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

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● 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 an 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