

Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role	Animal Rescue Volunteer
Volunteer Manager	Chief Inspector
Where you will be based	Community

Why we want you

This role supports the vital front line work of our Inspectorate. Volunteers in this role are trained to get involved with the collection, transportation and release of wild and domestic animals.

The role is part of our frontline animal rescue service and plays an important part in promoting animal welfare. As such volunteers need to be flexible, able to volunteer at times when we need them and able to commit to an initial 5 hours of eLearn training and at least ½ day training with a field officer.

The role involves a substantial amount of driving and lone working.

We are the RSPCA and it's our vision to live in a world where all animals are respected and treated with compassion. Our volunteers are incredible, they play an essential role in helping us carry out our important animal welfare work every day.

What you will be doing

- You will be collecting wildlife casualties and taking them to vets or rehabilitation centres
- Transferring domestic animals possibly between establishments or from owners to vets and back
- Helping with our foodbank project
- Moving kit and equipment to where it's needed such as cat traps
- You may also be involved in the rescue of wildlife and its release once rehabilitated
- We are continually evolving the ARV role and as such you will have the possibility to gain experience and receive further training as more varied tasks are introduced. Animal handling and risk assessment training will be provided

The skills you need

- Aged 18 or over

- Have access to their own suitable vehicle and a full driving licence
- Good interpersonal skills and be confident dealing with the public
- Access to a Smartphone whilst volunteering.
- You would be in charge of choosing your own shifts, to suit when you are available, but we recommend shifts be at least 4-6 hours long, as you need to be able to get to the animal, pick it up, and drop it off at a suitable location. Ideally we are looking for people to offer minimum 16 hours a month.
- Follow all RSPCA policies and procedures

What's in it for you

- The knowledge that you are making a difference to the lives of animals.
- To be part of the RSPCA the oldest animal welfare charity in the world.
- Opportunity to develop and expand your role as an Animal Rescue Volunteer and maybe even look to develop a career with our Inspectorate
- Learn great new skills to add to your CV
- You will be provided with a uniform and necessary equipment required for your role
- We will also reimburse any reasonable travel expenses you may incur whilst volunteering with us

Disclaimer

Our voluntary roles are subject to an informal interview and trial period. We will ask you to provide contact details for two referees. Before you can start volunteering you'll need to complete our simple online Health & Safety assessment. At the RSPCA we don't want you to be out of pocket by volunteering, so we are happy to reimburse any agreed out of pocket expenses you incur whilst volunteering. Tetanus is a life threatening bacterial disease caused by an infection in an open wound. In view of this everyone should be vaccinated to prevent infection and we require that all RSPCA staff and volunteers must be suitably protected. Tetanus vaccination is carried out in infancy (3 doses), at pre-school and in adolescence so everyone should have had 5 doses by the time adulthood is reached. This is considered to give lifelong protection although a booster might be considered if an injury is deemed to be high risk. We request that volunteers must check their vaccination history with their GP's and if fully immunised no further action is required. If a volunteer has not had the required doses, the GP should offer

them free of charge as part of the UK vaccination schedule.