

Career Focus



SPCA ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Here's Todd Neal, one of seven SPCA inspectors. Todd enforces 'The Animal Welfare Act 1999' to assist abused and neglected animals.

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

SPCA Animal Inspector

Todd's tip for the job...

Know the law (in relation to animals) thoroughly and try to get some work experience with animals before you choose this as your career.

Qualifications

Preferably experience with animals, self confidence and awareness to deal with the situations and achieve the desired results. Todd is a warranted inspector; having completed a correspondence course consisting of 8 papers. This covers the law, its application and some practical training. Unitec now offers a 'Certificate in Animal Management' course which is a prerequisite to apply for an SPCA inspector position.

The Job and Where to Work

An inspector's prime function is the investigation of complaints and only a warranted inspector is legally able to enforce the Animal Welfare Act. This involves investigating complaints, giving advice, and generally educating the public. The job is rewarding but can be stressful, dealing with abused animals and sometimes potentially violent situations with the animal owners.

The Best Part

Going to complaints and finding nothing wrong and saving neglected animals.



The Worst Part

Seeing animals abused and generally poorly treated through lack of education, time and commitment.

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