

## Volunteer Role Description - Doggy Fosterer

A hugely rewarding role, as a CDPA Doggy Fosterer you will provide a temporary, loving & safe home for our rescued dogs & puppies with the support of other CDPA volunteers.

The Cats & Dog Protection Association of Ireland (CDPA) is a registered charity dedicated to caring and improving the lives of dogs and dogs in Ireland. Our volunteers collaborate with local communities to reduce animal suffering through our Trap-Neuter-Return, foster-rehoming and welfare programmes.

**Commitment required:** We ask fosterers to commit to fostering dogs or puppies for a minimum 6-8 weeks

**Location:** Own Home

### Role Description

- As a CDPA fosterer you have the opportunity to care for
  - friendly dogs or puppies
  - sick, elderly or special needs dogs
  - pregnant mommas & puppies once born until they are ready for adoption
  - orphaned puppies (previous experience bottle-feeding required)
- Share weekly updates on the dogs progress and photos via CDPA's facebook group
- Provide regular input for dogs personality profiles & information to help CDPA find the perfect forever home for the dog
- Bring dogs/puppies to vet appointments as required
- Book vet appointments once approved by CDPA
- Administer treatment as required (training is provided)
- Keep record of vaccinations and microchips

### Desired Qualities

- Kind, caring, patient, reliable & dedicated
- Empathetic towards dogs and other volunteers

### Desired Experience

- CDPA welcomes volunteers with all levels of experience!
- Previous experience with dogs, puppies is very welcome

## Other Requirements

- Access to own transport to bring dogs to/from vet appointments
- Access to a device to provide updates & respond to CDPA questions via our Facebook group

## As a CDPA volunteer you will benefit from

- A hugely rewarding experience as you watch your foster dog transform into a comfortable, confident and healthy dog under your care
- Access to a strong, supportive community of animal rescuers throughout your volunteer journey with the CDPA
- A full induction, comprehensive training & ongoing support
- Ongoing training from an expert team of volunteers
- Opportunities to become involved in other aspects of the charity
- Experience of working in the Animal & Charity Sector

# The Cat & Dog Protection Association of Ireland

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*CDPA is firmly committed to diversity in all areas of our work. We are committed to developing and maintaining an organisation in which differing ideas, abilities, backgrounds and needs are fostered and valued, and where those with diverse backgrounds and experiences are able to participate and contribute.*