

# Volunteer Role Profile



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**Cat 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 Cat 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

- Caring for Blue Cross cats and providing them with a safe environment in your own home until they can be rehomed
- Supporting cats who might be struggling to cope with cattery life or may be recuperating from operations
- Transporting your foster cat to and from a Blue Cross site or vets as required
- 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 of handling and caring for cats
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from our rehoming centre and vets
- A spare room or safe, quiet area within your home so cats can settle in at their own pace
- 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 cats to live happy, healthy lives



- You'll enjoy helping cats 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 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.