



Volunteer Animal Ambulance Driver - Gold Coast

- Are you passionate about Animal Welfare and want to help defend the defenceless?
- Do you have a high level of **confidence in handling animals**?
- Do you have any **experience** dealing with sick and/or injured animals?
- Are you able and **willing to commit** to set shifts (a minimum of 1 x 4hr shift the same day each week)?

About the role

Animal Ambulance Drivers form an integral part of our front line animal rescue team. RSPCA Qld now has a new Ambulance to help with the ever increasing workload in the Gold Coast region. The new ambulance will be run entirely by volunteers and will provide much needed backup to the constantly overworked principal vehicle.

Qualities you will require

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and RSPCA are working in collaboration to improve the quality of care to ever increasing number of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife on the Gold Coast. Working out of the Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital, you will be responsible for receiving calls from the public and attending locations to assist in the transport of sick or injured animals. The Animal Ambulance will also serve as a community service, assisting with members of the public with transporting animals where they are unable. As this role often involves working with injured animals - it therefore requires extreme caution, application of skill and attention to detail. Once you have completed your training it is anticipated that you will be able to work autonomously (or assisted by another Volunteer Animal Ambulance Driver) in order to maximise ambulance functionality. Your duties in these situations would vary depending on your level of skill and experience. It is also important to note that if you are successful in this role you will witness animals in distress, so an ability to deal constructively, and to remain calm and concise in confronting situations, is of extreme importance.

Due to Workplace Health and Safety guidelines within this role, you will undergo ongoing training and would not be expected to subject yourself to dangerous situations without demonstrated appropriate skill and confidence. However, due to the inherent requirement of this position in the transporting and rescuing of injured animals, animal handling skills and/or high level of animal confidence is very important in the prevention of injury to yourself, your co-workers, and the animal in question.

Due to the nature of ambulance work, there may be times when you are on shift but there are no calls to attend. At these times you will be requested to assist with the animal attendants in the wildlife hospital.

Shifts

We are currently recruiting for Volunteer Ambulance Drivers to fill a week round roster, with choice of two shifts, approximately: 8:00am-12:00 pm and 12:00pm – 4:00pm (with some flexibility).

This is an extremely important volunteer role within the RSPCA QLD and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Hospital Team and offers a very real opportunity to make a difference to many animals' lives.

Skills required – Confidence handling animals; Current driver's licence (open); ability to follow direction; due to nature of work being potentially autonomous - a level of physical health is required along with the ability to lift and restrain animals; ability to problem solve. It is also important to mention that you will witness animals in distress that may sometimes be injured. The ability to constructively deal with this both at the time and after the event is crucial. Lastly, as the co-function of the Ambulance in this Region will be public service, an ability to communicate effectively to people of a variety of background, in a variety of situations, is integral.

Skills to be gained – Knowledge of the Animal Care & Protection Act 2001 (ACPA), basic operational understanding of the RSPCA Inspectorate and RSPCA Qld; experience in a unique animal rescue role; further animal handling skills and basic animal first aid.

Benefits – Relevant experience in the Animal Care field; ability to assist animals in need on the front line; learn from an experienced RSPCA Ambulance Officer; be part of a highly respected team and be eligible for all RSPCA Volunteer Rescue Team; Member benefits including the Reward & Recognition Program.

Volunteer characteristics required – Must be over 18 years old. Confidence; commitment; dedication; reliability; and, willingness to be a passionate advocate for animal welfare in Queensland.

How to apply

If this sounds like you, please contact Gold Coast Volunteering as soon as possible on 07 5526 2811 and advise them you would be interested in this position.