

Volunteer Role Profile



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Cat Foster Carer - Maternity and Kitten Support

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 maternity and kitten foster volunteers help thousands of cats 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

- Providing mums and kittens or orphans with a safe and secure environment in your own home until they are ready for rehoming
- Transporting your foster cats to and from a Blue Cross site or vets as requested
- Providing all the care they need including feeding, socialising, administering medication, grooming and cleaning. This may also include following behaviour programmes
- Giving observations and feedback on your foster rabbit 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 cats and kittens
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from the Blue Cross site or vet
- The ability to monitor your foster cat/kittens regularly throughout the day
- 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
- Time to dedicate towards training, socialising and caring for your cat and kittens
- 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 cats and kittens to have happy, healthy lives
- You'll be able to enjoy caring for a cat without the long term commitment of pet ownership
- You will be helping to give our kittens the best 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

Disclaimer

Fostering is a flexible process, but you need to be able to volunteer for a long enough period for cats 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.