



## **Volunteer Position Description: Humane Educator**

### Position Overview

Young people understand that their world is changing around them and they want answers. As a Humane Educator, you will teach them how to prevent and relieve animal suffering by taking meaningful action. HAP offers classes on plastic pollution, animal protective legislation and the benefits of a plant-strong lifestyle. Our audience ranges in size from small groups to school-wide assemblies.

### Purpose of the Position

- Inspire the next generation to appreciate and protect animals
- Provide students with tools to make healthy and effective change
- Demonstrate why personal responsibility is required from all of us to end speciesism

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Contact local institutions to create speaking opportunities
- Coordinating schedules with schools, universities and other institutions
- Providing an overview of expectations to teachers or leaders in advance of the presentation
- Emailing handouts to contact person to pre-print materials
- Have a reasonable level of expertise of your discussion topic
- Respect school security policies
- Ability to present yourself in a friendly, professional and non-partisan manner
- Be timely; arrive early, allow for Q&A and end on time
- Provide your own transportation
- If appropriate, collect a honorarium for HAP and provide tax forms to the institution
- Attendance at HAP general meetings (Humane Animal Rescue at 6926 Hamilton Ave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208) is highly encouraged
- Respond to HAP leadership emails and calls within 48 hours
- Be prepared and on-time for meetings and events
- Share and support HAP's mission and core values; adhere to HAP's policies
- Other duties as needed

### Skills and Qualifications

- Excellent communication skills — both written and spoken
- Ability to do independent research
- Basic computer literacy
- Operate a projector
- Be familiar with power point presentation
- Conduct a ZOOM video conference
- Ability to energize and motivate students



- Self-motivated
- Ability to present yourself in a friendly, professional, and non-partisan manner
- Ability to work independently, follow instructions, and meet deadlines
- Working knowledge of Google Drive, Trello and Dropbox, or a willingness to learn

#### Time Commitment Required

Approximately 5 hours a month to allow for scheduling arrangements, preparing, travel time and lecture

#### Training Requirements

Training on HAP's core values, mission, and policies, including orientation on campaign missions and status.

#### Location

On-site in classrooms around Pittsburgh and via ZOOM video conferencing

#### Dress Code

Professional dress required for meetings. If attending an informal event, volunteer must purchase a HAP or NPP T-shirt at cost.

#### Benefits to the Volunteer

- Know that you are key to making a difference in the betterment of animals by educating the next generation on the importance of protecting animals
- Take your passion for animal protection and put it into action
- Experience the joy of giving young people the skills they need and desire to be a effective advocate
- Be a valued HAP team member
- Build your volunteer resume and develop excellent communication skills

#### Supervisor

Brian Bonsteel, President and Founder

Natalie Ahwesh, Vice President

#### What Volunteers Can Expect From HAP

- Support of HAP leadership and members
- Respect and appreciation for your contribution and input