



## Volunteer Role Description

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## K9 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PET VISITATION TEAM

Are you a caring person willing to meet new people? Do you have a friendly, well-mannered and obedient dog? If you and your dog would enjoy visiting citizens in our community who would benefit from Pet Visitation, then is the perfect match for you! We are seeking Pet Visitation Teams (owner and dog) who are willing to offer companionship and friendly conversation to patients and residents of our partner agencies (hospitals, long term care facilities, etc.).

### **Prerequisites/necessary skills:**

1. Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
2. Dog must be a minimum of 1 year of age.
3. Owners must have owned their dogs for a minimum of 6 months.
4. Dog must have up-to-date immunizations (or current titre test results).
5. Successful completion of the Pet Visitation Orientation session and Evaluation Test.
6. Complete 2 visitation sessions with a volunteer mentor.
7. Comfortable meeting new people in a variety of care facilities.
8. Provide a current Police Information Check for the Vulnerable Persons Sector.
9. Complete application and orientation processes as outlined by partner agency.
10. Due to limited resources, volunteers must be able to complete all job requirements without direct assistance from RDSPCA staff.

### **Duties:**

- Record all hours on the Volunteer Time Sheet and submit to Volunteer Coordinator monthly.
- Ensure Visitation Team is neat in appearance, well groomed and clean.
- Attend visitation sessions as agreed in a punctual and consistent manner.
- Wear uniform and name tags as supplied for both volunteer and their dog.
- Strictly adhere to all volunteer protocols as outlined by partner agencies.

**Commitment:** Minimum of 3 months of service.

**Frequency of sessions:** Weekly, or as outlined by partner agency

**Session length:** Minimum of 1 hour.

**Accessibility:** Varies depending on Partner Agency requirements