

Dog Care Volunteer

What does this role involve?

Morning role: (8am start for a couple of hours)

- Cleaning out the pens;
- Wiping down the floor and walls
- Ensuring the dogs are fed and watered
- Keeping the inside and outside of the dog units clean and tidy
- Ensuring supplies of cleaning equipment, food etc are kept stocked up
- Socialising with the dogs; stroking them, keeping them company
- Observing the dogs behaviour and reporting any changes or concerns to a member of staff.

Afternoon role: (core hours are usually 2:00pm- 4:00pm)

- Feeding the dogs their afternoon meal
- Ensuring supplies of cleaning equipment, food etc are kept stocked up
- Socialising with the dogs; stroking them, keeping them company
- Observing the dogs behaviour and reporting any changes or concerns to a member of staff

Time commitment required?

Morning role: must be onsite by 8.00am; usually finished by 12.

Afternoon role: the afternoon feed is done at 4pm; we ask volunteers to be onsite from 2pm until 4.00pm but this is flexible.

Some volunteers help every day, some once a week and some once a month. All we ask is that once you confirm your availability, you honour that commitment to enable us to ensure the rota is adequately filled. We can be flexible and accommodate shift workers who may have differing days off each week.

It is vital that volunteers turn up regularly and on time, notifying the SPCA in advance of any absence. Failure to turn up may have a negative impact on the care and welfare of **the charity's animals, and repeated absences will result in you being asked to leave.**

How will we support you?

Your contact will be the animal care staff, who will provide you with support, information, guidance and direction. You will receive an induction into the workings of the charity and the dog kennels, to ensure you are familiar with our cleaning and feeding practices and policies. You will be introduced to other volunteers who also care for the dogs, although there may be times when you are working on your own.

What you can gain from volunteering with the SPCA?

- Meeting and working with new people
- Develop existing knowledge or gain new knowledge
- The experience of using your skills and abilities to in an animal rescue situation.

Please note, depending on the current number of volunteers, we may not have spaces available on the specific day/hour requested. In these circumstances, your name will be put on a waiting list and we will contact if you if a space becomes available.