

# Volunteer Role Profile



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**Guinea Pig Foster Carer - Outdoor or Indoor**

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 Guinea Pig foster volunteers help thousands of Guinea Pigs 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 Guinea Pigs in your garden or a safe and secure indoor room until they can be rehomed
- Providing all the care they need – feeding, cleaning, socialising, grooming and giving medication and enrichment
- Transporting your animal to/from a Blue Cross site or vets as required

## The skills you need

- Previous experience of handling and caring for Guinea pigs is preferred, or a keen interest in learning
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from a Blue Cross site and vets
- A quiet, secure garden large enough to house the appropriate Guinea Pig accommodation, or a secure quiet room away from other 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 Guinea Pigs 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 Guinea pigs 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



- You'll be provided with all equipment and supplies, including travel costs