



## **Volunteer role description**

### **Cat desensitisation volunteer**

Cats Protection is the UK's leading feline welfare charity and our vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.

Cats are at the centre of everything we do and our objectives are: homing, neutering and educating people about cats and their care.

We help thousands of cats across the UK each year thanks to our network of dedicated volunteers, staff and supporters.

#### **A bit about this role**

Some of our feline friends looking for new and loving homes might be shy, nervous or aggressive depending on their past or if they are struggling to adapt to the rescue environment. Our cat desensitisation volunteers help the cats in our care by spending time enriching their experience through play, exercise and handling until they are happy and confident enough to find their perfect forever homes.

#### **What can you expect to be doing?**

- Helping ensure the needs of each cat are met
- Using desensitisation programmes to help cats get used to different people and experiences
- Enriching each cats experience through play, exercise and handling
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## What are the benefits to you and the cats?

You will develop new skills, expand your knowledge and make a significant contribution to improving the lives of cats and kittens by helping make sure our cats are as happy and confident as possible before leaving our care. You will also meet new people, make new friends and be part of a dedicated team of volunteers.

## We're looking for someone with

- Basic knowledge of cats, cat care and behaviour
- Good observational skills
- Patience and perseverance
- A level-headed and practical approach
- The ability to be calm, quiet and confident around cats

## Time expectation

Our cat desensitisation volunteers spend 1 to 2 hours a week in this role which is flexible and can be shared by more than one volunteer if needed. We request that volunteers spend time with a particular cat on a weekly basis, as this will be more beneficial for the cats in care.

## Additional information

At Cats Protection we believe our volunteers should be happy and confident in their roles. To make sure this is the case, we provide support and guidance both remotely from our National Cat Centre and face to face through our regional and local volunteer groups and teams. We also offer varied online and face to face training and have wide-ranging policies covering all aspects of volunteering. We hope the support we provide will ensure our volunteers have a great experience with Cats Protection.

If you would like to find out more about this role, please contact: [Insert name and contact details here](#).