

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Pet Foster Carer for the *Endeavour Project – Pet Service*.

This application pack contains the following information:-

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| Profile | Background to <i>Endeavour Project</i> |
| Role description | What a Pet Foster Carer does |
| Equal Opportunities | For you to fill in and return with as much detail as you feel comfortable giving |
| Application Form | Your opportunity to tell us why you want to volunteer for <i>Endeavour</i> |
| 50/50 Club Form | You can support our charity by joining the 50/50 Club and becoming a ‘ Friend of Endeavour ’ |

Thanks again for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Endeavour is the working title for Paws for Kids, a unique and diverse support service, making a real difference to all those affected by domestic abuse.

By providing bespoke safety plans and support packages we empower people and their pets to live lives free from abuse with a positive and caring future.

We are committed to equal opportunities in all aspects of our work.

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Profile



Endeavour Project was established in April 1997 to provide extra support services to individuals and families who have fled from abuse at home and live in the North West of England (Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire).

PETS

In 1998 *Endeavour Project* was successful in a bid to the National Lottery Charities Board for three years funding to set up a pet fostering service. This enabled *Endeavour* to help these families access refuge knowing their much-loved pets will also be safe until they can be reunited in a new home.

Many people that suffer domestic abuse have pets in the home, and abusers these can be used by abusers as a tool to control and frighten their victims. Abusers will often harm or threaten to harm the animals, or even kill them, causing even more trauma to the person or family. For many people who leave violent relationships, the options open to them regarding their pets are very limited. Very few local authorities provide any facilities for kenneling pets and most refuges are unable to allow pets to stay. Unless family or friends can help out most pets will either be left behind (to roam or possibly suffer at the hands of the abuser) or be put down. This inevitably causes further distress to the family - particularly the children. There are also an unknown number of victims who stay in abusive situations because they cannot bear to lose their pets in the above manner.

Endeavour Project reduces the stress and pressure on families and the suffering of the animals by providing a high-quality pet fostering service for the animals until their owners are rehoused. This is done through a network of volunteers and pet foster carers who are recruited and trained from around the region. They are given support and advice on the care of the animals and all of the fostered animals are visited and monitored on a regular basis to ensure they are being cared for to a high standard.

Endeavour Project is also aware that many pets do not receive the nutrition, exercise, stimulation and veterinary care that they need and intends to produce a series of educational materials for the women and children about pet care. We ensure all dogs and cats are microchipped and encourage neutering for all dogs, cats and rabbits.

RESULTS

At the end of March 2016, *Endeavour Project* had seen:

- 1,865 animals fostered through the Pet Service
- 1,119 individuals helped by the scheme
- 1,372 children reassured that their beloved pet is safe whilst they are in refuge

VOLUNTEER PET FOSTER CARERS

TASK DESCRIPTION

Volunteers are essential for *Endeavour Project* to continue its work within the refuges and other types of temporary accommodation in Bolton and throughout the North West. Volunteer Pet Foster Carers (PFCs) make a real difference to the lives of people escaping domestic abuse and their pets.

Endeavour Project is committed to Equal Opportunities and everyone who fits the below eligibility criteria is welcome to apply for the Pet Foster Carer opportunity. Pet Foster Carers will also automatically become a 'Friend of Endeavour' and receive quarterly newsletter with updates on the work we do.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Experience and confidence around pets
- Patience
- Commitment
- Genuine love of animals

PET FOSTER CARER RESPONSIBILITIES

Pet Foster Carers will:

- Temporarily look after a pet belonging to someone escaping domestic abuse on behalf of *Endeavour Project*. This could be for a short stay of less than a week or a longer placement of several months, depending on the needs of the owner and your own circumstances.
- Care for the pet ensuring it has proper exercise and nutritional food, complying with *Endeavour Project* guidelines.
- Keep to appointments made with Endeavour for the dropping off and picking up of the pet and other monitoring visits – these will usually be at your home so we just ask that you ring the office as soon as possible to let us know if you are unable to be in at the agreed time.
- Be monitored and supported by a trained member of the Pet Service, who will visit the Pet Foster Carers in their own homes offering help and advice on animal care.
- To contact *Endeavour Project* office **immediately**, if there are any concerns over the pet's health or if personal circumstances change and alternative foster care arrangements need to be made.
- To return any pet equipment belonging to *Endeavour Project* to a Pets Service worker when no longer in use.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- A member of the Pets Project will visit all prospective Pet Foster Carers in their own home to complete the application form and discuss their suitability of becoming a Pet Foster Carer.
- If your application is successful, you will receive a confirmation email that you have been registered with us, and your details will be put on our database so that you will be considered when we get a referral that matches your preferences.
- When you have accepted a referral, our trained Pet Service worker will bring the animal to your home along with any equipment you will need and a booklet of information on 'Your Fostered Pet' which will tell you everything you need to know about your placement.
- If you have any questions at all during the whole process, please call us on **01204 394842** or email our dedicated inbox at **petfostering@endeavourproject.org.uk**

Endeavour Project welcomes anybody 18 years or over to apply to become a Pet Foster Carer regardless of age, race, religion or shoe size! *Endeavour Project* is a small organisation that hopes to develop and attract support from many different sources. We will endeavour to obtain funding to enable any person that fits the eligibility criteria to join our family as a Pet Foster Carer.

Above all *Endeavour Project* wants its Pet Foster Carers to benefit from the companionship and unconditional love that an animal can give, with the knowledge that their care is helping women, children and animals escape abuse and cruelty at home.

