

Working with animals is a challenging yet rewarding occupation. While you need to be passionate about taking care of animals, you must also possess good people skills as often times the role involves working and interacting with other people. Following is a list of skills and qualities needed to work with animals:

Generalist skills/qualities:

Good communication skills

Specialist Skills and qualities for a role in animal care are:

- Patience
- Knowledgeable about animal habits and needs
- Commitment to working the agreed upon hours
- No animal allergies

Through a volunteering role in animal care, one can expect to gain following transferable skills:

- Self-awareness (knowing one's strength and weaknesses)
- * Attention to detail
- Commitment and motivation
- Willingness to accept responsibility.

