



Member of the Board

Recruitment Pack



MISSION

Our mission is to improve the lives of dogs and cats today and avoid harm tomorrow. The Edgard & Cooper Foundation exists to end the suffering of dogs and cats.

In order to realise our mission, we currently focus on three key goals:

Stop the avoidable suffering of dogs and cats

Our first goal is to fund projects that alleviate the suffering of dogs and cats. We seek out partners who tackle issues holistically, addressing the root causes while treating the symptoms. This might include projects that neuter and vaccinate stray populations, and/or that provide medical treatment, housing, re-homing & feeding.

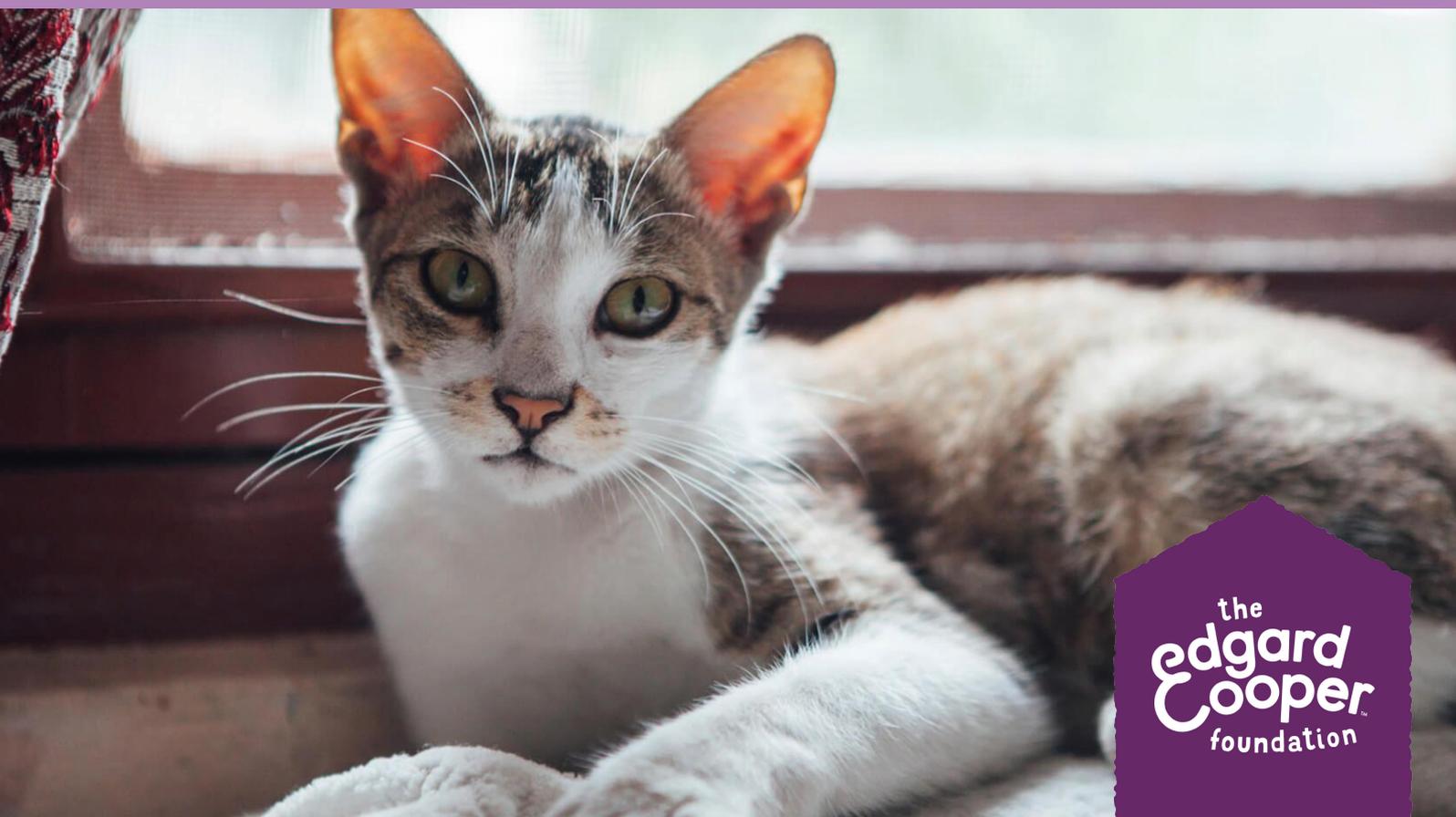
Help people understand what dogs and cats need

