

RSPCA Victoria Volunteer Driver

Animal Care / Development

Supervisor	To be advised upon appointment
Location	RSPCA Victoria - Burwood, Pearcedale, Epping, Bendigo, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Portland
Time Commitment	As agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set rostered day and / or on-call basis
Date Revised	Feb 2018
Approved by	Rebecca Hudson - Volunteer Engagement Manager

About us

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Victoria) is a non-government, community based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection. The RSPCA Victoria was established in Melbourne in 1871. Since this time, RSPCA Victoria has become Australia's leading animal welfare charity.

Volunteers are an integral part of the RSPCA Victoria team. They play an active and vital role in helping to support our work to improve the welfare of animals, and protect them from cruelty and neglect. Volunteering involves commitment, dedication and passion.

Role Purpose

RSPCA Victoria Volunteer Drivers play an essential role in supporting the day to day operations of RSPCA Victoria.

Volunteer Drivers support our **Animal Care Team** by transferring animals to increase their opportunity to find their forever home or for medical care/rehabilitation or transporting wildlife to dedicated carers for rehabilitation.

Volunteer Drivers also support our **Development Team** by transporting goods and donations for Op Shops between locations.

Our Volunteer Drivers are valued members of the team and every kilometre driven supports the vision of RSPCA Victoria to ending cruelty to all animals.

Key Responsibilities

RSPCA Victoria Volunteer Drivers may undertake the following activities:

Animal Transport

- Driving an RSPCA vehicle (VW Transporters) to transport animals / equipment and goods between locations. These locations can include animal care centres, specialist clinics, wildlife carers, animal welfare organisations, regional shelters, nominated driver meeting points and adoption centres
- Assisting with the loading/unloading of animals / equipment and goods
- Observing animal behaviour and reporting any concerns to the relevant staff member
- Cleaning and disinfecting the vehicles after use



Goods Transport

- Driving an RSPCA vehicle to transfer a variety of supplies and equipment including assisting to load and unload supplies and equipment
- Driving a vehicle which may include a car with a trailer or a 4.2m moving van/truck (car license required)

Requirements

To be successful in this role, the volunteer will possess the following skills and attributes:

Essential:

- A current full driving license
- Attention to detail and the ability to follow oral and written instructions carefully
- Strong communication skills and a love for engaging with people and animals
- The ability to work effectively in a team, while working independently
- A good level of general fitness; some lifting may be required
- As this role either a set day and/or is an on-call basis both flexibility and availability are required for short (2-3 hour) and long trips (8 hours)

Desirable:

- Relevant experience in an animal handling role with the RSPCA Victoria
- Experience or ability to tow a trailer/drive small vans

Training & Support Requirements

The following training will be provided:

- Compulsory RSPCA Victoria Driver Training
- Animal care, health and behaviour module for the animal transport role
- Ongoing opportunity to discuss your role and any concerns with the Volunteer Support Officer

Other Requirements

RSPCA Victoria is serious about providing a safe and healthy environment for staff, volunteers and the animals in our care. If you are interested in this role, we will need to collect the following information prior to you commencing in the role (see checked items below). By accepting this role, you give consent to RSPCA Victoria to conduct any checks as necessary.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Police Check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identity check
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drivers Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medical - proof of tetanus vaccination (for animal care driving)

This Volunteer Role Profile may be subject to change throughout the RSPCA (Victoria). We will notify you if this occurs.

RSPCA Volunteers contribute vital support to ending cruelty for all animals
Thank You!