

Volunteer Role Profile



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Small Animal Foster Carer - Hamsters, Mice, Rats and Gerbils

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 small animal foster volunteers help thousands of small pets 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 your small animal in appropriate accommodation until they can be rehomed
- Providing all the care they need – feeding, cleaning, socialising, and providing medication and enrichment
- Transporting your animal to/from a Blue Cross site or vets as required
- Giving observations and feedback on your foster pet 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 small animals is preferred, or a keen interest in learning
- Access to a car to undertake journeys to and from a Blue Cross site and vets
- Adequate space to house suitable accommodation in a temperature-controlled environment away from any owned 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
- 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 our small pets 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 small pets 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

Disclaimer

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