

## Volunteering with the RSPCA

Volunteers are a vital part of the RSPCA's success, and we value all our volunteers for the diversity of skills they bring. You may not think you have a special talent, but we know you do!

Just wanting to volunteer with the RSPCA shows a commitment to community giving, selflessness, and a passion for the wellbeing of animals. Reliability, dedication and a concern for animal welfare are also essential ingredients for an enjoyable volunteer experience at the RSPCA.

Every day, thousands of volunteers work in shelters across Australia in a huge variety of roles. At Tasmanian shelters you can choose from:

- The Cuddle Club
- Dog Walker
- Animal Attendant
- Clinic Assistant
- Shelter Maintenance & Repairs
- Gardening
- Foster Carer
- Reception & Administration
- Animal Ambulance Driver
- Special Events Committee
- Sponsor Liaison
- Corporate Groups

Volunteering at the RSPCA also allows you to connect with amazing, passionate, like-minded individuals and provides a real opportunity to bring about change and make a difference.

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For more information on RSPCA Tasmania,  
please contact the State Coordinator

[volunteer@rspcatas.org.au](mailto:volunteer@rspcatas.org.au)

or your local shelter

### Hobart:

553 Pass Road, Mornington  
(03) 6244 3033

### Launceston:

63 Remount Road, Mowbray  
(03) 6326 6333

### Devonport:

108 Tarleton Road, Spreyton  
(03) 6427 2566

### Burnie:

207 Mount Street, Burnie  
(03) 6431 3561

or visit:

[www.rspcatas.org.au](http://www.rspcatas.org.au)



For all creatures great and small.

**RSPCA Volunteers**  
Join the family and show you care

# Dog Walkers



## Why is dog walking important?

The Dog Walking program is designed to give dogs and puppies exercise as well positive socialisation experiences to encourage appropriate social development.

Dog Walkers provide much-needed love and attention to help dogs acquire the skills essential for establishing relationships with people and other animals.

Animals that receive insufficient contact with people, other animals and new environments may develop anti-social behaviour.

However, animals with appropriate socialisation are more likely to develop into sociable, well-adjusted and happy pets.

The program encourages interaction between the animals and a variety of humans to help avoid aggression, fear and other negative emotions sometimes experienced by isolated animals.

**Age Requirements:** Minimum age is 18, however younger volunteers may be considered if accompanied by an adult, and the adult is in control of the dog at all times



## Position Description

**Job Title:** Volunteer Dog Walker

**Reports to:** Onsite Coordinator

### **Location:**

The Dog Walking program operates through the following RSPCA shelters:

- Hobart
- Launceston
- Burnie

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Walk the dogs for approximately 20 minutes each.
- Spend time with dogs and puppies to provide positive social interaction.
- Have the opportunity to groom the animals.
- Assist the animals develop a solid foundation for interactions with humans.
- Other duties as directed.

### **Personal Attributes:**

- Must be physically fit
- Confidence in dealing with dogs
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Commitment to the welfare of animals

### **Length of Appointment:**

The Dog Walking program operates year round. Restrictions may apply if appropriate supervision is not available or if quarantine is in place.

Volunteers are welcome to establish a regular and on-going volunteer schedule, however dog walking can be a once off event or on a ad hoc basis.

### **Time Commitment:**

Volunteer Dog Walkers can dedicate as much or as little as they wish. Generally, Volunteer Dog Walkers spend



between 20 minutes and one hour walking the dogs. The program can operate any time between 10am and 4pm. Times may vary between shelters.

### **Support Provided:**

Volunteers undertake a full orientation program with senior management on site at all times to assist, support or to resolve disputes. For the safety of the volunteers and animals, it is a requirement that the driver's license of each volunteer be retained at reception until the dog is returned and walkers must also wear a safety vest at all times whilst walking the animals.

RSPCA Tasmania is committed to providing a healthy and safe workplace for all volunteers with all practical resources available to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements for a risk-free workplace.

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