

Humane Educator

Full-time, Permanent

About Us

The Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) has been an animal welfare leader in the Edmonton community since 1907. We strive to be a model of excellence in the advancement of animal welfare and to lead the movement in creating a more humane world. EHS is a safe haven for thousands of homeless animals each year, providing veterinary treatment, behavioral rehabilitation, care, enrichment and rehoming. Beyond animal sheltering, we engage with the community through various programs and services to support happy, lifelong bonds between people and pets.

The Role

Reporting to the Supervisor, Humane Education, the **Humane Educator** is a member of the Humane Education team responsible for the development and delivery of educational curriculum and materials which focus on Humane Education related topics. This includes teaching kindness, compassion, and empathy towards animals, by increasing knowledge of companion animal care and welfare, while raising awareness for the work EHS does.

Key Roles & Responsibilities

Delivery of Programs

- Present educational programming for groups of all ages, both on- and off-site.
- Facilitate community programs with schools and service organizations such as Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, etc., including participation in campaigns such as Read in Week in schools each year.
- Act as a volunteer liaison and arrange for the presence of Animal Ambassador and other volunteers (e.g. camp volunteers) for educational programming when appropriate.
- Support the Supervisor with customer service and administrative duties as needed.
- Present educational components and lead activities as part of EHS' kids' camps.

Development of Programs

- Research and develop educational materials and content for programs, classes and presentations, consulting with subject matter experts as needed.
- Implement new educational programs that create awareness and grow understanding of Humane Education topics and engage the organization's support base.
- Develop and organize educational components (presentations and activities) for kids camps.
- Develop and host online educational videos for various audiences and platforms.

Tours & Community Awareness

- Deliver facility tours as part of Humane Education programming.
- Develop and conduct tour training for other EHS staff who deliver to tours.
- Participate in community events, representing EHS as an ambassador and increasing understanding for the work EHS does while promoting Humane Education programs.

Education & Requirements

- A diploma or degree in a related field (primary/secondary or adult education, recreation, business administration, animal welfare, humane education)
- Minimum 2 years' experience in program delivery, including knowledge in teaching methods, curriculum development, lesson planning and course delivery.

Skills & Abilities

As the ideal candidate, you will have a passion for working with people of all ages to inspire compassion and empathy towards companion animals. You will have a strong aptitude for public speaking and be comfortable presenting to and interacting with large audiences. You enjoy all aspects of teaching, from program development to delivery. As an ambassador for EHS, you have the ability to exercise tact, good judgment, and build relationships. You have excellent customer service and interpersonal communication skills – particularly with youth - and are highly organized with strong time management skills. Familiarity with online delivery of educational programs, including filming and producing videos, is an asset.

You must also have:

- Ability to travel with a valid driver's license.
- Security and background clearance check including vulnerable sector.
- Experience and comfortable handling companion animals (cats, dogs, and small animals).
- First Aid and CPR and AED Certification is required. Pet First Aid an asset.

Compensation & Hours

- **Compensation:** EHS offers a competitive not-for-profit compensation package which includes a comprehensive benefits package, and a strong work-life balance.
- **Hours:** 40 hours a week; however, is expected to work hours as required to fulfill department responsibilities. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

How to Apply

If you are looking for a rewarding career in an exciting, fast paced environment, we invite you to forward your resume and salary expectations, in confidence, by email to hr@edmontonhumanesociety.com

The Edmonton Humane Society is an equal opportunity employer and we thank all applicants for submitting their resume. However, only those candidates considered for employment will be contacted.