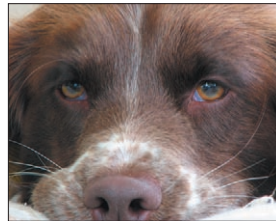




Thank you for thinking about volunteering for Springer Rescue for Scotland. All of us involved in SRS are volunteers, and we are always keen to have new people joining us, bringing fresh enthusiasm and bright ideas. This leaflet will give you some information about what we do as volunteers, and how you can get in touch with us if you are interested in volunteering.



The aims of Springer Rescue for Scotland are that every Springer Spaniel in Scotland should have the chance of a happy, fulfilled life in an appropriate home, and that every person or family that owns a Springer should find this to be a positive experience, and one that enhances their quality of life.



Volunteering

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Rehoming

Every step in the process of rehoming a dog needs to be organised, co-ordinated, and done by somebody! This means that we always need people throughout Scotland who are prepared to assess dogs who require new homes, and assess homes that are on offer to Springer Rescue for Scotland. Although it is best that these checks are done by someone experienced with dogs that can be as simple as someone who has happily owned several dogs in their lifetime – it does not require professional expertise. Again, you do not necessarily need to be an experienced Springer owner – those familiar with other breeds, especially the working breeds, are very welcome.

Transportation

Scotland is a big country, and not every Springer needing a home will find their ideal family on their doorstep! We therefore need to be able to move dogs about the country, sometimes a quick journey with one driver, but often a co-ordinated transport run involving several stages. If you have a car that is safe for transporting a dog, and either travel regularly in Scotland, or are willing to do so, we would be delighted to hear from you. We have specific information on transporting dogs for our volunteer drivers.

Foster carers for dogs

Not every rescued Springer is able to go straight to a new home. Sometimes a dog simply needs a bed for the night on a transport run, sometimes a dog needs a long period of assessment or medical care before they can be rehomed, and sometimes a dog simply needs to come into our care urgently, before they are matched to a new forever home. We need to have homes throughout Scotland who are able to offer sanctuary, stability and care to rescue Springers for a period of time. Although it is best if you are an experienced dog owner, again you do not necessarily need to have previous experience of Springers. And because our dogs vary so much in their foster needs, almost any welcoming home will be the right short term refuge for one particular dog. Please don't be put off either if you are only able to foster for very short periods – a bed for the night for a Springer can make or break a transport run! We have specific information on fostering dogs for our volunteer carers.

Fundraising and Publicity

All this activity, and the educational work with which we support responsible ownership, costs money! Some people are full of great fundraising ideas, some have great practical skills, and some simply have an eye for where a poster will get maximum attention! If you are interested in fundraising and publicity for Springer Rescue for Scotland, please do get in touch.

Expertise and Administration

Every Springer is different, every Springer needs a different type of home. If you have a particular area of expertise, be it training, behaviour, show dogs, gundogs, or other types of working dogs, then we would be delighted if you felt able to use it to benefit the dogs of Springer Rescue for Scotland. And all of this needs administrative support and co-ordination. If you are one of life's great organisers, then we can put those skills to good use!

Friends of SRS

We know that these days everyone is busy, and that not everyone has the free time to give to the causes they feel strongly about. Because of this, we have a friends of SRS group, for those who would prefer to make a financial donation. You can contact our Fundraising Co-ordinator Gwen Matear on 01875 320 523, or email: fundraising@springerrescuescotland.org for an information leaflet.

Your time and support would be incredibly welcome, and if you feel you could help in any way with Springer Rescue for Scotland, or would simply like more information, please get in touch on 07950 141074 or email volunteers@springerrescuescotland.org, or contact us via our website at www.springerrescuescotland.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

