



BHWT Volunteer Role Description

Role Title:	Poorly hen carer
Role Description	<p>The British Hen Welfare Trust is looking for volunteers to support our re-homing days by becoming a poorly hen carer.</p> <p>On any re-homing day, we can potentially have up to 6 hens who are not considered suitable for re-homing immediately. These birds are held back for treatment where necessary but usually the expectation is that most hens will be suitable for re-homing after a period of rest and TLC.</p>
Where:	At your own home.
When:	Potentially high level of care for poorly hens during the day and evening, every day for a short period of time. Rehomings are held roughly every 8 - 10 weeks.
Main Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To communicate with your local team co-ordinator and BHWT staff.• As part of the poorly care pool of volunteers you will be asked to attend a rehoming day or to be on standby to collect birds at the end of the day if you live close to the venue.• Caring for poorly hens with various problems such as being underweight, poorly feathered with limps, or bruising and occasional fractures.• Taking on hens needing veterinary attention and on-going treatment• Provision of warm, comfortable housing for up 3 - 6 poorly hens separate to your own hens.• Provision of basic hen first aid kit (details to be supplied) which will be reimbursed.
Experience required:	Experience of animal care is useful but not essential as full training and support will be provided. You must though be confident with handling poorly hens.



<p>About you:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are compassionate and wish to care for poorly hens. • You are flexible and able to help at weekends. • You are conversant with and supportive of the aims of the BHWT.
<p>About us:</p>	<p>We will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new BHWT volunteers will be provided with relevant information, equipment, training and induction appropriate to their role. • BHWT will ensure the health, safety and welfare of all our volunteers. • Out of pocket expenses. You will be entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses whilst volunteering. • Vet's Fees. We ask our poorly care volunteers to give us the details of their vets. We can arrange for a charity discount and zero VAT rating to be applied in most instances. Veterinary expenses will be paid but visits should be pre-approved. • Reference. We can provide you with a reference for any volunteering you may do. This is available for up to one year from your last day of volunteering with us. • Rewards and Recognition. We will celebrate success and recognise loyalty, long-term commitment and dedication.
<p>Other requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally, we require an outbuilding, stable or utility room which can house a series of poorly hen dog crates. • Such areas should have power and lighting as occasionally hens will require checking or medicating several times each day and daylight may be fading in the winter months. • A heat lamp is also beneficial. <p>Are you comfortable doing any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strapping up an injured wing • Administering tablets or liquid medication • Tube feeding
<p>How to apply</p>	<p>Please complete the online application form or contact hens@bhwt.co.uk for more information.</p> <p>Once we have received your completed form our Volunteer Co-ordinator will contact you.</p>