



## VOLUNTEER CAT CARER - APPLICATION FORM

**\* Please read the role description overleaf before completing. \***

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TEL No: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING TEL No: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please tick box applicable) AGE: under 18  DOB \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** 18 or over

WHICH DAY(S) ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER REGULARLY?: (please tick - ✓ - all that apply in boxes below).

Shift (requires 2.5 – 3 hours)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Finish by 11am							
Start after 5pm							

WHICH CATTERY LOCATION ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Market Weighton Homing Centre  South Cave Foster Unit (times more flexible)

PREVIOUS RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS OR OTHER SKILLS:

WHY DO YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WHOM SHOULD WE CONTACT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TEL No: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING TEL No: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## **CAT CARER - ROLE DESCRIPTION:**

### **Induction period**

All volunteers will be expected to work with an existing volunteer for up to 4 weeks as part of their training. As a result we request you to be flexible about the times you can attend.

Once new volunteers are fully trained to our satisfaction we will try to agree a mutually convenient time slot that is currently vacant.

**Under 18's** – As children require adult supervision we are not be able to accommodate applications from under 18's unless accompanied by a parent or adult.

### **MARKET WEIGHTON**

As the homing centre is open to the public during the day it is important shifts are completed by 11am and start after 5pm. Shifts require on average 2.5 – 3 hours to complete. We try to pair up volunteers where possible.

### **Scope**

Carers are needed twice a day, morning and evening, to feed the cats, clean their pens and litter trays, and give them love and affection. Maintaining hygiene in the cattery is extremely important, and all pens, equipment and the floor need regular and thorough cleaning. The work is moderately physical and involves lifting full litter trays and bending down to floor-level pens.

Socialisation of the cats is an important aspect of the role. Human contact is vital for these cats that have often had bad experiences of people – please take the time to interact sensitively with each cat.

Full training and a set of guidelines will be provided.

### **Skills**

We are looking for motivated people with a mature outlook who are willing to commit to a regular time slot. Applicants should be confident around cats, and able to cope with animals that are sometimes very timid or frightened of people. Please carefully consider the regular time commitment required before applying.

### **SOUTH CAVE**

The foster unit is not open to the public and therefore the shift times can be more flexible. However, the morning shift must start no later than 9am due to medication requirements.

The scope of the role and skills required are largely the same as for Market Weighton (see above). However, to volunteer here you must be very confident with cats, as you may be working with timid strays, ferals and sick animals that need to have medication administered.

Our isolation pens are also based at South Cave. This is where the most seriously sick and injured cats are cared for until they are fit enough to be moved into the main unit. It is essential to follow our strict hygiene procedures to prevent the spread of disease.

#### **How to return your FULLY COMPLETED form:**

- In person: Drop it into our homing centre on York Road in Market Weighton
- By post: Post to 'Caring for Cats' at the homing centre address at the top of this page
- By email: Send as an attachment to [contact@caring4cats.org](mailto:contact@caring4cats.org), with 'Volunteer application – cat carer' in the subject line.

**Due to the high number of applications we receive, we regret incomplete forms are unable to be processed.**  
Please allow up to 10 days to hear back from us.

Thank you for wishing to volunteer with us.