



AWF Veterinary Nurse Trustee Vacancy

Would you like to help the Animal Welfare Foundation find practical solutions to animal welfare problems?

Do you have relevant skills and experience that would be of benefit to AWF?

Why not apply to become an AWF trustee?

The Animal Welfare Foundation (AWF) is managed by a board of trustees who are all qualified vets. Trustees have overall legal responsibility for AWF and agree the charity's strategic direction. This is an important role which requires a commitment to work collectively in AWF's best interests.

In order to better reflect the veterinary professions, the AWF is seeking a registered veterinary nurse and BVNA member as a trustee to represent veterinary nurses on the AWF Board.

AWF's mission is to improve the welfare of animals through veterinary science, education and debate. Trustees facilitate the achievement of this mission in keeping with the AWF's objects and in compliance with legal and charitable regulations. Trustees are responsible for providing AWF with firm strategic direction, ensuring its financial stability and safeguarding its good name.

Role Description

In addition to a comprehensive induction, you will receive support and guidance throughout the role both from the AWF staff and the existing Trustee Board. Additional training can be arranged in particular areas of interest and growth.

The role will include:

1. Scrutinising Trustee meeting papers and being prepared to offer thoughts and comments on them at Trustee meetings.
2. Assessing the merit of funding applications made to the charity in reference to the AWF's aims and mission.
3. Contributing to AWF decision making via a Trustee email group.
4. Representing the AWF at external events and meetings.
5. Contributing to AWF activities such as delivering student talks and overseeing leaflet production.
6. Actively advocating and promoting the work of the AWF wherever appropriate.

Person Specification

We are seeking nominations from BVNA member registered veterinary nurses who possess:

- Commitment to the charity's objectives, aims and values and willingness to devote time to carry out responsibilities.
- Strategic and long term vision in relation to the charity's objects and aims.
- Good, independent judgement, political understanding and impartiality and the ability to think objectively in the context of the organisation and external environment.

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- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
- Ability to work successfully as part of a team, communicate effectively with others and think creatively.
- Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Time Commitment

Trustees are expected to attend at least two Trustee meetings a year which are, for the most part, held at the AWF offices in Central London and the AWF's annual flagship event; the Discussion Forum.

In addition to this, Trustees are also encouraged to engage with one or more of the AWF's Sub Committees exploring particular areas of AWF activities such as grant making and fundraising.

The term time of a Trustee is 3 years after which Trustees become eligible for re-election. A maximum of two successive terms of office may be served. The positions are unpaid but trustees are reimbursed for travel expenses incurred.

Application

To apply please send a completed application form and your CV to Erika Singh at enquiries@animalwelfarefoundation.org.uk quoting 'Trustee Vacancy' in the subject line by **9am Monday 6 February 2017**.

Successful applicants will be notified by 3 April 2017 and will attend their first trustee meeting on 5 June 2017.

Additional information and the application form can be found on the AWF can be found on the website here: <https://www.bva-awf.org.uk/veterinary-nurse-trustee-vacancy>.

For more information or to arrange to speak to an existing trustee about the AWF's work please contact Erika Singh at erika@animalwelfarefoundation.org.uk or call 0207 908 6375.