



## How offering an Apprenticeship helped Petsville gain a valuable member of staff

**Petsville International is a 30-year old retail business with two stores in Kingston and Sutton in Surrey. The company employs around 10 people at both its stores and recently took on its first Apprentice.**

### **Sergio Foraboschi, Petsville International, says:**

“It’s great to bring young blood into the retail business, and the commitment to training that an Apprentice brings is a big advantage.”

#### **Demanding work**

“Working in retail is demanding – and I can’t think of a more demanding specialist retail position than working in a pet shop,” says Sergio. “This is our first Apprentice and he’s working out well. If we had the right job available,

we would certainly consider taking on another young person in a similar role.”

#### **An eager Apprentice**

Stephen works full time and takes part in many aspects of the business, from sweeping the floors to stocking the shelves and manning the tills if required. Feeding and cleaning out the animals is a key role and one which he enjoys.

“It’s a great job and I hope I’ll be here for a long time,” he says.

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