

## Furry Tales Volunteer Procedure

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Furry Tales. Due to the unique nature of Furry Tales, we have developed a step-by-step recruitment process to ensure you are fully prepared and informed.

### 1. Application Form

This can be downloaded from the website, then should be completed and returned to the Furry Tales team, at [furrytales@stepneycityfarm.org](mailto:furrytales@stepneycityfarm.org)

### 2. Open Volunteers at Stepney City Farm

Once you've completed your application, we'll ask you to attend an Open Volunteer session to get a taste of life at the Farm. Sessions take place every Tuesday and Thursday, 1-4PM, where you'll have the chance to help out with animal care, gardening and general farm upkeep.

As Furry Tales involves sharing the benefits of Stepney City Farm with others, it is important to us that you understand how the Farm works. We ask you to attend at least one session before progressing to Furry Tales.

### 3. Induction at Stepney City Farm

Lasting 30-45 minutes, this includes a tour of the Farm, an introduction to the team and an essential Health & Safety briefing. We'll clarify mutual expectations through the volunteer agreement and give you our policies & procedures to read through.

### 4. Online Orientation

Visit [www.furry-tales.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.furry-tales.org.uk/get-involved) for access to our online orientation resources. You must complete all of these before attending a session.

### 5. Furry Tales Taster Session

The best way to understand what we do is to see the project in action - once you've gone through the above stages, you'll be invited along to a Furry Tales session to see how it works.

### 6. Furry Tales Training

Finally, if you enjoyed the taster session and are keen to continue, you will be asked to attend a training session to prepare you for regular volunteering. These will usually take place on a weekday evening.

After this you'll be a full member of the Furry Tales crew and ready to help us spread the benefits of animals and nature throughout East London – we look forward to seeing you on the Farm!