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# Leonardo Project «National Cat Trust»

## MALTA

**'I want to be a vet in the future and this experience has given me the chance of hopefully making my future bright working with animals' Jamie, trainee in Malta.**



The National Cat Society



Trainee in the project

### the project

The National Cat Society works on a national scale. The aim of the Society is to: Save as many stray cats as possible by picking them, neutering them, giving them medical assistance where needed, keep them in a large sanctuary with ample space for freedom. Re home the cats to prospective persons. Educate

the general public mainly through school lectures and forums.

#### The tasks of the trainee are:

To keep the sanctuary in extreme cleanliness and the cats happy and healthy. To give advice to cat owners re any problem with their cat(s). To give advice to cat feeders

re their colonies and help wherever possible. To raise funds for the above tasks to be conducted efficiently. To respond to calls from the general public regarding cats in distress (e.g. car victims) To evaluate prospective adoptions to 'new' homes. To do vet runs for cats at the sanctuary which show symptoms of irregular health.

**Trainee profile**

- An interest in working with animals and a love of cats!;
- Not mind getting dirty and smelly;
- An adventurous spirit and ready to use your free time to investigate;
- A desire to meet new people;
- Be flexible about working hours, weekends etc.

	Activity	Opportunities for vocational development	Opportunities for Personal development
Monday to Friday	HYGIENE—different methods and materials used	In a sanctuary where many (cats) are present hygiene is of out most importance to prevent epidemics. Veterinary assistants	Really hygiene is ALWAYS very important and here one is faced with very strict procedures to keep the place and the cats themselves clean.
	Preparing food	Especially in the sick bay different cats need different diets/ quantities depending upon the sickness/ injury or habit. Some diets are prescribed by a VET surgeon	Will recognise that various beings like (or have to take) different food.
	Vet run taking sick cats to the clinic or for check-ups or to be vaccinated	Experience to look at the vet doctor working. Seeing what the vet prescribes as medicine or in some cases training	Instil awareness that animals (cats here) need their doctor as well because they too fall sick and therefore if one decides to keep pets one has to be prepared to take care of their healthy as a duty
	Administering medicine	Here trainees observe ways of administering the medicine and methods may vary for individual cats. Trainees may prepare the medicine as per prescription after being shown.	Even persons may differ in their ability to take medicine. Before acting (even as per general rules) one has to know the patient attitude/characteristics
	Grooming/ Loving cats	Seems straight forward but only for pets; for cats in a sanctuary this may not be that easy. However whilst showing trainees ways of grooming cats with different fur type they will only handle tame ones. Cats as well LOVE being pampered and cuddled.	Taking responsibility to care for ones pet. Not only just feed them but also keep them healthy and happy
Weekend	Cultural activities	Sightseeing Learning about the local area and wider Malta	Trainees learn about the culture of the host country and the differences and similarities of different EU countries



## the hosting organisation

Name: **National Cat Society Malta**

Website: [www.maltesecats.2kat.net](http://www.maltesecats.2kat.net)

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## the project place Malta

The history of Malta has been shaped by its strategic location and perfect harbour setting. Malta has a very rich history. From the ancient Carthaginians to the Normans and the French, all the major forces in history have ruled Malta at some point. The hand of British rule touched Malta when they ousted the

French in the early 1800s and still the majority of people speak English. During the time of British rule the Maltese had their fill of being governed and began to fight for independence. Their plea for political freedom was only granted in 1964 and soon after, it became a republic.

## Location



## the country



**Climate:** Temperatures during the summer months in Malta easily reach 30 degrees centigrade when the hot sirocco winds blow across the sea from North Africa. The winter months are generally mild, temperatures rarely fall below 15 degrees centigrade and still maintain 5 or 6 hours of sunshine per day.

**System of Government:** Republic

**Capital:** Valletta

**Currency:** Euro

**Language:** Maltese, English and Italian

**Time zone:** (+1hour)



## the language

### A few words in Maltese:

Bonjour	Hello
Addiju	Goodbye
jekk jogħġbok	Please
nirringrazzjak	Thank you
Jisimni ...	My name is ...

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