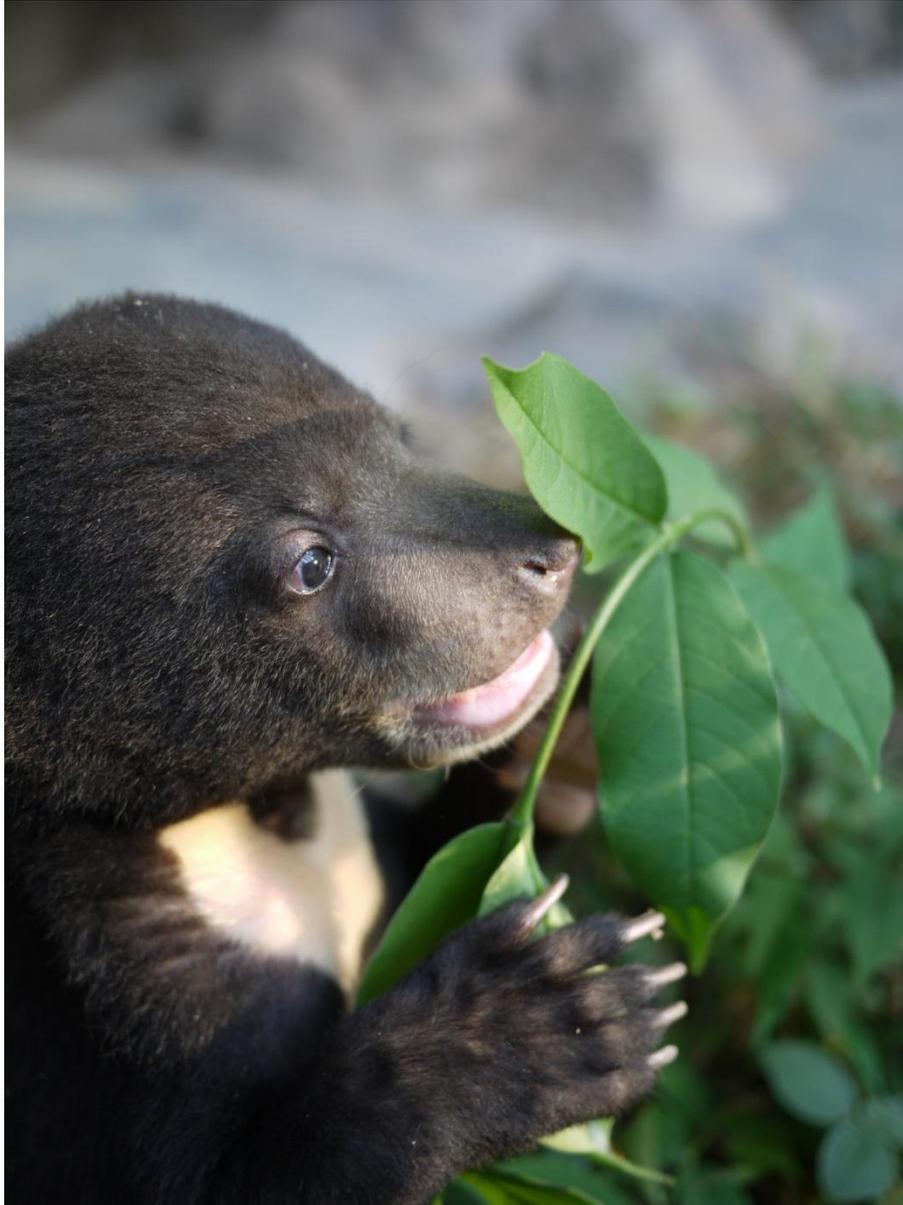


VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMMES WITH ACRES

Advocating for an end to animal cruelty in Asia



INTRODUCTION TO ACRES

ACRES (Animal Concerns Research & Education Society) is a pioneering Singapore-based charity and Institution of Public Character, founded by Singaporeans in 2001 with the aim of advocating an end to animal cruelty in Asia. ACRES is registered as an International NGO in Australia.

We have six focus areas: Tackling Wildlife Crime, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Addressing Zoo Animal Welfare, Humane Education, Community Outreach and Promoting Cruelty-Free Living.

