

## What's in it for me?

Volunteering with SPCA is a great way to meet like-minded kids and adults who share your enthusiasm for animals and their welfare, and become part of our SPCA community. There are lots of other benefits too:

- > Gaining new skills or developing existing ones
- > The chance to try out something new
- > Doing something useful and rewarding for animals in need
- > Gaining a sense of achievement
- > Giving something back to your community
- > Developing communication skills and confidence

The opportunities to learn are endless, and the more you put into your volunteer role the more you will get out of it.



## FAQ's

### How old do I have to be to volunteer?

- > To volunteer on-site at any of our SPCA Centres, you need to be at least 16 years old. Our Op Shops take volunteers 15 years and up. However, if you are younger than 15, there are many other ways to get involved! More on the inside of this flyer.

### Do I need prior experience to volunteer?

- > No prior experience necessary! We provide all training, materials and guidance in whatever you need.

### Can my school get involved?

- > Absolutely! Your school is welcome to support SPCA through fundraising – you can join SPCA events, create your own or organise donation drives. Also, ask your teacher to visit SPCA's Teachers' Portal for free teaching and learning resources, levelled from early learning to Year 9: [www.sPCA.nz/teachers](http://www.sPCA.nz/teachers)

For more information, please scan the QR code or head to [www.sPCA.nz/kids](http://www.sPCA.nz/kids)



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# Volunteering with SPCA





## Make Enrichment Toys

Animals need enrichment to keep them mentally and physically fit. You can help by making fun enrichment toys that will provide SPCA animals with entertainment and exercise throughout the day. There are plenty of toys to choose from on our Kids' Portal, and they are a HUGE help. [www.sPCA.nz/thingstomake](http://www.sPCA.nz/thingstomake)

## Donate Goods

You could raise awareness about SPCA and organise a donation drive at your school. You could create posters to display around school, add a notice in your school's newsletter and collect much needed items like towels, blankets, and toys for animals in SPCA care, or kitten and puppy food that we can give out to animals in need in your community.

## Fundraise

You could hold a school fundraiser such as a mufti day or bake sale, and/or participate in one of our annual events, such as Cupcake Day or Pets of the Year. [www.sPCA.nz/take-part](http://www.sPCA.nz/take-part)



## Foster

Your family may also be interested in becoming a foster family.

Fostering is when volunteers give animals a temporary home and provide them with care, medical treatment (if required) and socialisation before they are ready to find their new forever home. SPCA supplies everything you need to be a foster family.

To foster for SPCA, the person taking responsibility for foster animals needs to be at least 18 years old. However, your parent or guardian can take this role and support you with your fostering duties.

[www.sPCA.nz/fosterparent](http://www.sPCA.nz/fosterparent)

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## Duke of Ed & William Pike Challenge

Completing The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award or William Pike Challenge? Complete your volunteer service hours with SPCA. We are happy to be your assessor, email [education@sPCA.nz](mailto:education@sPCA.nz) for more information. We would love to see photos of your voluntary work and you could even be featured on SPCA's Kids' Portal or in the next issue of Kind Matters!

