

## Employment opportunities

Animal Rangers in NSW are primarily employed by local councils, state government agencies like the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and various animal welfare organizations. These positions are often advertised on job platforms such as SEEK, Indeed, and government career portals. Animal Rangers require strong communication, expertise in animal behavior, and legal knowledge to effectively manage and protect animals.

*“Being an Animal Ranger is more than just a job - it’s about protecting animals, educating and creating a deeper relationship with the community and making a real difference every day.”*

### Day-to-day tasks

Managing and regulating companion animals

Overseeing operation of animal shelters and pounds

Enforcing local animal ownership laws

Educating on responsible pet ownership

Participating in wildlife management efforts

Responding to animal emergency incidences

Record keeping of animal incidences and intervention



## Qualifications needed



### Certificates

A degree or equivalent relevant to the field of operations.

Check out link for relevant Ranger qualifications:  
<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/?a=623932>



### Skills Required:

Animal handling, understanding of legislation, communication, first aid, and driving capability.



### Eligibility

#### Requirements:

Willingness to engage in further learning and certification for specialised role responsibilities.

Competition for jobs in the animal industry is very strong. Why not give yourself a step up by volunteering at RSPCA NSW?

Visit [rspcansw.org.au/get-involved/become-a-volunteer](https://rspcansw.org.au/get-involved/become-a-volunteer) to find out more.

# A day in the life of a NSW Ranger

## Morning



The daily activities of an Animal Ranger can be diverse and often influenced by the specific environment, local area and responsibilities.



First role of responsibility is to attend a team briefing to discuss the day's objectives, recent reports, tasks and urgent issues in the local community.



This morning there was a complaint about a barking dog. As a ranger you assess the situation and give guidance to the pet owner about responsible pet ownership and local noise regulations.



Next up, is conducting a patrol of local parks and reserves. Including checking for any signs of environmental degradation, ensuring visitors are adhering to park rules and monitoring wildlife activity.



During patrol, you find an injured native bird which you carefully capture and coordinate with local wildlife rehabilitation centre for its care.

## Afternoon



Your afternoon consists of leading an education session at a community center, discussing local wildlife conservation efforts and promoting responsible pet ownership.



Engaging with the community is a vital part of fostering awareness and support for environmental initiatives.



After community engagement you assist another ranger with trapping and relocating reported dangerous animals and investigate reports of animal neglect and follow up with appropriate action.



Finally, the day concludes with administrative tasks where you document and update incident reports and plan for upcoming events and community patrols.

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