

# Wadars Wildlife Volunteer role description

## Purpose of role

This role supports the vital front line work of our team of Animal Rescue Officers. Volunteers in this role are trained to get involved with the collection, transportation and release of sick, injured, suffering or at risk birds and other wildlife to appropriate veterinary or wildlife establishments.

## Main activities:

- To contain and collect birds – up to the size of a gull – from within a pre-agreed area as requested
- To collect rabbits and hedgehogs from within a pre-agreed area as requested
- To collect securely confined birds of prey up to the size of a sparrowhawk
- To safely and lawfully transport all of the above from the point of collection to the nearest veterinary or wildlife facility, or release point
- To release birds back to where they came from, or if not, a carefully chosen site
- Please note: additional training may be provided to support the capture and transportation of unconfined birds up to and including the size of a gull – depending on local need
- This role will involve a good deal of liaison with members of the public, vets, and other animal welfare establishments

## Time commitment:

- Volunteers will need to be flexible in order to carry out this role
- Volunteers will also need to be able to commit time to attend a half day's training (with possible follow ups)
- The role involves a substantial amount of driving and lone working

## Requirements:

- You must be aged 18 or over and have access to a suitable insured vehicle, and have a valid driving licence
- You must follow Wadars policies and procedures for animal handling/welfare
- You must follow Wadars' health and safety policies at all times
- You must have an up-to-date tetanus vaccination
- You must be willing to undertake the animal handling/transport training provided by Wadars
- You must undertake follow-up or additional training deemed necessary to provide appropriate understanding and ability to fulfil the role
- You must be able to identify various wildlife and birds (some training will be given)

## What you will get out of the role:

- An insight into the frontline working of Wadars
- Experience of working as part of a highly dedicated team concerned with the welfare of animals
- Experience of bird, hedgehog, and rabbit handling skills
- Opportunities to get more involved with the work of Wadars
- Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed in line with the Wadars expenses policy

