

## VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

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Role: **Dog Fosterer**

Hours: Indefinite periods as agreed with Kennels Manager.

Location: Your own home

Reports to: Unit Manager

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### OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

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To 'make a difference together for All animals'.

You will provide the vital role of supporting the Kennels staff by caring for animals 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 animals 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 animal the same care and attention you would your known, 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 and confidence with owning dogs
- Your own transport to transport the animal to the rescue to see our vet, meet potential adoptees and collect medical supplies, food, bedding etc
- Older sensible children, who are able to meet the foster dog at the rescue and be assessed by kennel staff
- Flexibility with your time and availability

*Can you provide?*

- A quiet stress free environment
- A pet free home. If there are other pets they must be neutered and vaccinated, of a calm disposition and must met the potential foster dog at the rescue
- An enclosed, secure garden/outside space
- 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?*

- To keeping your foster dog for as long as it takes
- To working through issues such as nervousness/toileting accidents
- Giving your foster dog the exercise it requires, in a safe environment and always using a harness and lead
- 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 maintain a first class standard of hygiene and cleanliness, reporting any issues at the earliest opportunity
- To observe and report any concerns about the animals' welfare,
- To assist with stock control of equipment, feeding and cleaning supplies
- 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 dogs with care and attention to detail
2. Compassion and empathy
3. Reliable and trustworthy
4. Able to take direction and follow detailed instruction from kennel 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 kennel staff
7. Able to manage the physical demands of the task.

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## TIME COMMITMENT

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Indefinite periods as agreed with Kennel Manager.

Our dog fostering application form can be found here, in the dog fostering section - <https://www.freshfields.org.uk/get-involved/fostering/>