

## BC SPCA Farm Animal Department: SPCA Certified Program Volunteer

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<b>Reporting Directly to:</b>	SPCA Certified Program Administrator (at Provincial Office)
<b>Reporting Indirectly to:</b>	SPCA Certified Program Supervisor, and General Manager of Humane Education
<b>Level of Animal Contact:</b>	Low
<b>Commitment:</b>	1-2 days (or 2-4 half days) per month (Note: Provincial Office hours are Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30); minimum time commitment of 3 months
<b>Training Required:</b>	On the job training
<b>Qualifications Required:</b>	Grade 12 math Good oral and written communications skills Knowledge of farm animal production practices Interest in increasing your farm animal welfare knowledge Interest in promoting the SPCA Certified farm program Ability to work independently

### Background & Program Goals

More than 95% of the animals kept by Canadians are farm animals. In B.C. alone, more than 100 million animals are raised on farms each year. The BC SPCA Farm Animal department works with community members like farmers, agricultural industry representatives and educators to improve the lives of farm animals. Examples of farm animal welfare initiatives the BC SPCA is currently involved in include: the “SPCA Certified” food labeling and farm certification program for meat, egg and dairy products; working with agricultural groups on improving farm animal welfare standards; developing workshops and training seminars; and organizing school farm tours.

Over the past decade, public interest in the treatment of farm animals has been increasing. People want to know where their food comes from, the level of care farm animals received, and what processes were used to get foods to their plate. The goal of the SPCA Certified program is to facilitate and support evidence-based improvements to farm animal welfare standards, provide voluntary third party certification services to those involved in the farm animal industry and to support scientific research and development in farm animal welfare. More information can be found at [www.spcacertified.ca](http://www.spcacertified.ca).

### Volunteer duties may include:

- Aiding in the development of informational documents for the program
- Assembling information packages for producers interested in the SPCA Certified program
- Aiding in program member recruitment
- Administrative duties such as data entry, copying and filing

### If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

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