



# **BATTERSEA**

Academy

## **FAQ's - INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES**

### **Who is the Academy for?**

The Academy is open to any dog and cat rehoming or rescue organisation in every location, from small volunteer-run shelters to established animal rescues. We welcome organisations from both the UK and overseas. Our intensive programme is most suitable for staff or senior volunteers in decision making roles.

### **Where does the training take place?**

All Academy programmes take place at our London site: 4 Battersea Park Road, SW8 4AA

### **How long does the Intensive Rescue and Rehoming Programme last?**

Our intensive programmes take place over 4.5 days, with delegates arriving the Sunday before the programme starts, unless they are intending to commute to site daily.

### **How much does it cost to attend the Battersea Academy?**

We have a bursary scheme whereby we can provide financial assistance to organisations that have limited resources. Therefore, the cost of a programme will vary depending on the size of your organisation. Please speak to a member of the Academy team to find out more.

### **What language skills are required?**

We require that, in order to make the most of the programme, organisations send representatives with good spoken and written English language skills.

### **How do we evaluate the success of the Academy?**

Academy programmes are designed to inspire participants to make changes or improvements at their own rescue. We ask participating organisations to commit to change, help them to plan it and work with them to monitor the impact that it has had. Commitment to change is a pre-condition for the awarding of bursaries.

### **What is the Academy Grant and how do I apply for it?**

We recognise that some of the changes delegates decide to make may require additional funding. To help meet the cost of implementing such changes or improvements, we have a specific funding pot available within our grants programme.

To apply, applicants must have completed a programme and discussed their ideas with a member of the Academy team.

## TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

### How do I get to Battersea via Public Transport?

Battersea is served by several public transport routes:

- Nearest bus routes: 44, 137, 156, 344, 436 and 452.
- Nearest train stations: Battersea Park (from Victoria or Clapham Junction) - three minutes' walk; Queenstown Road (from Waterloo) - six minutes' walk.
- Nearest tube: Vauxhall on the Victoria Line - 20 minutes' walk along Nine Elms Lane; or take the 156 or 344 bus.



### Can I drive to Battersea?

Unfortunately, there is no parking available on site. There is pay and display parking available on neighbouring roads, however, this is often limited due to the high level of construction works taking place in the area. We strongly recommend that delegates take public transport to Battersea wherever possible.

### Where do our delegates stay?

If your organisation is receiving a bursary which covers accommodation, we will arrange a room for you at the Travelodge in Clapham Junction. We recommend this to all delegates, as it is just a 3-minute train from our site.

### **How do I get from Clapham Junction Station to the hotel?**

To get from Clapham Junction to your hotel, exit the station via platforms 15,16 & 17 and take the first exit on the left. Follow the road round and the Travel Lodge is directly in front of you on Falcon Road.

### **How do I get to Battersea from the hotel**

The Travel Lodge is next door to Clapham Junction Station. To get to Battersea, take the train from platform 14 (always check the board before just in case) to Battersea Park Station. Take a left out of the station, it is then no more than a 5-minute walk to our front entrance.

If your organisation is receiving a bursary which covers London travel, we will arrange for a taxi to pick you up from the front of the hotel on the first morning. Train tickets will then be distributed to use on all subsequent days.

### **How do I get to the hotel from London Airports?**

#### **London Gatwick (25 mins)**

There is a direct train from Gatwick to Clapham Junction.

The railway station is located at the South Terminal, just a short walk from both departures and arrivals. The station is easily accessible from the North Terminal by a free shuttle. You can buy tickets at the station or at the rail information desks located in arrivals at both terminals.

#### **Heathrow**

**Rail only (1hr 15)** – take the Piccadilly Line to Earls court. Change trains onto the district line and ride one stop to West Brompton, here you can get an over ground service direct to Clapham Junction.

Heathrow has three London Underground stations – one for Terminals 2 and 3 and one each at Terminal 4 and Terminal 5.

Heathrow Terminals 2 and 3 station is between the terminals, which are a few minutes' walk away via pedestrian subway. Heathrow Terminal 4 and Heathrow Terminal 5 underground stations are in the basements of the terminal buildings.

**Bus & train (1hr 15)** – Take the 285 or 490 bus to Feltham Station, then take the overground to Clapham Junction.

Heathrow central bus station is located between Terminals 2 and 3. The terminals are a few minutes' walk away and well signposted. Cash payments are not accepted of TfL buses. You will need an oyster card or contactless payment card to use London buses.

#### **Stansted (1hr 10)**

Take the train from Stansted Airport Station to Tottenham Hale. Change onto underground and take the Victoria Line to Vauxhaull. Exit Vauxhaull underground

station and follow the signs to the over ground station where you can take the train to Clapham Junction.

The train station at Stansted is located directly under the airport. It takes just two minutes to walk to and from the terminal.

**London City Airport (1hr)**

Take the DLR to Shadwell. Cross the road to enter the Shadwell overground station, from here there is a direct train to Clapham Junction.