

Surrey Docks Farm

Volunteer Role Descriptions



Volunteer Role	Animal Experience/ Livestock Volunteer
Role Description	Animal experience/ livestock volunteers assist our livestock team with mobile farms and animal petting sessions. Mobile farms operate on any day between Tuesday and Saturday, while animal petting sessions take place on Saturdays, Sundays, and every day of the week during school holidays. We are seeking volunteers who are enthusiastic about engaging with the public of all ages. This role encompasses various responsibilities. For mobile farms, duties include: ○ Assisting in loading animals on and off our horsebox. ○ Setting up temporary pens at schools or community events. ○ Engaging with the public, providing information about our animals and our farm's activities. ○ Ensuring the animals' welfare needs are met, such as replenishing water and feed. For animal petting sessions, duties include: ○ Handling small animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, and ferrets. ○ Engaging with the public, allowing both children and adults to interact with the animals. ○ Answering questions about the animals. When there are no mobile farms or animal petting sessions, animal experience and livestock volunteers assist the Livestock Staff with all aspects of animal care, including: ○ Assisting with daily feeding routines. ○ Cleaning the animals' enclosures. ○ Maintaining cleanliness in the visitor areas through regular yard and path sweeping. ○ Providing exercise and enrichment for the animals. ○ Ensuring the animals are secured at night. All necessary training will be provided, and you will receive support from staff. This is a diverse role that involves interacting with people and conducting physical tasks, including cleaning duties, and requires a high level of independent work.
Role Requirements	Livestock Volunteers should: ○ have an interest in animals and their welfare. ○ have an interest in engaging with people of all ages.

	○ be prepared to get dirty and stuck in with routine cleaning tasks. ○ be prepared to work outdoors in all weather. ○ be able to take on physically demanding tasks. ○ be able to work independently. Enthusiasm and willingness is essential, skills and knowledge can be taught. We greatly appreciate our existing dedicated team of Livestock Volunteers, without them we simply wouldn't be able to have the animals. We invest time inducting and training volunteers and rely on them to attend regularly. As such, we ask for a minimum commitment of one morning/day per week for at least 3 months.
Role Frequency	Weekdays: Tuesday-Friday <i>Over 18 years only</i> <i>Full days (9am-5pm) or Half days only (9am-1pm or 2pm-5pm)</i> Weekends: Saturday-Sunday <i>Over 18 years only</i> <i>Full days (9am-5pm) or Half days only (9am-1pm or 2pm-5pm)</i>