

Ten Lives Volunteer Position Description

Position title	Volunteer Cat Cuddler/Boarding Assistant
Description	Is this the best volunteer job in the world? Many cats and kittens come into Ten Lives scared, overwhelmed or needing some TLC, regardless of whether they are stray, surrendered or just boarding for a short period. As well as general feeding and cleaning, the cat cuddler role provides care, attention and stimulation for both shelter and boarding cats to make their stay with us as comfortable as possible.
Reports to	Supervisor
Location	Boarding
Hours of work	Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am-2.30pm
Time commitment	Due to the amount of orientation and training required for each position, we are unable to take volunteers for short periods such as one or two days or a week. In general, we ask that volunteers commit to an ongoing volunteering period of at least three months.
Responsibilities	It's important that these duties are adhered to and undertaken in a professional manner, for the smooth operation of the Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfort and pamper cats, e.g. cuddling, patting, brushing and playing • Develop knowledge of each cat and kitten (personality, needs, history etc) to be able to provide tailored support and reassurance • Settle new arrivals into their enclosure • Assist with feeding cats and kittens as per dietary requirements • Assist with cleaning, maintenance and set up Adoption and Boarding areas (litter trays, cat cages, floors, laundry etc) • Assist with taking photos of and writing personality profiles for shelter cats • Report all animal health and behavioural observations to Supervisor, e.g. cat flu, ringworm • Adhere to Ten Lives Workplace Health and Safety Policies and Procedures
Skills required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in feline health care or the ability to learn about feline husbandry, behaviour and health • Sensitivity and patience • Ability to work well in a team and follow direction • Attention to detail • Reliability • Affinity with cats and commitment to animal welfare • Police check
Skills gained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal care and cat handling experience • Knowledge of Ten Lives Cat Centre • Being a part of a not-for-profit organisation making a huge difference to feline welfare in Tasmania
Benefits to Centre	Thousands of cats pass through the centre annually and in kitten season (Oct-March) it's one every 30 minutes during our seven day a week operation. Having dedicated support in our Boarding area allows our animal care staff to prioritise surrenders and high-needs cases and increases the success of our kitties finding their forever home.
Benefits to volunteer	This is a great role for anyone who just loves caring for cats and wants to contribute to our cats finding their forever home.

Training	Ten Lives provides Induction as well as training on cat handling, Centre procedures and health and safety. Specific animal care training is on-the-job with Supervisors and staff.
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