How to begin training as an Inspector

Candidates need to be working for an SPCA where they must serve a probationary period of at least 6 months either as volunteer or paid member of staff. When the candidate is considered ready, the SPCA will book him or her in with the National SPCA where he or she will write an entrance examination. Once this is successfully completed this will give the candidate entrance to the Inspectors Training Course.

Attending the inspectors training course

The trainee must attend a two-week Inspectors Training Course (at the NSPCA offices in Gauteng) and the trainees are required to attend all lectures and practicals as well as undertake a variety of tasks during this time period.

At the end of this period an examination must be written which has to be passed before the candidate can move on to the next stage of the requirements.

Assignment:-

Once inspectors have successfully attended the course and passed the examination they have to successfully complete a written assignment.

Final Requirements

The trainee is also required to qualify as an Animal Welfare Assistant, which legally enables him or her to perform certain basic functions in terms of the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) requirements. In addition they must complete competency in assisting Farm Animals and Equine.

Once the trainee has successfully completed this, he or she will then be authorised as an Inspector and will be able to enforce legislation and be fully operational.

Your career keeps growing:-

After 3 years you may be eligible to apply for the Senior Inspectors Training course. There are specific requirements that must be fulfilled in order to attend. This is a very challenging course and Inspectors have to put in an enormous amount of studying, practical work and of course participate fully if they want to attempt to qualify.

Keeping up to date:-

All inspectors have to attend refresher courses every five years to ensure they keep abreast of new developments in all aspects of our work.

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