

## VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

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Role: **Cat Fosterer**

Hours: Indefinite periods as agreed with Cattery Manager.

Location: Your own home

Reports to: Unit Manager

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### OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

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‘Making a difference **together** for All animals’.

You will provide the vital role of supporting the Cattery staff by caring for cats or kittens that we are either not able to accommodate on site, or those who are not suitable for a rescue environment – pregnant or elderly animals for example.

You will need to deliver an excellent standard of care, caring for the cats daily needs and preparing them for the day when they are rehomed.

You will be making a real and valuable difference to their chances of a happy and healthy new life.

You must be able to give the cat the same care and attention you would your own, whilst accepting that it won’t be with you permanently.

All necessary equipment, food and veterinary treatment will be provided by the rescue. Fuel costs cannot be reimbursed.

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### KEY TASKS

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#### *Do You Have?*

- Experience with cats
- Your own transport to transport the animal to the rescue to see our vet, meet potential adoptees and collect medical supplies, food, bedding etc
- Flexibility with your time and availability

*Can you provide?*

- A quiet stress free environment
- A pet free home, or a way of keeping your own cat/s separate from your foster cat. Any owned cat must be neutered and vaccinated
- A spare room
- Email updates with pictures of your foster animal in your home
- A first class standard of hygiene and cleanliness, reporting any issues at the earliest opportunity

*Can you commit?*

- Up to 3 months to care for a mum and kittens
- To spending time to mum cats and socializing kittens
- To keeping your foster cat indoors at all times
- To communicate the unique values and ethos of Freshfields to the public, presenting a positive approach and a credible image of the charity at all times
- To generate discussion, understanding, investment and further involvement in the work of the charity.
- To follow Freshfields Animal Rescue policies and procedures at all times

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**KEY SKILLS AND QUALITIES**

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1. Confident and able to safely handle cats and kittens with care and attention to detail
2. Reliable and trustworthy
3. Compassion and empathy
4. Able to take direction and follow detailed instruction from Cattery staff regarding the animals' individual needs
5. Able to work on own initiative and as part of a team
6. Willing to keep in regular contact with cattery staff
7. Able to manage the physical demands of the role

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**TIME COMMITMENT**

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Indefinite periods as agreed with Cattery Manager.