



## Volunteer Posting Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

**Position Title:** Pet Visiting Volunteer  
**Commitment:** 2-8 hours a month (minimum 2 hours/month, which is one visit)

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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
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### **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
- 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

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