

## **Volunteer Animal Fosterer (RSPCA North West London and South Hertfordshire Branch)**

As an animal fosterer, you would be supporting the RSPCA in providing either our cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, or other small furries with the safety of your home whilst tending to their welfare needs such as feeding and grooming. In addition to this, by providing a temporary loving environment, you will play a crucial role in their wellbeing and socialisation, which will significantly improve their chances of successful rehoming.

Once everything is in place, the animal centre will guide you through the fostering process and ensure that you have all the necessary equipment, food, and veterinary care for your foster. The RSPCA is also happy to reimburse any other pre-agreed expenses that you may incur through volunteering for us.

### **Whilst our animals are in your foster care, you will:**

- Provide them with care, suitable housing, and a safe environment as per our policies and guidelines.
- Feed, water, and groom them in line with our advice.
- Transport them to any veterinary appointments if required.
- Provide them with your time and patience.
- Help us spread the word about the animals in your care so they might find their forever home quicker.
- Playing and cuddles are also a must!

### **What we are looking for in a volunteer Fosterer**

- Volunteers aged 18 or over who have had plenty of experience caring for animals.
- Fostering experience is beneficial but not essential as training is provided.
- For their wellbeing, the whole family should be on board with fostering an animal.
- Any existing pets or animals need to have been spayed/neutered (some medical reasons may mean they cannot be so, please let us know if this is the case).
- You will need to live in our branches area.
- You will need to be able to pick up supplies from our office in Eastcote and transport animals to the vets for routine and emergency appointments.

### **What we can offer you as a volunteer Fosterer**

- You will be making a massive difference to the welfare of the animals in your care.
- Join a community which will enable you to meet new people and make new friends.
- Learning new skills through our comprehensive induction and fostering training programme.
- Enhance your CV by adding your volunteering experience and newly acquired skills.

It is worth mentioning that our animals do have different needs as whilst some are ready for rehoming others may require rehabilitation or ongoing medication. Therefore, we also aim to

understand your situation and circumstances to ensure that we match you with your perfect foster animal.

We hope you are interested in volunteering for our Branch.

For more information and to apply, please complete our online application form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcmPUacGq53TICXnZLO0Xi7CZy0dMHdQat8oEchnXAB8w3qg/viewform>

If you would like to volunteer but need help completing the form, please contact us and we will do our best to support you.

Our voluntary roles are subject to an informal interview and trial period. We will ask you to provide contact details for two referees, and, depending on the position, you may need to sign an agreement and complete specific training before starting the role.