

## Cattery Assistant Volunteer Role Description

Job Title:	Cattery Assistant Volunteer
Location:	ISPCA Centres in Longford/Mallow/Donegal/Waterford
Department:	Animal Care
Reports to:	ISPCA Centre Manager/Volunteer Coordinator
Time Commitment:	Flexible, but shifts are a minimum of four hours

### The overall purpose of the role:

Our Cattery Assistant Volunteers play a huge role in the rehabilitation of the cats and kittens in our care. Many animals the ISPCA rescues have been cruelly treated and have had little to no contact with people or other animals.

Each of our cat pods has an indoor and outdoor area where the cats can have the best of both worlds. The open cat pod area can have a chair where volunteers can sit to spend time with the cats and kittens, socialising them, to get them used to human contact. Some of our cats can be nervous in a new environment or would have come from an environment where their welfare was compromised. Having dedicated cat lovers who can spend time with them hugely helps build their confidence and trust. The cats and kittens will really appreciate the extra love and attention while they patiently wait for their forever homes.

This role is mostly working indoors.

### Principal Responsibilities:

- Feeding cats, cleaning cat pods, emptying and filling litter trays and changing bedding.
- Grooming and socialising cats throughout rehabilitation.
- Spending time with cats and kittens to get them used to human contact.

### Skill levels required:

Previous experience handling and caring for cats and kittens is preferable but not necessary, as full training will be provided. We are looking for volunteers who are friendly, confident and comfortable in the cattery area. Good customer care skills are an advantage when meeting and talking to members of the public about the cats and kittens available for adoption.

### Benefits of Volunteering:

Becoming an ISPCA Cattery Assistant Volunteer involves being part of a well-respected national animal welfare charity. You will meet new people and gain valuable experience working with and rehabilitating cats until we find new homes for them. You will also be working with an amazing team to improve animal welfare standards for cats in Ireland.

### Volunteer Procedure:

A copy of the volunteer procedure is available upon request from the ISPCA Centre Manager/Volunteer Coordinator. All volunteers must be over 16 years of age for insurance purposes. No expenses are available. Volunteer should follow Health and Safety procedures as set out by ISPCA Management and exercise good judgement.

### Time commitment:

Due to the nature of the role, shifts are required to be a minimum of four hours based on a rostered system.

For more information about ISPCA volunteer opportunities, please email [volunteer@ispca.ie](mailto:volunteer@ispca.ie).

