

# Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role	<b>Small Animal Foster Carer - Hamsters, Mice, Rats and Gerbils</b>
Volunteer Manager	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>
Where you will be based	<b>Home</b>

## Why we want you

Sick, injured and homeless pets have relied on Blue Cross for help since 1897. Each year, thousands of dogs, cats, small pets, and horses turn to the Charity's animal hospitals, clinics and rehoming services for treatment and support. Our small animal foster volunteers help thousands of small pets each year by providing support, care, and love in a safe and calm setting, helping them on their journey to find new homes. You could be part of this amazing team and directly help the many pets in our care.

## What you will be doing

- Caring for your small animal in appropriate accommodation until they can be rehomed
- Providing all the care they need - feeding, cleaning, socialising, and providing medication and enrichment
- Transporting your animal to/from a Blue Cross site or vets as required
- Giving observations and feedback on your foster pet including filling in assessments, diaries and feedback forms, providing photos and videos for our website and potential adopters

## The skills you need

- Previous experience of handling and caring for small animals is preferred, or a keen interest in learning
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from a Blue Cross site and vets
- Adequate space to house suitable accommodation in a temperature-controlled environment away from any owned pets
- Willingness to learn and follow Blue Cross procedures and undertake training provided
- The ability to provide timely and regular communication with our foster teams through phone or email

## What's in it for you

- You'll be helping our small pets to have happy, healthy lives
- You'll be able to enjoy caring for a pet without a long-term commitment
- You will be helping to give our small pets the chance of a new start in life



- You'll gain practical skills, experience and access to a dedicated Blue Cross ARK training programme
- You'll join a great team of like-minded people