Our second goal is to ensure everyone interacting with dogs & cats - either as owners or as a community - understands what these animals need to feel good. We will seek out projects that educate and inspire responsible behaviours because this tackles the root cause of animal neglect and creates systemic, long-term change.

Champion the legal protection of dogs and cats

Our third goal supports the growing global movement to protect and develop the rights of dogs and cats. We will fund innovative work to ensure legal protection is implemented correctly, and to further support and evidence the Universal Declaration of Animal Welfare. More information can be found at edgardcooperfoundation.org

Whilst operating since 2016, The Edgard & Cooper Foundation undertook a strategic review and fully updated its mission, values and approach during 2019. Now, with a clear mission, vision and goals, we see the need to bring a new Trustee to the board, with a background specifically within Animal Welfare & Rights.





PERSON SPECIFICATION

It's essential to us that all persons involved with The Edgard & Cooper Foundation in any capacity have a genuine passion for the welfare for all animals, and fully support our mission and values.

Based on the outcome of a recent, thorough audit, we are seeking a Trustee with the following expertise and experience;

- An understanding of the broad range of animal welfare issues faced specifically by dogs & cats, both locally and globally
- A keen interest in the global fight for better animal rights, particularly concerning dogs and cats
- Significant experience working and/or volunteering for animal welfare causes particular to cats and dogs, including but not limited to; veterinary services, shelters, TNVR programmes, treatment of stray animals
- The ability to constructively and objectively participate within the organisation, ensuring we challenge the status quo and act without personal bias, focusing on finding the most appropriate solutions
- Prior experience as a Board Trustee would be beneficial but not essential
- A track record of prior involvement within philanthropy within animal welfare or any other cause highly desirable
- Connections within the realm of animal welfare philanthropy is also desirable

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Developing and upholding the mission and values of The Edgard & Cooper Foundation
- Strategic input on our Theory of Change model and setting our goals and key priorities
- Expert input on decision-making and evaluation of partners and grant-making activities
- Reviewing budgets and statutory annuals accounts, as well as reviewing and developing all internal processes; financial, operational and otherwise
- Reviewing and development of external communications when required
- Supporting the Positive Pawprint Manager with expertise and critical advice
- Review of staffing structure, including advice and decision-making on new board members and succession
- Acting as an ambassador for The Edgard & Cooper Foundation and paying keen attention to any organisations we fund through grant-making

KEY INFORMATION

Meeting locations

London / Kortrijk, Belgium

Whilst we would prefer to complete at least one annual board meeting in person in full as a board, we are also open to digital meetings.

Time commitment

2 - 4 Board Meetings per year, plus an annual Away Day.

From time to time, individual Trustees also work with the executive team on strategic projects directly related to their professional background and/ or lead temporary sub-committees. We ask for a maximum of 2 hours per month to support on this.

