

# Volunteer Role Profile



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**Education Speaker**

Volunteer Manager

**Education Officer**

Where you will be based

**Community**

## Why we want you

Sick, injured and homeless pets have relied on Blue Cross for help since 1897. Each year, thousands of dogs, cats, small pets and horses turn to the charity's animal hospitals, clinics and rehoming services for treatment and support.

Our Volunteer Education Speakers provide an informative and influential service by talking to children in Primary schools and youth groups about responsible pet ownership and dog safety which enables us to improve the lives of thousands of pets. This role is for speakers who will visit and deliver talks to Primary schools and youth groups in their local area. We would love you to join us and help us help more pets in need

## What you will be doing

- Training online via e-learning and pre-arranged webinars to become an Education speaker
- Contacting Primary schools using details we have given you to arrange all the details for your talks
- Visiting Primary school and youth groups in your local area
- Delivering interactive presentations and fun talks to groups of children at Primary schools during the day, and youth groups such as Brownies and Cubs during the evening.
- Delivering a minimum of one talk per half school term
- Using Assemble, our online volunteering system to accept talk requests, tell us how they went and keep in touch with us

## The skills you need

- To be a confident public speaker; happy to deliver PowerPoint presentations and talk to sometimes large numbers of children and young people in schools and youth groups
- To be self-motivated and happy to organise talks from details we have given you
- To be computer literate as you will need to complete your training online, deliver our pre-designed presentations and use our online volunteering system to keep in touch
- To enjoy teaching and working with young people and have a keen interest in pet care and dog safety
- To have access to your own car or reliable public transport



- To have daytime availability during term-time

### **What's in it for you**

- A chance to inspire young people to make better choices for pets
- You'll be home-based, getting involved with influencing pet care within your local community
- You'll use your skills such as customer service, communication and team working
- We'll provide you a Blue Cross Polo shirt and ID, with all the training you need, including our GUEST customer service training, e-learning on the work of Blue Cross, basic pet care and tips on speaking to children and young people
- You'll join a great team of like-minded people with closed social network groups and (optional) annual volunteer meet-ups
- You'll receive ongoing support and training through webinars and a regular newsletter