

Cattery Assistant Volunteer Role Description

Job Title	Cattery Assistant Volunteer
Location:	ISPCA Longford/Mallow/Donegal
Department:	Animal Care
Reports to:	ISPCA Centre Manager/Volunteer Coordinator
Time Commitment:	Flexible, but shifts are a minimum of four hours

The overall purpose of the role

Cattery Assistant Volunteers play a huge role in the rehabilitation of the cats and kittens in our care. Many animals the ISPCA rescues have been cruelly treated, and have had little to no contact with people or other animals. Often the ISPCA has in excess of 50 cats/kittens on site at our National Animal Centre.

Each of our cat pods has an indoor and outdoor area where the cats can have the best of both worlds. The open cat pod area has a chair where volunteers can sit to spend time with the cats and kittens, and get them used to human contact. Some of our cats can be nervous in a new environment or would have come from an environment where their welfare was compromised. Having dedicated cat lovers who can spend time with them hugely helps build their confidence and trust. The cats and kittens will appreciate the extra attention.

This role is mostly working indoors.

Principal Responsibilities

- Feeding cats, cleaning cat pods, emptying and filling litter trays and changing bedding.
- Grooming and socialising cats throughout rehabilitation.
- Spending time with cats and kittens to get them used to human contact.

Skill levels required

Previous experience handling and caring for cats and kittens is preferable but not necessary, as full training will be provided. We are looking for volunteers who are friendly, confident and comfortable in the cattery area. Good customer care skills are an advantage when meeting and talking to members of the public about the cats and kittens looking for new homes.

Benefits of Volunteering

Being an ISPCA Cattery Assistant Volunteer means being part of a well-respected national animal welfare charity. You will meet new people, and gain valuable experience working with and rehabilitating cats until we find new homes for them. You will also be working with an amazing team to improve animal welfare standards for cats in Ireland.

Volunteer Procedure

A copy of the volunteer procedure is available upon request from the ISPCA Volunteer Coordinator. All volunteers must be over 16 years of age for insurance purposes. No expenses are available. Volunteer should exercise judgement and follow Health and Safety procedures as set out by ISPCA Management.

Time commitment

Due to the nature of the role, shifts are required to be a minimum of four hours based on a rostered system.