



Role Title: Volunteer Animal Carer
Responsible to: Therapeutic Farm Manager
Hours: 1-2 hours morning & evening on a rota basis
Location: West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent
Age Requirement: 18 Years

Background:

Dandelion Time transforms the lives of traumatised children in Kent. Our therapeutic approach is family based, embedded in nature with a range of activities that engage head, heart, and hands. This nurturing farm environment allows children to build self-belief, strengthen relationships and develop the skills and aspirations for a brighter future.

Role Outline:

The volunteer animal carer will feed, water, clean out and generally care for the animals at Dandelion Time.

Main Responsibilities may include some or all of the following:

- Donkeys – Mucking out stables, replacing straw, replenishing food and water, ensuring gates firmly secured
- Sheep – Ensuring all sheep appear healthy, replenish food and water, alerting member of staff immediately of any visible issues
- Chickens – Ensuring all chickens appear healthy, replenishing food and water, letting chickens out and putting them away, cleaning out
- Guinea pigs – Replenish food and water, replace bedding
- Cats – Ensuring cats appear healthy, replenish food and water
- In Summer – water vegetable patch, polytunnel, greenhouse and flower beds
- Report any issues or concerns regarding the welfare of the animals **immediately** to the Therapeutic Farm Manager or on-call manager

Skills and Competencies:

You will, ideally, be a pet owner and lover and / or possess a willingness to learn.
You will be self-motivated and enthusiastic and able to work on your own or as part of a team.

You will be honest, trustworthy, and reliable.

You will be reasonably fit and willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Other requirements of the post:

Dandelion Time require all staff and volunteers to have a current Enhanced DBS check (organised by the Volunteer Coordinator).