

Rescuer

WILDLIFE RESCUE VOLUNTEER

You will be helping take wildlife casualties from either members of the public to one of our rehabbers, or to Sompting Wildlife Rescue or to one of the vets we work with in Worthing, Shoreham, Steyning, Littlehampton, Storrington or Horsham.

You may also be asked to take the casualty over to Chichester to Brent Lodge or to our rehabber in Chichester

Your location and availability will be key, so do let us know where you are and when you are free to transport before we sign you up.

You will need to be confident handling wildlife, ranging from small birds to gulls, and mice to hedgehogs. We will give you the equipment and training to do this, but it will be useful if you have previous experience handling wildlife and feel confident around wildlife. On occasion, a fox may need to be transported but special equipment and training would also be given.

The rescue may required attending the casualty and getting it safe and secure. We do ask members of the public to do this, but sometimes they are unwilling or unable so you may need a net or a blanket to pick up the wildlife and transfer it into a carrier. We would provide equipment, and the advice as to how to do this.

You will sometimes be in a situation where we have assessed the wildlife remotely and the wildlife needs to be returned to where it was found. This maybe a nest in a tree, or under a hedge or just in the vicinity of where it was found. So being happy to use a ladder would be useful, which you would always do as part of a team.

You may be required to take some good photos or videos of the wildlife before you transport it in order for us to assess where is the best place for it to go to.

You will be willing to follow good bio security measures, again training and equipment will be given.

Sometimes, the wildlife we rescue may die or need to be put to sleep by a vet. We consider all wildlife helped to be a rescue even if they don't make it, as we have still helped them. If you will find this very upsetting and hard to recover from, this role may not be quite right for you.

Most importantly, you need to be kind and compassionate to our precious wildlife, and want to be part of a great team that all want the same thing.



Fosterer

WILDLIFE FOSTERING

You will need to be confident handling wildlife, ranging from small birds to gulls, and mice to hedgehogs. We will give you the equipment and training to do this, but it will be useful if you have previous experience handling wildlife and feel confident around wildlife. On occasion, a fox may need to be fostered if space permits, equipment and training would be given.

You may need to go out and secure the casualty and get it safe in order to bring it to your home for fostering. We can give you the equipment and guidance to do this.

You will need to provide a calm, dark, warm space for the wildlife. This may be needed for anything from 1-3 nights for short term fostering. We will provide you with the information you need to look after it, and the equipment.

If you wish to do longer term fostering, you would need a large garden or a shed or garage to keep the wildlife safe, but also allow it to demonstrate its natural behaviours while it is in captivity. We can guide you through this.

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You will need to feed, clean and care for the wildlife in your care. We will teach you how to hand feed or crop feed if you would like to.

You will need to follow strict bio security protocols which we will inform you about.

The wildlife will need assessing and examining while it is with you, calmly and thoroughly, we have information we can send to you for this also.

The wildlife will only be with you temporarily, it will be returned to the wild as soon as it is able, so this needs to be at the front of your mind when you agree to foster.

Sometimes despite our best efforts, the wildlife casualty may die or need to be put to sleep. This is all part of caring for our wildlife, but if this is something you would find extremely upsetting and hard to deal with, this role may not be quite right for you.

Most importantly, kindness and compassion for the wildlife is what is needed, and the willingness to work alongside an excellent team

Transport

WILDLIFE TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER

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Volunteer roles