

Role Title: Volunteer Cat & Dog Foster Carer

Days Required: Ad-hoc, both Short and Long Term

Worcestershire Animal Rescue Shelter in Malvern takes in abandoned, unwanted and mistreated animals in need of urgent care. Our aim is to re-home our animals as quickly and safely as possible to provide them with loving forever homes. In 2017/18 we rehomed over 230 dogs and cats in addition to over 500 ex-battery hens.

Our busy Shelter is looking for reliable individuals and families to provide time and a temporary home for animals who are in need of foster care whilst they are waiting to be rehomed.

Purpose of the role:

- To provide care and suitable housing in a safe environment for animals while they are in foster care in accordance with WARS policies and guidelines;
- To feed, water and groom animals as appropriate and transport them to any veterinary appointments where needed;
- Monitor the health and welfare of the animals and report any issues to the Shelter;
- ✤ In the case of a dog, provide suitable exercise;
- Offer the shelter information on the animal's personality and habits to aid with rehoming;
- Talk to members of the public about the animals in your care with the hope of rehoming them. Allow visitors to your home to introduce the animal to potential owners or transport the animal to the Shelter for a meet with potential adopter.

Full support from WARS is offered to our foster carers whilst they are caring for our animals. All food, equipment and medication (if applicable) will be supplied by WARS, however, any help with food or other basic costs from the foster carer, is gratefully received.

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Required Skills & Experience:

- Previous experience of fostering would be beneficial, experience of caring for cats and/or dogs is essential;
- You will need a dedicated room to keep the cats in and if you are fostering dogs you will need a secure garden and plenty of time to spend with them and your family must be fully supportive;
- You must be realistic and practical in your ability to offer the time and care to an animal and your dedication to offering the best care possible to our animals is absolutely essential.

Benefits to You:

- Join a great team of like-minded people helping animals to find their loving, forever homes in which to lead happy and healthy lives;
- **W** Full training and ongoing support from staff;
- Develop new skills including knowledge of and contribution to animal welfare and life enrichment;
- Unlimited dog and cat cuddles every day!

To apply, please submit your completed Volunteer Application Form to volunteer@wars.org.uk. Alternatively, should you require further information on this role or any of our volunteer opportunities, please call the Shelter and speak to either Claire or Sally on 01905 831651.

"We do not pay volunteers, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"

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