



Volunteer Posting
Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA)
June 29, 2018

Position Title:	Pet Visiting Volunteer
Commitment:	2-8 hours a month (minimum 2 hours/month, which is one visit)
Accountability:	Reports to Manager of Humane Education and Pet Visiting

Pet Visiting Volunteers provide opportunities for children and youth with special needs, students and seniors to interact with animals in ways that promote learning and well-being. Volunteers and their pets visit classrooms, student centres, long-term care homes, hospices, and hospitals.

Pet Visitors

- Volunteer(s) with dog(s); the dogs to be assessed for visits at various facilities
- Pet must be a minimum of one year old and have proof of current vaccinations
- Pet must be spayed/neutered and be able to respond to basic commands

This position will appeal to people who

- Are comfortable working with pet companion animals in the community and among strangers
- Enjoy volunteering independently
- Are available for a minimum of one visit a month
- Appreciate the well-being that animals inspire in people of all ages

Key Responsibilities

- Visit designated facilities at scheduled times
- Acquaint clients with the pet companion animal (name of the animal, age, breed, gender, funny stories or habits) and answer any other questions they may have
- Engage individuals to meet, touch and interact with the animal
- Monitor and manage the animal's participation and interaction to ensure the safety and well-being of both people and animals

Required Skills, Experience and Behaviours

- Successful pass of animal behavioral screening
- Understand basic animal behavior and recognize stress signals in dogs/rabbits
- Able to control pet through verbal command and/or hand signals
- Provide proof of current pet vaccinations annually
- 18 years of age or older
- Driver's licence and access to a vehicle

If this position interests you, please contact Denise Rowse, Coordinator, Volunteer Services @ 905-574-7722 ext.423