

# ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER- TURRUCARES

**Location:** San Miguel, Turrucares, Alajuela Province.

**Area:** Turrucares is situated in the tropical dry forest of Costa Rica. Located on the west side of the Central Valley, the area has a great variety of reliefs, altitudes and topographies that allow different microclimates and a very wide biodiversity.

**Distance from San José:** The project is located around 40km NW of San José, and 23km NW of the Juan Santamaría International Airport in Alajuela.

**How to get there:** Volunteers will take two buses, the first one will be the route San José-Alajuela (30-45 minutes ride). Once in Alajuela they will take the Alajuela - San Miguel de Turrucares route (30-45 minutes ride). The bus stop is right in front of the entrance to the rescue center.

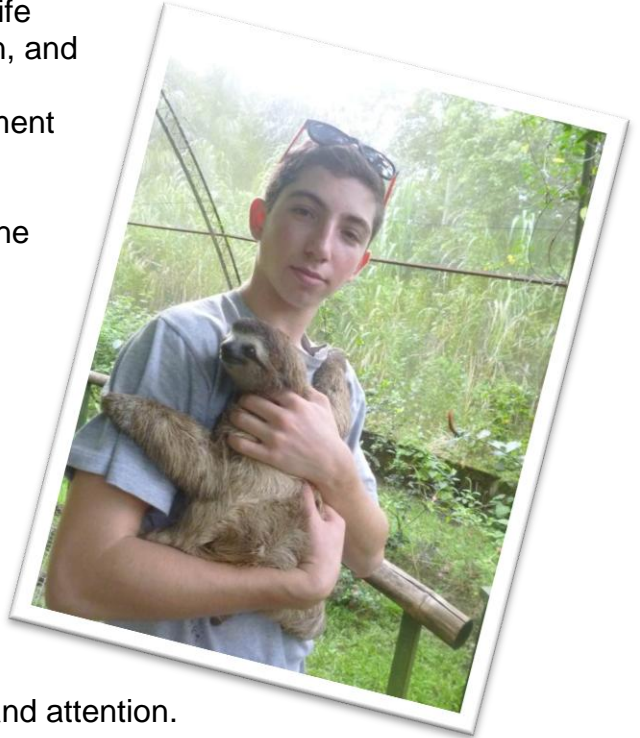


This Animal Sanctuary is a privately owned wildlife rescue facility focusing on the care, rehabilitation, and study of Costa Rica wildlife.

The organization works directly with the government receiving confiscated, sick and injured wild animals. All the animals that are brought to the rescue center receive medical attention and all the love needed. Many can return to the wildlife, however those who can't stay in the center.

The center started when the owners rescued Buda, a two-toe sloth. After this the police and coast guards started bringing injured and confiscated animals to the center. The center has received iguanas, snakes, birds of prey, deer, sloths, monkeys, and green turtles.

The Lizano family, owners of the project, joined efforts with a renowned Costa Rican biologist to ensure that the animals receive adequate care and attention.



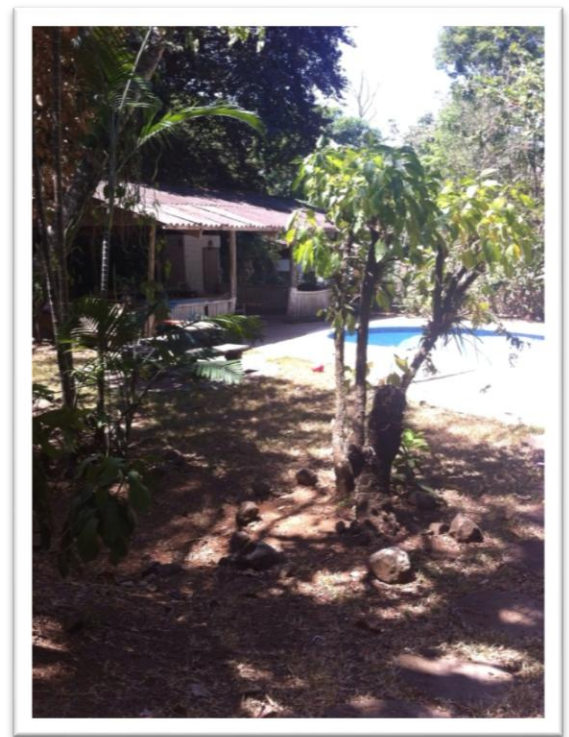
Volunteers are encouraged to join the rescue center at any point during the year. The project has welcomed students, travelers and professionals from countries around the world who have an interest in hands-on conservation and data collection, working with endangered species.

**Accommodations:** Volunteers stay in a volunteer lodge, sharing rooms and bathrooms with other volunteers. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided.

There is a swimming pool on site for volunteers to enjoy during their free time.

### **Volunteer Activity**

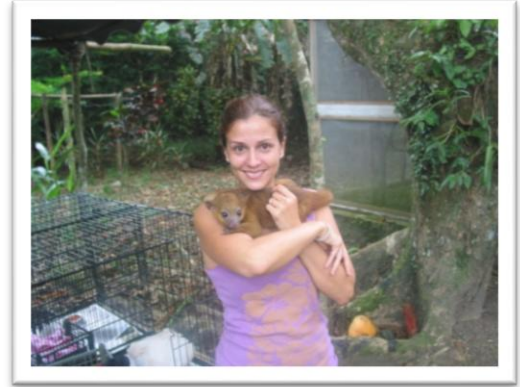
Volunteers have the opportunity to actively participate in the various sustainable projects. Once in the rescue center the volunteers will receive instructions from the coordinator on how to handle some of the animals and how to carry out the activities assigned.



## GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The work at the rescue center includes the following activities:

- Before feeding the animals, the volunteers must clean or wash the cages
- Prepare food for the animals (mostly chopping fruits and some vegetables)
- Feed some of the animals
- Provide maintenance of the infrastructure
- Clean trails
- Provide information to visitors
- Volunteers can perform other activities such as construction , paint , and artwork for project facilities



**The work schedule is 6 days/week, from 7:30 to 3:30 or 8:30 to 3:30.**



**On your day free :** Volunteers may take a short bus ride (approx.. 20 min) and travel from the site to La Garita, and there continue via bus to some of the best beaches on the Pacific coast, including the well-known beaches of Jaco and Playa Hermosa!