

Volunteer Role Profile



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Dog Foster Carer

Volunteer Manager

Volunteer Coordinator

Where you will be based

Home

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 Dog foster volunteers help thousands of dogs 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 Blue Cross dogs and providing a safe environment in your own home until they can be rehomed
- Supporting dogs who might be struggling to cope with kennel life or may be recuperating from operations
- Transporting your foster dog to and from a Blue Cross site or vet as and when required
- Giving observations and feedback on your foster dog including filling in assessments, diaries and feedback forms,
- Sending progress updates to your manager using video or photographs some of which will be used on our website and for potential adopters

The skills you need

- Previous experience of handling and caring for dogs
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from the Blue Cross site or vet
- Access to outside space for toileting and exercising the dog
- Being at home for most of the day to monitor your foster dogs regularly
- 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
- Ideally some technical knowledge, or support from someone, to send photo and video updates of your foster pet

What's in it for you

- You'll be helping dogs to have happy, healthy lives



- You'll be able to enjoy caring for a dog without the long term commitment of pet ownership
- You'll gain practical skills, experience and access to a dedicated Blue Cross ARK training programme

Disclaimer

Fostering is a flexible process, but you need to be able to volunteer for a long enough period for dogs to settle in a new environment. You need to be 18 or over for this role.

Blue Cross holds inclusion as a core organisational value. We positively encourage applications from eligible volunteers regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender status, religion or belief, marital status or pregnancy and maternity. We actively embrace our differences and know that it is our differences that make us unique. You are very welcome at Blue Cross, without the need to hide any part of who you are.