

# Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role	<b>Dog Fosterer</b>
Volunteer Manager	<b>Centre Manager</b>
Where you will be based	<b>Home</b>

## Why we want you

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. Our fosterers play a vital role by providing a temporary home for animals that are in the care of the RSPCA, either during rehabilitation or whilst they are waiting for a suitable permanent home to be found.

## What you will be doing

- Providing care and suitable housing in a safe environment for dogs while they are in foster care in accordance with Society policies and guidelines.
- Feeding, watering, exercising and grooming dogs as appropriate.
- Providing suitable bedding (supplied if required).
- Keeping accurate records of expenditure on fostered animals, via receipts and completed expense forms.
- Talking to members of public about animals in your care with the hope of rehoming them.

## The skills you need

- Volunteers must be aged 18 or over.
- Previous experience of fostering would be beneficial and experience of caring for dogs is essential.
- You will need a secure garden and plenty of time to spend with the dogs.
- Your family must be fully supportive.
- If you have existing animals they must be spayed/neutered unless there are medical reasons why they can't be.

## What's in it for you

- Meet new people and make new friends
- Learn great new skills to add to your CV

- A great induction and training relevant to your role
- Volunteer in a fun environment at the heart of the local community
- You'll be making a huge difference to the welfare of animals
- We are happy to reimburse any reasonable expenses you may incur whilst fostering for us

## **Disclaimer**

Our voluntary roles are subject to an informal interview and introductory 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.