

Volunteer Position Description

Position: Sitter Kennels

Departments: Kennels

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Location: 12 Kirkpatrick Street Weston ACT 2611

Hours: Opportunities seven days a week between 1:30-3:30

About the Position

The role of a kennels sitter is critical for the wellbeing and happiness of dogs and puppies in our care. Socialisation is about being with our shelter animals so they have the opportunity to have daily positive interaction with a variety of people. Familiarity with humans and handling increases the likelihood of successful adoption.

Key Duties

- Handling and socialisation of dogs and puppies
- Appropriate play with our dogs and puppies

Skills & Qualities

- Positive and friendly attitude
- Willingness to take direction
- Experience with dogs and puppies (either in a personal or professional capacity)
- Positive and upbeat attitude
- Willingness to take direction
- Attention to detail
- Enjoy changing and dynamic days

Benefits

- Opportunity to learn about different stages of interaction with dogs and puppies to assist in learning
- Increased knowledge of animal behaviour and handling
- Participation in a worthwhile cause.

Induction and training

- RSPCA Volunteer Induction
- Practical training session(s) with a member of staff

Mission

To prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection.

Vision

To be the leading authority in animal care and protection.

About RSPCA ACT

RSPCA ACT cares for thousands of animals each year. Our Canberra shelter is a leader in animal welfare outcomes in Australia. We are committed to finding a home for every healthy companion animal and we have no time limits, age limits, or space limits for animals in our care.

RSPCA ACT operates an animal shelter, an animal cruelty inspectorate, a fully equipped veterinary clinic, a pet supply store, dog training classes a cat boarding facility and programs to support vulnerable members of the community. We are supported by dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers who work to improve the lives of animals in the region.

Additional requirements

- Uniform Compliance
- Working with Vulnerable People Registration
- Tetanus vaccination up to date
- Six-month commitment to volunteering with the RSPCA

Sitter Kennels – Task Analysis

The role of a kennel sitter requires a degree of bending, sitting and squatting in small spaces. Occupants must be able to work independently and with minimal supervision.

Manual Handling	1. Lifting 0-10kg	Regularly	• Animals
	2. Lifting 10kg +	Irregularly	
	3. Bending	Regularly	Bending in and out of animal enclosures to socialise with dogs and puppies
	4. Squatting	Regularly	• Squatting to lift items in and out of enclosures
	5. Sitting	Regularly	• Sitting on cold surfaces such as the ground to socialise with animals
Work Environment	6. Works indoors	Regularly	
	7. Works outdoors	Regularly	• Exposure to weather (sun, cold and rain)
	8. Exposure to biological hazards	Irregularly	• Zoonotic diseases
	9. Exposure to risk of animal scratches/bites	Regularly	
	10. Requirement to wear personal	Regularly	• Gloves • Virkon mask

	protective equipment (PPE)		
	11. Exposure to psychosocial risks	Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Euthanasia• Sick or injured animals