

## 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

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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

# Vet Nurse Assistant



## What does a vet nurse assistant do?

The RSPCA is a non government, community based charity with a primary concern for the welfare of all animals - great and small.

The operation of veterinary clinics is a new addition to the services of RSPCA Tasmania, with the Elsie Cameron Vet Clinic, in Hobart to be the first in the state, opened 26 March 2007.

RSPCA veterinary clinics offer a unique perspective on the role of the RSPCA and veterinarians employed by the Society treat and care for all rescued or stray animals, and those brought in by the public.

They provide assistance to shelters and Inspectors and prepare animals for adoption. Services are also offered to private clients, generating valuable income for the organisation.

The role of the volunteer Vet Nurse Assistant is to provide practical support in the day-to-day running of the clinic.



## Position Description

**Job Title:** Volunteer Veterinary Nurse Assistant

**Reports to:** Veterinary Nurse

**Location:**

Vet Clinics currently operate only at Hobart RSPCA shelter.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Assisting in the preparation of animals for operations.
- Cleaning animal cages.
- Administering basic medication.
- Feeding and bathing animals.
- Other duties as directed.

**Personal Attributes:**

- Must communicate effectively and without bias.
- Confidence in dealing with the public and animals.
- Some experience in veterinary practices would be highly regarded.
- Ability to accurately follow instructions.
- Ability to work both in a team as well as with minimal supervision.
- Commitment to the welfare of animals.
- Ability to work under pressure.

**Age Requirements:**

Minimum age is 18.

**Length of Appointment:**

Volunteer Vet Nurse Assistants are essential in the day-to-day running of the desexing and surgical clinic. The role forms part of the RSPCA's year-round work, and it is anticipated volunteers in this area will establish a regular and on-going volunteer schedule.

**Time Commitment:**

It is a requirement that volunteers in this area commit to a minimum of four hours per week for a three-month period.



Generally, vet nurse assistant volunteers work from four hours (or ½ a day) to 30 hours (four days) per week, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, depending on their commitment and shelter operating hours. Ability to work weekends would be highly regarded.

**Support Provided:**

Volunteers undertake a full orientation and training program, but staff and senior volunteers are on site to support volunteers at all times.

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.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact [volunteer@rspcatas.org.au](mailto:volunteer@rspcatas.org.au) or your local shelter.