

Fact Sheet



Animal Volunteering & Foster Care

Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community – and in this case, our four-legged friends!

The Campaspe Animal Shelter needs volunteers to help build a supportive and caring environment for the health and wellbeing of animals while in the facility.

Volunteer work with animals can take a variety of forms, and is able to accommodate people with different volunteering interests and abilities.

There are two main types of volunteering at the Campaspe Animal Shelter:

Animal Shelter Support –volunteering within the animal shelter facility

Animal Foster Care –volunteering through caring for an animal within your own home



Animal shelter support

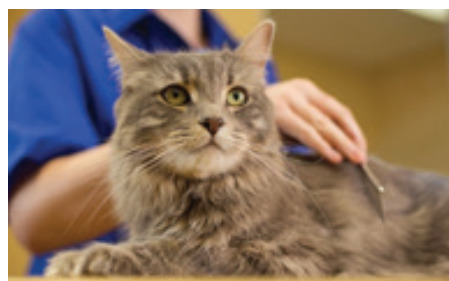
Volunteers within the shelter help provide an additional level of care for animals.

This is often referred to as 'animal enrichment', and includes care activities such as:

- Animal play
- Animal grooming
- Walking dogs, and other exercise
- Socialisation
- Developing materials for animal play

These activities help to keep animals in good physical and psychological shape, which also improves their chances of being adopted.

Volunteers only engage with animals that have been tested for good health and temperament.



Who is suitable for animal shelter support?

The profile for this kind of volunteer would usually include:

- A desire to volunteer
- Over 18 years old
- A love of animals
- Previous experience in looking after animals
- A general understanding of the role of an animal shelter/pound
- The ability to follow the guidance of facility staff
- A couple of hours free each week

What can you expect from this type of volunteering

Campaspe Shire Council has an established volunteer framework.

This means that volunteers will receive initial induction and training, followed by ongoing instruction and care.

Volunteers will remain under the guidance of staff while on premises to ensure health and safety is maintained.

The shelter is able to offer some flexibility to accommodate volunteers' individual availability.

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Animal foster care

Animal foster care is a vital form of support for any animal shelter.

The Campaspe Animal Shelter requires foster carers for short and longer term relief.

Short term means taking an animal out of the shelter for a short period (usually a weekend, or up to two weeks) to provide the animal with socialisation and a break from the shelter environment.



Longer term relief generally involves caring for juvenile animals, predominantly for litter of kittens.

Juvenile foster care helps a juvenile animal to reach the right health condition, age and weight required for vaccination and desexing, prior to being rehomed by the shelter.

While juvenile foster care requires expertise and dedication, it can be a rewarding experience.

Who is suitable for animal foster care?

The profile for this kind of volunteer would usually include:

- A desire to volunteer
- Over 18 years old
- A love of animals
- Previous experience in looking after animals, and a good understanding of their behaviours and needs
- The ability to follow a written foster care plan and the guidance of facility staff
- The time and willingness to open their home to an animal for short stays

What can you expect from volunteering

Council's volunteer framework means that animal foster carers will receive an initial induction and training, with follow-up instruction and care as needed.

A home inspection will also be necessary to ensure that the volunteer's home is suitable for fostering animals.

Two-way commitment

All accepted volunteers will become formally registered with council. Registered volunteers will then be scheduled or placed on call as needed.

Council is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of all staff and volunteers. All volunteers will be required to participate in safety inductions and training where required.

Further information on volunteering with Council is available online. Go to campaspe.vic.gov.au and click **Volunteering** under the **Live** tab



Contact

Location

530 McKenzie Road, Echuca
(part of the Echuca & District
Livestock Exchange site)

Adoption hours

Monday - Thursday	10am - 5.30pm
Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm
Sunday	10am - 12pm
Public Holidays	10am - 12pm

Shelter hours

Monday - Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	10am - 4.45pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Sunday	10am - 12.30pm
Good Friday	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed

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