

Leicester Animal Aid – Community Pet Support Scheme (CPSS) Recruitment drive



Community Animal Care Assistant

Summary of project

The Community Pet Support Scheme (CPSS) was launched in July 2016 and provides elderly, physically disabled, vulnerable and housebound people with assistance to care for their companion animals in their own homes in the districts of Hinckley & Bosworth, Oadby & Wigston and Blaby.

This is a preventative community outreach initiative and aims to enhance human and animal wellbeing through sustaining the relationship between companion animal and human in the community for as long as it is mutually beneficial. The 24/7 companionship can be seen as an imaginative 'antidote' to the modern challenges of social isolation and loneliness.

Bank CPSS Animal Care Assistant

If you have a keen interest in animal care and a desire to support vulnerable companion pet owners within your local community we would like to talk to you.

We are recruiting for an Animal Care Assistant who is able to support clients who live within the districts of Hinckley and Bosworth, Blaby and Oadby & Wigston to provide practical animal care duties for owned companion pets.

Client home appointments:

You will be required to visit client homes by pre-scheduled appointment to undertake such duties as dog walking, basic pet grooming and providing transport for the client and their pet to a nominated veterinary practice. All relevant measures have been put in place due to COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of our clients and animal care team.

Safeguarding and monitoring:

This role does not include providing personal care for the pet owner but you will be required to monitor their wellbeing and address any concerns directly to the CPSS Co-ordinator.

Days and hours of work:

The CPSS Animal Care Assistant is required to be available for client appointments between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm between Monday and Friday. The minimum commitment would be for 4 days each week. Average number of hours each day is currently 3-4.

This position operates on a bank work basis which means you will be paid for the appointments you undertake but registration on the bank does not constitute or imply mutuality of obligation between either party; ie there is no obligation on the Charity to offer you a certain number of hours and no obligation on you to take additional hours (over and above your specified availability). Workers will however be asked to indicate their availability in terms of days, hours and location and based on this are expected to take client work with reasonable notice, often requiring ongoing and long-term commitment.

Training

The CPSS Animal Care Assistant will be expected to participate in an induction, training programme and undertake an Enhanced DBS check. On-going training may be required to enhance skills.

Essential attributes and skills

Domestic animal care experience (predominantly dogs and cats)

Confidentiality

Reliable and adaptable

Compassionate

Good interpersonal and a confident communicator
Sound organisational skills
Ability to keep accurate and concise records

Motivation and experience

Demonstrated interest in companion animals and experience of caring for them
An interest/understanding of the mutual benefits arising from supporting the human/companion pet relationship
Knowledge and/or experience of working with vulnerable adults
Experience of lone-working and able to work as part of a team

A full driving license and use of a car is essential together with valid, relevant insurance.

Recruitment

LAA is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults. Applicants should be aware that roles will only be offered subject to relevant checks which include satisfactory references and a Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check prior to appointment.
LAA is an Equal Opportunities employer.

The successful candidates must work in accordance to LAA policies such as Data Protection, Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults and Social Networking and Blog Policy and be expected to attend LAA monthly operational meetings.

A full Role Description is available and the closing date for applications is 21st May 2021. Please send a covering letter and current Curriculum Vitae detailing relevant experience and/or qualification to:

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Alternatively, this can be posted to Keely Short, Leicester Animal Aid, Elmwood Farm, Forest Road, Huncote, Leics. LE9 3LE