

give a little time  
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



## Volunteer Role Description

### Trap, Neuter and Return Volunteer

*'I volunteer as a trapper because it is so rewarding when you trap a mother cat you have been trying to catch for months. You know that at last that colony will not grow any bigger and the people feeding them will be able to cope so much better without the worry of more kittens arriving all the time.'* A Derby Branch Fieldworker

#### **How you will make a difference to cats and people:**

Cats Protection helps thousands of cats across the UK each year thanks to our network of dedicated volunteers. The success of our trap, neuter and return (TNR) programmes is crucial as feral and abandoned cats present a huge challenge for Cats Protection and local communities across the UK. Your role as a TNR volunteer will make a vital contribution to maintaining a healthy population of feral cats and will help alleviate cat welfare and community problems caused by uncontrolled cat populations.

#### **How volunteering for Cats Protection can make a big difference to you:**

- You will get a lot of personal satisfaction and enjoyment from your volunteering role
- You will have the opportunity to make a real difference to cats and kittens in your community and across the UK
- You will be able to develop new skills, expand your knowledge and use your existing expertise
- You will meet new people, make new friendships and work as part of a dedicated team
- You will become a key member in the UK's largest feline charity

#### **What the role involves:**

Feral cats are often the offspring of stray or abandoned domestic cats and can be found living in urban and rural areas. A TNR programme involves:

- **T**rapping the cat using humane trapping methods
- **N**eutering – taking the cat to a local vet to be neutered
- **R**eturning the cat to their home or finding a suitable alternative In addition, the role may also include:
  - Regular feeding of feral colonies
  - Liaising with land owners, local businesses, farmers and local communities to promote the neutering of cats in their locality
  - Working closely with vets to promote and arrange neutering

- Working closely with others in your team

**Skills and experience which are expected and/or can be developed in this role:**

- Basic knowledge of cats and cat care
- Good interpersonal skills
- Good level of record keeping/administration skills
- Well organised and practical
- Patience and perseverance
- Ability to deal with sensitive situations
- Good communication skills
- Happy to work alone

**Time expectation:**

This is an extremely flexible role and the time involved will vary depending on the number of cats identified for the TNR programme or campaign, 2- 3 hours per week would not be unusual for this role. This role can be shared by more than one volunteer.

**How we will support you:**

You will receive full training and support in your role. The Welfare Officer will provide you with day to day support, guidance and direction and will work with others to ensure you have a positive and enjoyable volunteering experience.