

Lifeline Volunteer Fosterer

Our vision for volunteering

Volunteering is and always will be at the heart of Cats Protection. It is joyful and inclusive. As a charity, working in partnership, together we transform the lives of cats, people and communities.

The difference you will make to cats and people

Our Lifeline service supports people experiencing domestic abuse by offering a safe and confidential foster home for their cats until they can be reunited again. Our fosterers play an important role, caring for cats in temporary foster homes while their owner seeks safety.

Foster placements last on average six to nine months and you would be supported throughout this time by our friendly Lifeline team. You would also share regular updates and photos that the Lifeline team would share with your foster cat's owner, helping them to feel connected to their cat while they are apart.

The foster cats that stay with you will have access to your whole home but will need to stay indoors. Although the cats cannot go outside, fostering means their time in care is as much like home as possible. However, this does mean that our Lifeline fosterers aren't able to have pets of their own.

You can expect us to

- Make you feel welcome, included and respected in line with our [values and behaviours](#)
- Support you in having a positive and impactful experience at Cats Protection
- Cover agreed out-of-pocket expenses in line with our Expenses Policy
- Provide you with access to learning, development and engagement opportunities
- Support you with any veterinary, welfare or behaviour queries about your foster cat

What we need from you

- Meeting the needs of the foster cats in your care
- Maintaining our minimum veterinary and cat care standards which we will guide you through
- Cleaning and looking after the environment and equipment used by the cats
- Feeding, grooming, and administering medication (such as flea and worm treatments)
- Spending time enriching the cats' experience in your care, including play, exercise and stroking
- Liaising with Cats Protection volunteers, employees and vets
- Sharing monthly updates and photos of the cats in your care

Time expectation

Our Lifeline volunteers usually spend around one to three hours per day in this role, however this may vary depending on the number of cats in your care and their individual needs.

You may be just the volunteer we've been looking for!

If you have any questions about the role, please get in touch at lifeline@cats.org.uk for an informal conversation.



We are committed to building a diverse, compassionate and inclusive organisation where everyone can be themselves and do their best. We are courageous and compassionate in our purpose of helping people see the world through cats' eyes. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we are all for cats. Join the UK's leading cat welfare charity and help make a better life for cats, because life is better with cats.

