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EDITORIAL



The Animal Rehab Center (CIVS) is one of the most popular placements in Mexico. Volunteers working here not only get to experience what it takes to run a center dedicated to taking care of wildlife in a large city but they can also rest assured that their help has a positive impact and that their work is very much appreciated.

There are only three members of staff at the center, which is probably the only safe haven in Guadalajara for many rescued endangered species. Andrés, Cayo and Tatjana are responsible for running the center, which between 2009 and 2013 released 1,801 different species of animal into the wild.

On 28th August, their longstanding effort was recognized by local authorities and similar organizations. Jerylee Wong, Country Director for Projects Abroad Mexico, shared a few words of appreciation with Andrés González Rodríguez, Director of the CIVS, and delivered an award from Projects Abroad.



Previous and current volunteers - Jessica Porreye (France), Tabea Hauser (Switzerland), and Tatjana Kotschenreuther (Germany) who now is a permanent member of the staff at the center - were present at this event.

All the staff at Projects Abroad Mexico wish to express their gratitude for everyone's hard work at the CIVS.

Congratulations!



PROJECT UPDATES

Guadalajara's Animal Rehab Center receives an award for many years of dedication in preserving wildlife

On Thursday, 28th August, Andrés González Rodríguez, Director of the Center for the Conservation and Research of Wildlife (CIVS), and his staff were awarded for their many years of hard work in wildlife preservation in the west of Mexico.

The 'Galardón al mérito por la conservación' (an award for merits in wildlife conservation) was given by the organization 'Cetreros del Occidente de México' (West Mexico Falconry). Attendees were not only locals and Projects Abroad volunteers but also high ranking government officials from SEMARNAT (Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources) and the local municipal government.

Projects Abroad Mexico's country director, Jerylee Wong, was also present at the event where she delivered an award in recognition of Andrés' many years of hard work. She also shared a few words about volunteers' experience working with him and how crucial their work is.

On average, 20 Projects Abroad volunteers from around the world help the animal care center each year and we hope for this number to increase. The animal care center only has three permanent staff members and the work there never stops.

Tatjana Kotschenreuther, former Projects Abroad volunteer and now full-time member of staff at the center, also shared a few words of recognition.

Congratulations CIVS and Andrés!

You can read more about the Animal Rehab Center in one of our previous newsletter issues:
http://www.projects-abroad.org/_downloads/destinations/newsletters/mexico/march-2014.pdf



VOLUNTEER STORIES

Physiotherapy at Hospital General de Zapopan: Julie Ribo

While volunteering in Mexico, Julie Ribo from France gave a physiotherapy lecture alongside her mother, who is the world-renowned physiotherapist, Corinne Ribo.

This conference was attended by the medical staff at the hospital as well as by interns and other invitees. Dr Mario Rodriguez, head of the teaching and research department at the hospital, was in charge of organizing this event.



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Medical support for the children at Niños y Adolescentes en Armonía

This month's medical outreach in Mexico took place on 27th August at our project partner, Niños y Adolescentes en Armonía. Volunteers working at different healthcare projects in Guadalajara were asked to attend this event to help and learn at the same time.

Our volunteers were Julie Ribo (France), who is working at the physiotherapy project, Diana Mendoza (US) and Sara Gualdi (Italy), who are both working at the medicine project, and Ian Antolik (US), who is working at the nursing project.

Children and staff members from Niños y Adolescentes are grateful for the help provided and hope to see us all again at their school soon!

