



Volunteer: In a Nutshell

HUMANE EDUCATOR

Old Fella's Humane Educators visit Burke County classrooms to speak to children about responsible pet ownership, compassion toward animals, and spay & neuter. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthy program. Excellent communication skills and ability to work with youth are recommended. Previous teaching experience would be an asset.

#1. Be a Humane Educator! Our humane educators work as teams of two, developing and delivering the presentation. The more humane educators we have, the more children we can reach.

#2. Contribute to the Burke County Bark. Our Humane Education program produces and distributes a bi-annual newsletter for the kids of Burke County. We are always in need of stories and ideas appropriate to the targeted grade-level.

Old Fella's Kids learn so much more than just about caring for cats and dogs. A few of the benefits of humane education are:

- **Builds Moral Character.** Helps our kids develop compassion, empathy and ethics and, most importantly, it reinforces the Golden Rule.
- **Creates Responsible and Caring Citizens.** Helps our kids examine and understand the consequences of their behaviors and choices through discussions of proper and improper treatment of pets.
- **Reduces Violence.** Children who display violence to animals often go on to engage in violent acts toward their peers and sometimes even carry these behaviors into adulthood.
- **Cultivates Empathy for Animals.** Helps children understand that animals are living, feeling beings that deserve to be treated with respect and compassion.
- **Empowers Youth to Make a Difference.** Helps children develop a sense of control within their environment and learn ways in which they can help solve problems rather than to create them.

If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please email volunteer@oldfella.org with your name and phone number & subject line "Humane Education Volunteer," or call our hotline 888-846-3792.