

Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter houses lost dogs and cats from the Hawkesbury, Penrith and Hills Council areas as well as accepting surrendered dogs and cats from any Council area.

If you have lost a cat or a dog from one of these Council areas we suggest you call into the Shelter to see if your pet is there.

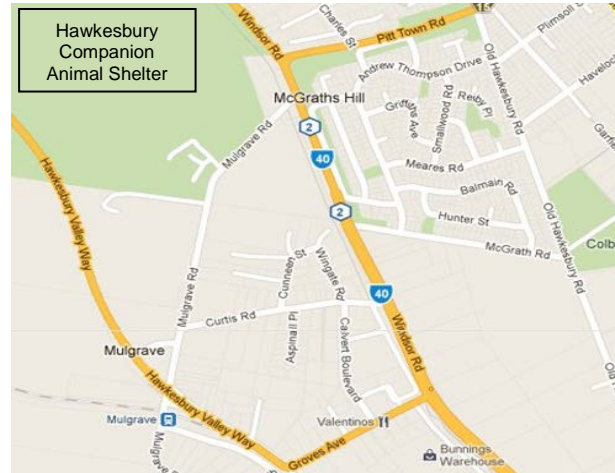
You can also look on the Shelter's website where photos of all the animals that are currently at the Shelter are displayed.

Visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to the Companion Animal Shelter to view the cats and dogs that are available.

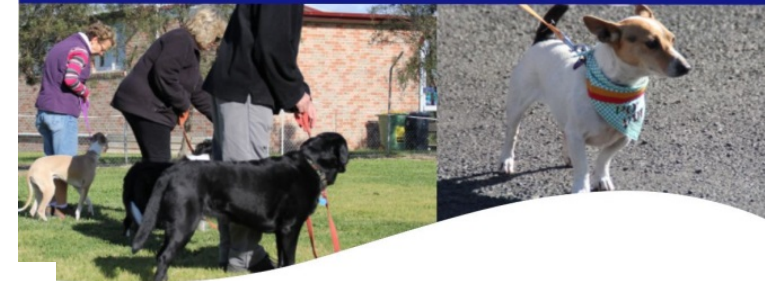
All volunteers must be over the age of 16 years with those under 18 years requiring parental/guardian consent.

Where is the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter?

The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter is located at 10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave NSW.



How do I become a Companion Animal Shelter Volunteer?



This document contains important information.
If you do not understand it, contact the
Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450.



Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

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Phone: (02) 4560 4644
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Council Website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-12:30pm and
2pm-4:30pm
Saturday 9:30am-11:30am
Sunday 7am-9am
Public Holidays 7am-9am



What is involved in becoming a Companion Animal Shelter Volunteer?

Volunteers are an important part of the Hawkesbury Animal Shelter Structure. Volunteers assist in the day to day running of the facility and with the care and maintenance of the animals.

There are no joining or membership fees.

Volunteers are a part of the Regulatory Services Branch of Hawkesbury City Council and are bound to comply with Council's Policies and Procedures as well as all reasonable directions from Shelter staff.

This is to ensure consistency and compliance with legislation.

No previous qualifications or training is required to join.

How do I become a Volunteer?

- Contact the Companion Animal Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator on (02) 4560 4644.
- Undergo an induction/training program so that we can comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Complete the probation period and become a fully fledged volunteer.
- Donate your time at a rate that suits your personal life.

Why should I become a Volunteer?

There are many benefits of being a volunteer:

- The satisfaction that comes from relieving the suffering that is occurring to domestic animals in the community.
- Locating a lost pet's owners or finding them new homes.
- Making new friends who share similar interests.
- Being actively involved in an organisation with responsibility for dealing with animal related issues in our community.
- Being recognised by the community for your efforts.
- Receiving experience and training that can develop and improve skills that are helpful in your professional and personal life.

There are also some pitfalls you should be aware of:

- Some animals that come into our care are eventually euthanised. Some volunteers have difficulty dealing with this fact, especially after they have been caring for them.
- Working with animals involves a lot of cleaning and dealing with body waste.
- Working with animals also involves outdoor work in all climates.

What jobs will a Volunteer do?

Each of these activities has its own special needs and we provide you in training and supervision to get you started.

Animal Attendants

Animal Attendant Volunteers are involved in the kennels, puppy runs and cattery, looking after the animals' daily needs, cleaning and feeding.

This is the largest and most important task of all.

Animal Socialisers

Spending time with the animals and giving them training will make them a better pet for their future family.

Animal Socialiser Volunteers also groom and make the animals presentable to the public.

Dog Walkers

Exercise the dogs that are suitable to be walked on a leash is very important.

Daily exercise for health benefits and reinforcing good walking behaviour will make a more suitable pet of the animal.