

Animal Ambulance Volunteer

RSPCA is currently seeking Volunteers who would like to be part of our Rescue Unit as a volunteer ambulance driver or rescuer.

There are a few options depending on your level of experience and skills.

- Animal Transport
- Rescue Assistant
- Basic Rescue
- Advanced Rescue

The position involves transporting injured or unwell animals as required and includes:

- Locating, handling, and rescuing injured or unwell animals
- Significant driving around the Adelaide Metro area
- Collecting and transporting animals from vet clinics or transporting from head office to Lonsdale shelter
- Generally interacting with the public while assisting animals, or to gain further information regarding the job.

When can I volunteer?

Flexible hours:

Job requests are added to a group message which volunteers can elect to attend if available:

- Rescues may be either during business hours or afterhours which ever you are able to commit to
- Using your own vehicle, petrol, and equipment
- Jobs will depend on your level of experience and training

Full day shift:

starting from either our Lonsdale shelter or Stepney Head office, you would be responsible for attending transport or rescue jobs that are allocated:

Monday to Sunday 9-5pm occasionally 7pm

- Access to a shared work vehicle with a mobile phone and iPad
- You may double up doing jobs with another Ambulance Volunteer or Rescue Officer or depending on your level of experience you could do basic or advanced rescues independently.
- Please be aware that due to the nature of this role we ask you to be flexible to an extent with your shift time – it can be difficult to judge the length of a particular trip due to changeable traffic or weather conditions.
- Preferred commitment of 1 x shift per fortnight for a minimum of 3 months. Orientation and animal training will be provided.
- Couples or friends are eligible to work together in this role.

Due to the time involved in training new Volunteers to become Ambulance Drivers, we are looking for those who will be able to maintain their commitment ongoing and are reliable.

What are the benefits?

- Assisting animals in need on the front line
- The opportunity to improve animal handling skills and gain knowledge of how the RSPCA operates
- The opportunity to learn from RSPCA Rescue Officers
- Increased awareness of our native wildlife and the issues they face
- The opportunity to make a difference
- Becoming part of a friendly team and community

What skills and characteristics do I need?

- Have a valid driver's license and the ability to use a GPS to navigate
- Good driving record
- Confidence in handling a variety of animals
- Proficient in emails and sending and receiving photos via iPhone or iPad devices
- Committed and reliable
- Be physically fit (able to lift 10kg) and comfortable in a wide variety of outdoor situations
- Attention to detail for paperwork admissions, and able to accurately listen and follow instructions
- Enjoy working in a team environment
- Able to be flexible and adaptable
- Excellent communication skills
- Confidentiality

Please note:

It is important to mention that you may witness animals in distress that may sometimes be injured. The capacity to constructively deal with this both at the time and after the event is crucial.

It is also a requirement that before handling animals at the RSPCA you have an up to date Tetanus vaccination.

I am interested:

Please enrol as a RSPCA volunteer <https://www.rspcasa.org.au/volunteer>

More info at <https://www.rspcasa.org.au/community-programs/volunteering/>



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