Endeavour Project is committed to making its services and opportunities for employment and volunteering open to everyone regardless of gender or sexuality, mental or physical ability, race or ethnic origin.

In order to ensure that no one is discriminated against, we ask all users of the services and job or volunteer applicants to fill in this monitoring form. It is entirely voluntary, but any information that you give will help **Endeavour Project** to make sure we are not excluding any groups in our work.

Please underline the answers that you are comfortable disclosing.



GENDER

Male Female Transgender Other:

SEXUALITY

Heterosexual Bisexual Gay or Lesbian Other:

DISABILITY

None Considered disabled Registered disabled Details:

ETHNIC ORIGIN

Asian or British Asian
 Bangladeshi
 Indian
 Pakistani
 Chinese
 Asian other:

White
 British
 Irish
 Irish Traveller
 White Other:

Black or Black British
 Black African
 Black Caribbean
 Black other:

Mixed
 White and Asian
 White and Black African
 White and Black Caribbean
 Mixed other:

Other ethnic origin:

Foster Carer Application Form

Name: Over 18 years old: Yes / No

Contact no.:

Email address:

Address: Rented accommodation: Yes / No

Post Code: Permission to keep pets: Yes / No

What kind of animals would you consider fostering? (Tick all that apply)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Cat: kitten <input type="checkbox"/> | Small furries: indoor <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cat: indoor <input type="checkbox"/> | Small furries: out <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cat: outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> | Fish <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Birds <input type="checkbox"/> | Reptiles / Exotics <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please give the below details of any pets that you currently have:

| Type of pet | M / F | Age | Neutered Y / N | Vaccinated Y / N | Behaviour / temperament |
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What other members are there in your household?

Not all pets are suitable for a household with young children. If there are any children that live with you or visit you often, please give their ages:

Are these children used to animals?

Would the pet be left alone for long periods of time, e.g. when you go to work?

Up to 3 hours Up to half a day (5 hours) Up to a full day (8 hours)

Where will you keep your foster pet during the day/ when you are not home?

Where would you expect it to sleep?

Could you take more than one pet from the same family?

Could you take pets from more than one family during a placement?

Would you be happy for a pet to receive vet treatment whilst in your care?

E.g. medication, neutering or other operation

If necessary, are you able to take your fostered pet to the vets?

What experience do you have of caring for pets or other animals?

What qualities do you have that you feel would make you a good Pet Foster Carer?

Have you ever adopted an animal from a re-homing establishment?

If yes, please give details

How would you feel about handing the animal back after fostering it for up to several months?

Sometimes pets that come from families where there is domestic violence can be traumatised. Some of the problems that have been encountered are listed below, what is your tolerance level for any of these situations?

1. An animal that that is very noisy for attention and/or because of stress e.g. excessive meowing

2. A pet that is wetting and soiling in the house.

3. Furniture and personal belongings being chewed / scratched

Please add any further information that may be of interest to us with regards to your application to become a Pet Foster Carer:

Where did you hear about this Pet fostering Scheme?

By signing below you certify that the above information is correct to the best of your knowledge and agree to these details being added to Endeavour's database.

Signature

Date

Domestic abuse is a very serious crime and so for the safety of everyone involved with fostering, all volunteers are asked to supply two references:

- 1.

- 2.

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Dear Supporter / Friend of *Endeavour Project*

The Endeavour Project Pet service runs the Paws Lottery which you may like to join, our lottery provides you with four lucky numbers. The monthly draw gives you the opportunity to win a monthly cash prize.

To Join the Paws Lottery

The Paws Lottery works in a similar way to a lottery except you do not choose your own numbers. Instead you agree to buy 4 x £1 tickets (on a monthly basis) and you are then allocated 4 numbers which you will keep for as long as you wish to remain in the Paws Lottery.

These 4 numbers are entered into **every** draw- payments will be taken **monthly** from your bank account. If you wish you can buy more numbers in multiples of 4. For example you could have 8 numbers in the draw for £8 per month and so on. Simply complete the Standing Order form and return it to:

The Paws Lottery, Endeavour project 26 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 8AP

When you're Standing Order form is received you will be allocated your numbers and Confirmation will be posted out to you with our thanks.

Prize money!

We have now sold' over 400 numbers the first prize is now £150.00 the second prize is £50.00 and the third prize is £25.00.

We are aim to 'sell' as many numbers as possible.

So Please return the Standing Order form to *Endeavour Project* today - don't put it off - every single number matters - your monthly contribution will make such a difference to the future of The Endeavour Project Pet Service. A Standing Order form is enclosed and others are available should you have family members, friends, neighbours or colleagues who may like to join.

At the end of each month we will draw out a number and the winner (the member who 'owns' that number) will receive a cheque for that month's prize money.

Winning numbers will be printed in the quarterly edition of Paws Prints.

Thank you for your support. We hope you will help us in this way to provide The Endeavour Project pet service with the long term support we urgently need to secure our future.

With thanks

Louise Morris

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Treasurer

Endeavour Project



Paws Lottery



I would like to join Endeavour Paws Lottery. I understand numbers are £1.00 each and are sold in groups of four at £4.00 per month.

Amount: £_____ per month by Bankers Order

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone No:

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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| To: The Manager | Name and Address of your own Bank |
| Please pay the following amount to: | Paws for Kids , 26 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4AP Account: Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 16/21/32 Account number: 10092084 |
| I agree to pay the sum of: | (amount in words monthly) |
| Commencing on: | Date / / (until I cancel in writing with my bank) |
| Please debit my account: | |
| My Account Number: | |
| My Sort Code: | |
| Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

Please return completed form to:

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