

# Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role

**Dog Foster Carer - B&B 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 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
- Collecting your dog from Blue Cross each evening and returning them the next morning. There is also a possibility of keeping your dog for longer durations at home when needed, such as weekends
- Supporting dogs who might be struggling to cope with kennel life, undergoing behaviour related training or those recuperating from operations
- Providing all the care they need including feeding, socialising, administering medication, grooming and cleaning. This may also include following behaviour programmes

## The skills you need

- Previous experience and knowledge of caring for dogs and a keen interest in their welfare
- The ability to drop your dog off at one of our Blue Cross sites daily between the hours of 8:30am and 5pm
- Access to outside space for toileting and exercising your dog
- 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 dog

## 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
- 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 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.