



Home Visit volunteering

What is involved?

Home Visit volunteers assist our Rehoming Team by visiting potential adopters in their home, to discuss how a rescue animal might fit in with their lifestyle, and how they plan to provide for the future well-being of the animal once in their care. Volunteers are sent information about the adopter and should aim to contact them within 48 hours to arrange an appointment. After meeting the adopters, information is then securely sent back to our Rehoming Team, so they can continue with the matching process.

Home Visitors are asked to commit to a minimum of one visit per week – we aim to have home visitors scheduled with 4-8 visits per month.

What will be provided?

You will receive training at our rehoming centre, including one-on-one training on how to use our auditing app. You will be provided with a Bath Cats & Dogs Home volunteer badge and be given the opportunity to shadow experienced home visit volunteers. We will also provide a training manual as a reference guide to refer to for handy tips and general information.

What do you need to volunteer?

You will need to be a friendly, enthusiastic person who wants to make a difference in the life of rescue animals. You will be an ambassador of Bath Cats & Dogs Home which means you will need great communication skills and a positive attitude. You must have access to a car, so you can travel short distances of up to around 5 miles to an adopter's home. You should also have access to an email address and a smartphone - we highly value basic phone use skills. Also, you must be over 18 to volunteer with Bath Cats & Dogs Home and you will not be permitted to bring along any other person, child or animal on the home visit.

You will need to be comfortable with animals of all sizes and various temperaments which includes dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals.

Most of the volunteering will take place around the adopters schedule, so may include some evenings and weekends. We generally ask potential adopters for all members of the household to be present for the visit, especially children. The minimum commitment for this position is one year from the date of training.

How can I apply?

Please read the role description carefully and then fill in and return the application form.

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator works part-time, so please allow two weeks to process your application. We will give you a call for a chat where you can find out more about the role and we can discuss your suitability. Successful applicants will then complete an induction, attend one of our training sessions, and be asked to shadow current home visitors. Once you have shadowed for a minimum of three visits, you will be able to conduct your own home visits. Please note that the role is voluntary, and expenses will not be reimbursed.