



Volunteer role description

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) volunteer

Cats Protection is the UK's leading feline welfare charity and our vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.

Cats are at the centre of everything we do and our objectives are: homing, neutering and educating people about cats and their care.

We help thousands of cats across the UK each year thanks to our network of dedicated volunteers, employees and supporters.

A bit about this role

Unfortunately, thousands of cats each year are abandoned or have strayed and rely on charities like Cats Protection for help. Becoming a TNR volunteer is one way you can make a real difference to cats in your local area. Our TNR volunteers help reduce the number of feral cats by raising awareness of our TNR programmes, setting humane traps to safely capture cats, taking them to local vets to be neutered, and hopefully returning them back to their territory. Local TNR programmes are crucial, as feral and abandoned cats present a huge challenge for communities across the UK.

What can you expect to be doing?

- Recording information about feral colonies
- Distributing information leaflets
- Trapping cats using humane methods
- Taking cats to local vets to be neutered (spayed/castrated)
- Returning cats to their territory or a suitable alternative
- Promoting neutering by building relationships with farmers, land owners and local businesses
- **This is a pilot project and so volunteers have the opportunity to pick and choose tasks instead of undertaking all the activities listed above.**

What are the benefits to you and the cats?

You will develop new skills, expand your knowledge, and make a significant contribution to improving the lives of cats and kittens by helping reduce the number of unwanted cats and improving the lives of cats in your local area. You will also meet new people, make new friends and be part of a dedicated team of volunteers.

We're looking for someone with

- Basic knowledge of cats and cat care
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- A well organised and practical approach
- Patience and perseverance
- The ability to deal with sensitive situations
- Good communication skills
- A full, clean driving licence and access to a vehicle

Time expectation

This is a flexible role, and the hours will vary depending on the number of cats identified for specific TNR campaigns. Our current TNR volunteers spend about 2 to 3 hours per week in this role which can be shared by more than one volunteer if needed.

Support, guidance and keeping you safe

At Cats Protection we believe our volunteers should be happy and confident in their roles. We provide support and guidance from our National Cat Centre and through our regional and local volunteer groups and teams. We offer engaging online and face-to-face training, expenses and have policies and processes to help volunteers get the most out of their time with us.

The wellbeing of our people is important and at Cats Protection we are committed to safeguarding children, adults at risk and all those that we come into contact with as part of our activities.

Thank you for joining us and sharing in this commitment and for everything you will do during your time with Cats Protection.

If you would like to find out more about this role, please contact: Zoe Darley via zoe.darley@cats.org.uk