



# Greece – Cat Neutering Projects

## Volunteer Information

### Project Summary

The Charity:	Greek Cat Welfare Society
Location:	Greek mainland and Islands
Project dates:	Most months of the year excluding July and August, for periods of between one and two weeks.

Volunteers required: Qualified small animal vets with a minimum of three years' post qualification experience.



Qualified veterinary nurses with a minimum of three years' experience.

Places available: Usually 1 vet and sometimes 1 vet nurse at each location.

Cost: GCWS pay 50% of the airfare. Accommodation and some meals are provided.

### Background Information

In every part of Greece, both the mainland and islands, there are many thousands of stray cats. Greek Cat Welfare Society aims to control humanely the stray cat population through neutering their colonies and educating and encouraging local people to have their own animals neutered. We send an average of 20-30 vets each year to mainland Greece and the Greek islands. Stray cats are trapped by local groups, are given a general examination by the vet to treat for fleas, worms, ticks, injuries and other conditions, then neutered. They are then returned to the place where they were found or rehomed if possible.



## What to expect

You will be met at the airport, usually Athens or Thessaloniki, by the local organisers. Your itinerary is well planned and you will be looked after very well during your stay.

We have trappers who will bring the feral and stray cats to the makeshift clinic, which can vary from very basic to adequate. We provide the help of a nurse who may be either professional or a good, trained helper.

Vets will need experience in a small animal practice environment where you will have good experience in neutering. They will be the sole vet in charge and should be confident of neutering between 15-20 cats each day, you will encounter some pregnant females.

Nurses will be working alongside a volunteer UK veterinary surgeon. They should be confident and capable of assisting the vet, be organised and ensure the smooth and efficient running of the clinic.

You will be warmly welcomed in Greece. The rescue groups appreciate that you are giving up your own time to help them in their work with the cats that live on the streets.

## Accommodation and food

Accommodation is provided by the local organisers in either their own homes, nearby apartments or hotels.

Food is generally not provided but many of the very grateful organisers will sometimes provide meals.

For further information and a more comprehensive information pack please contact:

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