

Volunteer Role Description - Fosterer Supporter

A hugely rewarding role, as a CDPA Foster Supporter you will onboard and help fosterers understand the fostering process and support them by providing advice and guidance.

The Cats & Dog Protection Association of Ireland (CDPA) is a registered charity dedicated to caring and improving the lives of cats 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:	6 months
Minimum weekly commitment:	6 hours (however this may change depending on time of year / emergency cases)
Location:	Online

Role Description

- Touch base with the fosters assigned to you at least once a week and fill out a form online you will be supplied with, can be accessed with a smartphone or computer
- Help organise start packs and essential items to be delivered to the foster homes
- Answer any queries the foster may have – you will have extra support from a senior volunteer
- Pass on any issues to senior volunteer such as sick cats/kittens as the senior volunteer will have to make arrangements to get a vet appointment should it be needed.
- Liaise with senior volunteer about transport of cats/kittens for vet appointments should it be needed
- Keep track and remind fosters on your team of when they are due vaccines or microchip and ensure they know they have these appointments in advance
- Ensure fosters are following advice from either yourself or senior volunteers

Desired Qualities

- Kind, caring, patient, reliable & dedicated

- Empathetic towards cats and other volunteers

Desired Experience

- Previous experience in an animal rescue is very advantageous
- Have a good knowledge of cats and their behaviours
- Have a working knowledge of a smartphone or desktop

Other Requirements

- Be willing to advise others and guide new fosters – this can be done on phone or face to face
- Be able to commit to at least six hours in a week to follow up with current fosters and provide further guidance in specific cases
- Be willing to attend training and implement this training with your foster cases

As a CDPA volunteer you will benefit from

- Access to a strong, supportive community of animal rescuers throughout your volunteer journey with the CDPA
- A full induction, comprehensive training & ongoing support
- Experience of working in the Animal & Charity Sector

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.