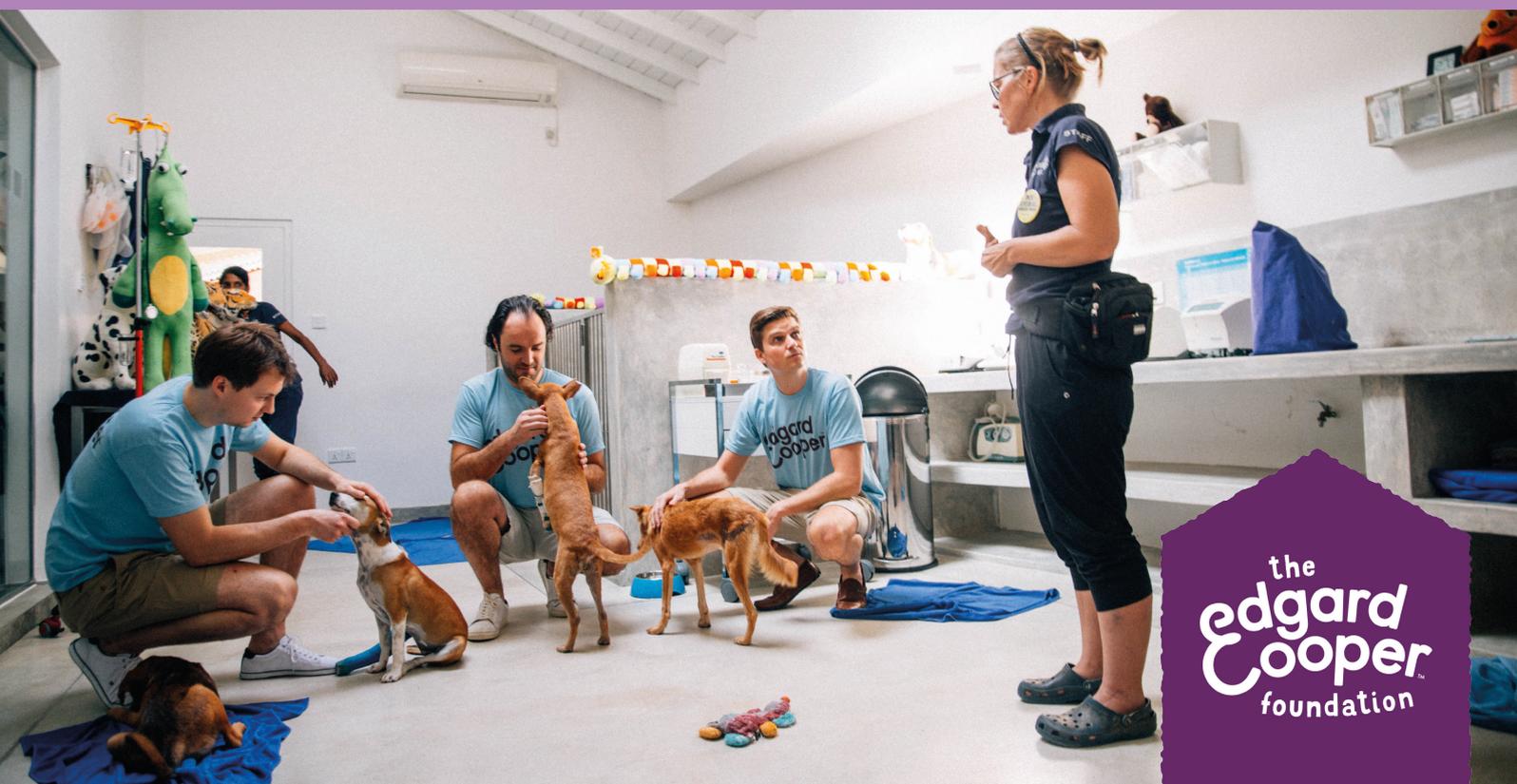
Remuneration

Trustee roles are not accompanied by any financial remuneration, though reasonable travel expenses may be claimed. We encourage sustainable travel and can supply advice on this as required.

Board terms

The period of appointment for all Trustees is three years in the first instance. Appointments may be renewed thereafter for further periods (of variable length but not exceeding three years).

To apply Send a CV and covering letter to barbara@edgardcooperfoundation.org
We actively encourage applicants from all background to apply



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