

# ANIMAL WELFARE VOLUNTEER

<b>Role Title:</b>	Animal Welfare Assistant
<b>Brief Description:</b>	This is a position providing support feeding, cleaning and caring for our animals. This role is only suitable for those looking to get stuck in, and is perfect for those who want to gain experience working with animals.
<b>Where:</b>	Noah's A.R.T. 1-9 Borough Arcade, Hyde, SK14 2AA
<b>What's in it for you?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chance to make a difference.</li> <li>• Enjoy new experiences &amp; develop new skills.</li> <li>• Excellent training opportunities.</li> <li>• Reasonable expenses covered.</li> <li>• Be a part of an amazing team and meet new people.</li> <li>• Gain experience working with animals.</li> <li>• Opportunity to meet others who care about animals.</li> <li>• Improve self esteem and confidence.</li> <li>• The chance to contribute to the work of Noah's A.R.T.</li> </ul>
<b>When:</b>	Mon-Thurs 9.30-2.30 Fri 9.30-1.30 (shorter shifts negotiable) Sat 10-12
<b>Duration:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Main Duties:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help clean out the animal enclosures and maintain a healthy environment.</li> <li>• Prepare animal enclosures, including food, water and suitable enrichment.</li> <li>• Contribute to animal health checks and socialisation plans.</li> <li>• Handle the animals confidently.</li> <li>• Recognise the signs of stress in the animal you are supporting and identify strategies to reduce their stress.</li> <li>• Be confident in performing a welfare check on your animal and report any issues noted to staff at Noah's ART.</li> <li>• Recognise signs of illness or injury in your animal.</li> <li>• Be aware of changes in behaviour in your animals and report to Noah's art staff.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report any incidents such as nipping, biting toward self, clients or other animals etc.</li> <li>● Bathe and groom animals and clip nails if required.</li> <li>● Act as an advocate for an animal that may not be suitable or ready to work in the therapy environment.</li> <li>● Help maintain animal care records.</li> <li>● Contribute to decisions about an animals suitability for therapy work and to allocate them into a suitable category.</li> </ul>
<p><b>About You:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You have an interest in mental health/animal welfare.</li> <li>● You are eager to learn.</li> <li>● You have access to email and phone.</li> <li>● You are polite, approachable, and friendly with good communication skills.</li> <li>● You can volunteer as part of a team of people from different backgrounds.</li> <li>● You are committed to equal opportunities and treat all individuals with respect.</li> <li>● You understand, and commit to, confidentiality.</li> <li>● You are punctual and reliable.</li> <li>● You are able to take initiative and adapt.</li> <li>● You are interested in developing your skills and experiences.</li> <li>● You are passionate about contributing to the work of Noah's A.R.T.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Skills &amp; Experience:</b></p>	<p><b>ESSENTIAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comfortable around most animals.</li> <li>● Willing and able to clean enclosures.</li> <li>● Happy to help with the more challenging and messier tasks.</li> <li>● Awareness that there is a possibility they may have to confront the illness or loss of an animal.</li> </ul> <p><b>DESIRABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Animal welfare knowledge.</li> <li>● Experience working with animals.</li> <li>● Experience handling multiple different animals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>About Us:</b></p>	<p>Noah's A.R.T. is a family-run, community-based, not-for-profit social enterprise. It was founded in 2015 with a mission: to utilise the benefits of the human-animal bond to improve mental health and wellbeing in Greater Manchester.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will provide on the job training, a volunteer induction and access to supervision if needed.</li> <li>● We also provide invaluable training opportunities in a variety of areas with ourselves and other organisations.</li> <li>● We will pay travel expenses and other expenses within reason (to be discussed with a member of staff prior to making a claim).</li> <li>● We provide a friendly and welcoming work environment and are understanding of differing individual circumstances; we try to be flexible where possible in order to accommodate.</li> <li>● If you have volunteered with us for three months or more we will be able to provide you with a reference.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Requirements:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We ask volunteers to provide two references if possible.</li> <li>● We require a DBS check.</li> <li>● Volunteers must be over 14.</li> <li>● Volunteers are expected to complete the online induction as well as attend relevant training.</li> <li>● Volunteers must adhere to Noah's A.R.T. policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines at all times.</li> <li>● Notify staff if you cannot attend as soon as possible.</li> <li>● Understand that you represent Noah's A.R.T. when volunteering, and behave respectfully, professionally and courteously to clients, carers, Noah's A.R.T. staff and other volunteers at all times.</li> <li>● Take reasonable care to avoid injury to yourself or others and report any accident or injury immediately.</li> <li>● Take safeguarding seriously and report any concerns to staff.</li> <li>● Understand that you must not disclose to a third party any confidential information you obtain whilst volunteering which is not available to the public.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Benefits to Noah's A.R.T.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extra support for staff.</li> <li>● Improved safety of the animals.</li> <li>● Quicker identification of health issues and risks to/from the animals.</li> <li>● Animals gain the opportunity to be handled and socialised and allocated into therapy categories.</li> </ul>

**How to Apply:**

Please fill out an application form or contact [kate@noahs-art.co.uk](mailto:kate@noahs-art.co.uk). You will then be invited to a meeting with myself to learn more about volunteering with us and discuss your volunteering goals.