Tackling Wildlife Crime

The illegal wildlife trade subjects billions of animals to pain and suffering, and threatens to wipe out countless species. At ACRES, we combat this wildlife trade through our 24-hour Wildlife Crime Hotline, undercover investigations, public awareness campaigns and collaborations with other NGOs and the government. Our investigations have led to the capture of many wildlife criminals. Our campaigns and engagements with the government have led to vast improvements to national wildlife protection laws.

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

In 2009, we opened the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC) in Singapore. In 2012, we established the ACRES Lao Wildlife Sanctuary. We now rescue, treat and rehabilitate hundreds of wild animals every year, some from the illegal exotic pet trade and others native to the forests in Singapore and Lao PDR that are found injured, lost or disorientated. We run our wildlife rescue services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The facilities operate on a “no kill” policy.

Addressing Zoo Animal Welfare

We also conduct scientific investigations into the welfare of animals in zoos and marine parks throughout Asia. We use our findings to raise the standards of captive environments across the region, to ensure that at least the basic needs of the animals are met and to end cruel and exploitative circus-style animal shows. Our work with the zoo community, governments and local NGOs has led to improved welfare standards at zoos in Singapore, Malaysia and Japan.

Humane Education

We never forget that the key to ending animal abuse is education. Our talks, roadshows and Humane Education programmes touch a wide cross section of society, from children in kindergarten to the elderly in the heartland, reaching over 100,000 individuals each year. We travel to schools as well as malls, both downtown and in the heartland. And almost every other day, we get a busload of school children visiting our Education Centre and Outdoor Conservation Classroom at the AWRC. Our aim is to encourage empathy, compassion and respect for animals as well as other human beings, and to inspire and empower children to change their world for the better.

Community Outreach

We currently have over 20,000 volunteers and supporters in our database. Our volunteer opportunities promote volunteerism in Singapore and create a more caring and compassionate society. We also distribute grants for local animal protection projects, organise conferences and forums and encourage people to become involved in global animal protection campaigns.

Promoting Cruelty-Free Living

Through our Cruelty-Free Living educational materials, we raise awareness about a wide range of household products, food items and fashion accessories that are either tested on animals or cause needless suffering and death in animal labs and factory farms. Our aim is to get consumers to make more humane, considerate and compassionate choices in their daily life.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

ACRES offers a unique opportunity for members of the public to get involved in our work and join us in making a difference for animals.

At our rescue centre in Singapore, volunteers help with looking after reptiles rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. This includes daily feeding, providing enrichment for the animals and maintaining the enclosures. They will also assist with our wildlife rescue team who are on standby 24/7 to rescue injured native wild animals, rehabilitate them and release them back into the wild.

The volunteer house is within the rescue centre. There are 3 dormitory rooms with 4 beds in each room, which can house up to 12 persons in total. Each room includes a fan, shelves and a wardrobe. The rooms are installed with a vent, one electric powerpoint, and two USB charging point. There are 2 common washrooms, a kitchen with cooking appliances, a refrigerator, a washing machine, a common locker, and a communal living area.

3 vegetarian meals will be provided on-site daily. Volunteers will be having their meals at the volunteer lounge within the volunteer house.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES COSTS

The cost of the volunteering experience at **ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre**:

1 week	SGD\$300
2 weeks	SGD\$550
3 weeks	SGD\$800
4 weeks	SGD\$1,050
Above 4 weeks (Per extra week)	SGD\$250
Per extra day	SGD\$50

*The volunteering programme cost doesn't consist of travel visa, insurance, vaccination, snacks, toiletries, transportation fees and cost of sightseeing activities.

The funds from the volunteer programmes will save the lives of hundreds of animals rescued from the wildlife trade and change their lives for the better. The funds allow us to create the best possible environment at the sanctuary for the rescued animals and give them a second chance at life.

Most of the animals will initially need extensive and specialised veterinary care. We need funds to operate a Wildlife Hospital to provide this, together with on-going veterinary care of the very highest standard.

The funds will also go towards creating vital awareness among the local community about wildlife protection and animal welfare issues. We need funds to establish and run vital educational programmes, as well as volunteer programmes that will reach out to the wider community and inspire them to get them involved in wildlife protection and animal welfare.

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