



Volunteer Posting Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA)

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

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 ***NOTE: Visits are primarily Monday-Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm**
- Dogs must be at least 1 year old and have been in the care of their handler for at least 6 months to participate in our program
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered with up to date vaccinations (rabies and DH2PPV), 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 dog, age, breed, gender, funny stories or habits) and answer any other questions they may have
- Engage individuals to meet, touch and interact with the dog
- 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

If this position interests you, please e-mail Denise Rowse at drowse@hbspca.com or call 905-574-7722 Ext. 423.

The Hamilton/Burlington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HBSPCA) is a charitable animal welfare organization. Programs protect animals from people, care for abused and neglected animals in our companion animal hospital, kennels and foster homes, and promote responsible pet ownership. Approximately 2,000 animals are adopted every year.

Please visit www.hbspca.com and discover the miracles that happen every day at the HBSPCA.

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