

Career Focus

Canine Attendant



SENIOR CANINE ATTENDANT

Here's Taryn Gibbs, Senior Canine Attendant. She is part of a dedicated team responsible for the day to day care of the dogs and pups throughout the village.

The SPCA in Auckland employs about 60 full-time staff and is supported by volunteers who kindly donate their time to help our animals.

Taryn's tip for the job...

Enjoy looking after the animals that you care for. Get to know their individual 'personalities'. Care for them as if they were your own pet.

Qualifications

Taryn received merit for Animal Law in Animal Welfare Investigations. She also completed a Certificate of Proficiency in Applied Canine Behaviour, both at UNITEC. A huge amount of her knowledge and experience was gained through volunteer work at the SPCA

The Job and Where to Work

Caring for dogs and pups throughout the village. Including day to day feeding and cleaning, as well as giving medication to those that need them. Watching for signs of injury or illness and making sure all dogs and pups receive adequate exercise and enrichment. It also involves keeping track of what is going on with dogs awaiting court action as well as what dogs are to be temperament assessed and transferred to the adoption area.

Places to work are other SPCA's nationwide and overseas or boarding kennels, council pounds and vet clinics.

The Best Part

Realising that even when an animal has been put through the most harsh and horrible cruelty inflicted by man, it is still able to trust again.

The Worst Part

Seeing the pain and suffering an animal goes through. The aftermath of abuse and cruelty intentionally inflicted upon them and realizing what some people are actually capable of.



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