

## **Dedham Therapy Farm CIC**

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At Dedham Therapy Farm CIC we support individuals with diverse needs, to overcome barriers to daily living using animals and outdoor activity. We are a small close knit Occupational Therapy team working collaboratively to provide a person centred service to people of all ages and ability.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an Animal Care Volunteer to join our friendly team. We are a unique setting, working with a diverse range of individuals. Based on the border of Essex and Suffolk, we pride ourselves in offering a therapeutic outdoor service all year round.

**Vision:** To empower people to develop, recover, or maintain their wellbeing through nature, animals and meaningful activities.

**Mission:** We provide bespoke, person-centred therapeutic services using nature, animals and occupational therapy to anyone who would benefit. We improve people's physical and mental health using Animal Facilitated Therapy and farming activities.

**Values:** Person centred, Collaborative, Inclusive, Open - minded, Diverse.

**Role** Animal Care Volunteer

**Hours** – weekday, ideally Wednesday or Thursday for 3 hours

**Closing Date** n/a

**Person specification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional skills/maths and english</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid at Work or Emergency First Aid at work certificate.</li> <li>• Fire Safety</li> <li>• Health and Safety</li> <li>• Manual Handling</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Experience/Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confident working with various livestock including, pigs, sheep, donkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs, alpacas.</li> <li>• Health and Safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working as part of a team.</li> </ul>
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have animal care skills and experience in order to work with various farm animals independently</li> <li>• Ability to prioritise, and organise</li> <li>• Ability to maintain pace in a high demand environment.</li> <li>• Be able to take direction.</li> <li>• Able to use own initiative.</li> </ul>	
<b>Qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivated.</li> <li>• Ability to work autonomously and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding of not for profit organisation.</li> <li>• Attention to detail.</li> </ul>

	<p>take responsibility for own actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive risk approach.</li> <li>• Ability to work collaboratively in a close-knit team.</li> <li>• Develop good working relationships with others.</li> <li>• Calm under pressure</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be willing to work outside all year round.</li> </ul>	

## Job Description

The post holder will

- To support the team by ensuring the animals health and wellbeing.
- Support and collaborate with team to adhere to all policies and procedures.
- Inform animal care team in the event of possible ill health of the animals.
- To feed animals where necessary.
- To carry out animal care or husbandry duties.
- Work within risk assessments to ensure safety of all.
- Work collaboratively with the rest of the team.
- Work autonomously, seeking advice when appropriate.
- Be motivated.
- Be willing to take part in team building and training.

### What can we offer you?

- A friendly working environment.
- Variety in your working day.
- Paid DBS

If you require any further information about our service, please contact us.

