



Career as an Inspector

Introduction

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a non-governmental organisation. It is an animal welfare organisation and is registered as non-profit organisation. The SPCA movement is dependent on public funding and donations. No government funding is received. Any income received from Municipalities is not a grant but payment for services rendered such as enforcing by-laws or the collection of strays.

There are over 70 registered individual SPCAs throughout South Africa, all falling under the National Council of SPCA (NSPCA). The SPCA movement enforces over 90% of animal welfare legislation within South Africa. We are involved in all fields where there are animals. We strive to improve the lives and welfare of animals through education and law enforcement.

The functions of an Inspector are broad-based, requiring commitment, the ability to be objective and the willingness to learn. The Inspector has a critical role in animal welfare, and carries out a variety of functions from sensitising children to compassion for animals to educating members of public with regard to correct animal handling and care; from handling all animals to inspecting circuses, abattoirs and saleyards; from rescuing animals to investigating and laying criminal charges against people who have perpetrated deliberate or negligent acts of cruelty.



How to become a SPCA inspector

The SPCA Inspector has to be a highly trained and skilled person who is able to deal with both people and animals. A training process has to be followed and only candidates who pass the national examinations will qualify and be recognised as an Inspector or Senior Inspector.

Basic requirements

- ✓ A Minimum age is 18 years
- ✓ No criminal record
- ✓ Valid, unendorsed driver's licence is required
- ✓ Minimum academic qualification Grade 12 equivalent
- ✓ Must have been working at an SPCA for at least 6 months and be nominated by their Society to attend a training course.

Candidates should be:-

- Able to express themselves well in both verbal and written communications
- Have an outgoing, friendly but also authoritative personality
- Emotionally stable
- Physically fit, able and in good health
- Courageous and determined
- Self-motivated and hard working
- Honest and reliable
- Socially and environmentally aware
- Willing to learn and share knowledge
- Caring and Compassionate
- Should have a desire to work with animals
- Fully compliant with the SPCA Statement of Policy