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What will my main functions be?

The SPCA Inspector will have a wide variety of functions, and these will depend largely on the requirements of the specific SPCA at which they are employed. These duties will include rescues, investigations, confiscations, court appearances and routine inspections of all animal facilities in the district. Every Inspector has primary duties to be performed at their own SPCA such as daily animal checks, ensuring facilities are running smoothly and identifying primary animal care and handling needs.

Working hours

The Inspector does not typically have an 'eight to five' job. The work ends when it is finished – animals cannot be left to suffer, so an inspector may go out on a routine complaint and end up spending half the night at the scene of the investigation. When dealing with animals in our field, work hours are often irregular.

Inspectors generally have to undertake after hour duties on a rotation basis (if there are other inspectors). The SPCA provides a 24 hour service to animals in distress, and this service has to be operated by trained personnel. The inspector will have to respond to calls for animals in need at any time of day or night.

What animals will I work with?

Many people associate animal welfare work with dogs and cats. Certainly all SPCAs deal with the traditional domestic pets however our work goes far beyond the routine care of dogs and cats – the SPCA serves all animals.

Inspectors will have to be ready, willing and able to assist any animal in need, this will include farm animals, small pets, exotic animals and wildlife. The SPCA never turn any animal away.

The NSPCA believe that all animals deserve the same level of care and compassion. Inspectors must deliver the same high standard of service and protection to every animal they work with from snakes and fish to sheep and jackal.



Is the work safe?

Some of the animals we deal with may be scared, injured or lost and react defensively. Working with animals requires a sensible, kind approach by people who are able to put the needs of the animals above their own fears or negative perceptions.

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