



# Volunteer Speaker Role Outline

We work directly with young people in schools and groups across England and Wales, to educate them about animal welfare by delivering assemblies or class workshops. Volunteer Speakers deliver these talks in their own community, where they live or work. This role is extremely flexible and provides the opportunity to practise public speaking skills whilst sharing the story of the worlds' oldest animal charity.

## **Purpose of the role**

By working with young people, the RSPCA aims to:

- promote responsible pet ownership;
- promote empathy and the appropriate treatment of all animals, based on the welfare needs;
- raise awareness of young people of safety around animals, with emphasis on cats and dogs;
- reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned animals in the community;
- reduce anti-social behaviour involving animals;
- raise awareness of appropriate RSPCA campaigns.

## **Main activities:**

- help us deliver the key message of the RSPCA;
- approach schools and youth groups in your local community to arrange talks;
- deliver talks to young people, with our focus being Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds);
- to submit feedback online or via post.

## **Desired attributes:**

- enjoy talking to groups of young people;
- have empathy towards animals and people;
- experience of an confidence in communicating with groups of people;
- ability and willingness to travel;
- confidence in approaching schools, promoting the speaker scheme and education resources;
- good computer skills with the ability to use Microsoft Packages, especially PowerPoint;
- team working and communication.

### **Training and support:**

- induction into the RSPCA;
- a tool kit including scripts, presentations, and videos for assembly situations;
- ongoing support from the Education, Training and Development Advisors and the wider Education Team;
- the opportunity to submit and discuss reflective feedback;
- travel expenses.

### **Location:**

This is a community based role; it could be home or work. You can decide where you are based and how far you are willing to travel.

### **Additional information:**

Due to the nature of the role:

- when delivering talks to schools, these are delivered in school hours, which will generally be between 9:00am and 3:00pm, therefore talks can be delivered during these times;
- you will need to be at least 16;
- if using your own transport, you will need to ensure that your insurance covers using your car for voluntary activity.