

# the project

ARCTUROS is a nonprofit organization for the protection of wildlife and the natural environment, focused on conservation efforts for big carnivores in Greece (Bears, wolves).

ARCTUROS breeds the Greek sheep dogs (that prevent damages made by large animals) since 1998 and distributes them to farmers, whose

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flocks graze in habitats of large carnivores, free of charge. The breeding program is implemented in modern facilities. Each year, 50 puppies are born in the Center.

Volunteers are required to work in the sheepdog feeding area between 9am and 5pm daily. Duties include:

- Feeding and daily care for the 15 shelter dogs.
- Cleaning the premises and equipment.
- Daily walks for the shelter dogs
- Visits to veterinarians (where necessary)
- Care for Greek sheepdog puppies.
- Other upkeep duties.

### accommodation and meals

The volunteers are hosted in the hostel for volunteers situated at the village of Aetos down at the valley (Florina region). The house can host 7 to 8 person. It has bedroom, main living room, two baths and a fully equipped kitchen. Aetos is a small and quiet village but you can find anything you need there.

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# For the project, trainees need to...

- be comfortable with and not scared of dogs.
- be willing to carry out manual tasks.
- be in good physical condition.
- be cooperative with staff and other volunteers.
- be willing to work outside in the heat or cold.



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## the hosting organisation

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### the project places

The village of Aetos in Florina (West Macedonia) is located in the idyllic setting where the river that springs from the mountain flows Lake Chimaditida. into The tourist infrastructure of the region combined with the beautiful natural

surroundings, have classified the area into one of the most ideal destinations for those who want to escape from the rush of everyday life and enjoy moments of relaxation in the hotels of the area.

## The country



**Climate:** The climate in Greece is typical of the Mediterranean: mild and rainy winters, relatively warm and dry summers and, generally, extended periods of sunshine throughout most of the year.

System of Government: Parliamentary Republic

Capital: Athens **Currency:** Euro Official language: Greek Time zone: UTC+2

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# The language

### A few words in Greek:

Efkharisto (eff-car-ee-stoh) Thank you Parakalo (par-ah-kah-lo) Please Kalimera Good morning Yiassou (vah-sooo) Hello Ne Yes Oche No Signomi, the milao ellinika Sorry, I don't

speak Greek

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