



Tameside & Glossop Branch

WHO ARE WE?

The Tameside and Glossop Branch of the RSPCA, in common with all local branches is separate and independent from the parent charity, ie the National RSPCA. The easiest way to understand this structure is to think of it in terms of a Franchise.

There are 166 Branches of the RSPCA and every Branch is slightly different from its neighbours. They operate their own animal welfare programmes, which run "in tandem" with the National Society.

Each branch raises its own funds and manages its own affairs. The Tameside and Glossop Branch is run entirely by volunteers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TO CONTACT THE BRANCH: Tel: 07954122481

IF YOU WISH TO REPORT CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL – Please contact the RSPCA's cruelty line on 0300 1234 999

STRAY DOGS – The RSPCA does not collect stray dogs. Please call your local Dog Warden: Tameside – 0161 342 8355 (office hrs) 0845 241 7253 (4pm-8am and weekends) & Glossop – 0845 129 7777

INJURED STRAY ANIMALS – The police (Greater Manchester Police Force Instructions) may call on the services of a veterinary surgeon. If you find an animal, which is injured, please telephone the police in the first instance.

VETERINARY SURGEONS PRACTISING IN THIS AREA CAN BE FOUND IN THE YELLOW PAGES – Ask them if they participate in the RSPCA's assisted neutering and treatment schemes.

If you would like to offer a caring home please phone one of the following numbers to make an appointment:

07954 122 481 – Dogs

07764 514 095 – Cats

www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk Email: office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk



Tameside & Glossop Branch

(We receive no state aid and depend on voluntary contributions and bequests)

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Email: office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk

Website: www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk



Cat Fosterers' Volunteer Support Officer

ABOUT THE BRANCH

The Tameside and Glossop Branch is operated entirely by volunteers. We are small in number and always welcome new people.

The need to meet our ever-increasing expenses is an ongoing commitment. Funds are always desperately needed to ensure that we can continue to board the animals in our care until they find new homes.

VOLUNTEER – CAT AND KITTEN FOSTERERS

Volunteers are recruited to foster cats and kittens brought into branch care via the RSPCA's Greater Manchester Animal Hospital (GMAH) and Inspectors. These animals have often experienced terrible cruelty or neglect and as a result are very unsure of any humans they may meet. With care and loving attention almost all of them can be rehabilitated and go on to make wonderful family members.

VOLUNTEER FOSTERERS' SUPPORT OFFICER - JOB DESCRIPTION

The post holder's responsibility is to support volunteer fosterers in their duties by:

1. Visiting potential fosterers in their own homes to assess suitability to care for RSPCA cats and kittens
2. Visiting volunteer fosterers who have cats/kittens in their care on a weekly basis
3. Arranging any necessary veterinary appointments with the Animal Hospital outreach clinic or the hospital itself for follow up care, vaccinations or medical intervention.
4. Ensuring that fosterers keep up acceptable standards of cleanliness and any medication is administered correctly.
5. Distributing food and other equipment to fosterers
6. Undertaking any training provided by the Society to develop skills needed for this role.

Requirements of the post:

As Volunteer Fosterers' Support Officer you should:

- a) Have relevant experience in the care and management of animals
- b) Have an understanding of nursing or veterinary standards necessary for the care of young or sick animals
- c) Be experienced in managing people.
- d) Be knowledgeable of the animal welfare act and its requirements for animals in care.
- e) Have access to a private vehicle eg car, van, motorcycle and a clean driving licence.
- f) Be able to accept telephone calls from fosterers at any time.
- g) Be confident and diplomatic when informing fosterers that they are not performing well and offer further training to improve their skills or when explaining that their services are no longer required.

Additional information:

- Applicants may be in full or part time paid work or not employed, but **must** be able to accept occasional emergency phone calls or texts from fosterers at any time.
- Applicants will not be asked to or expected to foster or care for branch cats/kittens in their own homes.
- You will be responsible to the Chair of the Trustees and to our designated cat rehoming coordinator.

The branch will:

- Recruit volunteer fosterers only in the branch area and within travelling distance of GMAH or the outreach clinic in Bury and Oldham Branch's Rehoming Centre.
- Reimburse all out of pocket expenses including essential mileage.
- Adequately insure all volunteers.
- Arrange for volunteers to take part in any training courses provided by the National Society relevant to their duties.

