



Welcome to Animals in Mind® Care Settings

Fees Structure 2022

Overview – why we charge what we do.

The fees set out within are for all our care settings. We provide services for both adult and child residential care, for mental health units, acquired brain injury settings, dementia sessions within community settings, hospitals, hospices etc. We support people with a range of disabilities to enjoy and benefit from the interactions with animals.

We would love to provide our services as inexpensively as possible, particularly where the care setting is a charity and / or for disadvantaged people, and we work extensively with disability / SEN and other charities, where people from deprived backgrounds can gain access to our wonderful animals. We cannot, as frequently asked provide services free of charge, as although we are establishing as a not-for-profit organisation, our overheads in animal care, feed and vet bills need to be covered so that we can offer a first-class home to our animals, most of which are from rescue and have suffered neglect in their former settings. However, we will do what we can to make our sessions affordable and accessible.

Fees

Session prices per session	Price
Up to 90 minutes (Single staffed) Extra staff member	£155.00 £20.00
Two hours total duration Extra staff member	£230.00 £25.00
Three hours total duration Extra staff member	£300.00 £35.00
Four hours total duration Extra staff member	£350.00 £40.00
Five hours or above Extra staff member	Price on application
Potential additional fees	
Travel fees – services over fifteen miles from our base (NN69LB may be subject to fuel charge rates at the current inland revenue rate at .45p per mile. Journeys over 30 minutes may also be subject to additional travel time, of £20 per hour, but please do ask for a quotation. We will do our absolute best to offer affordable rates. We do not charge fuel costs or travel time to any care setting with a Northamptonshire post code.	.45p per mile

The above fee explanation shows the number of hours on site and we tend to limit this to four hours, although for local events, with certain species, we can try to accommodate other requests, as long as our animal welfare is not compromised.

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As the fees show, the longer we are in a setting, the more cost effective this can be, as we only need to charge fuel and travel costs for the first hour.

The main fee stated includes one member of staff, and invariably larger groups of people, or for example, where service users might be in day rooms and with some being visited in their rooms, we may need a second animal steward, but we will keep all costs as affordable as possible, whilst paying a fair wage.

Most of the animal stewards that work with AiM are neuro-diverse individuals or have disabilities. They have come through a work-experience programme or volunteering route with us and we value their contribution and pay over the minimum wage (noting that one hour on-site might be three or more hours in set-up etc).

A little about logistics

A typical 90-minute event will require us to arrive to site approximately 20 minutes before the event starts and allow the animals out of their travel enclosures and for some species into enclosures that give them the freedom whilst at the event. We usually build in sufficient leeway for us to give them around 10 minutes to settle into their temporary enclosures before we start.

We may need to occasionally let service users know that a certain animal is having a rest, whilst other animals are being greeted, or we may have to visit some with different animals across the time, so that we can manage the animals welfare. We appreciate the organiser's support in this, as both service users and animals then get a better experience.

Obviously, if an animal becomes ill or stressed whilst we are on site, it will be removed from being handled and / or if necessary, collected by another member of staff and taken home / to the vets, so we can not promise that all service users will get to see the same animals. If we are on site for 2 hours or more, we may ask to build in 5-10 minutes complete rest for all animals within each hour to ensure animal welfare.

We will need to carry out risk assessment (for humans and animals) prior to accepting any booking, so do appreciate a call as you are in the throes of organising your visit, so we can establish how to keep the animals safe, and which animals are most suited to the service users we will meet.

For further information on how to get the most from your visit please do not hesitate in asking.

We are here to help everyone benefit from the connection with our lovely animals.