



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Deputy County Leader for Animals in Your Community

We're looking for partners to help us advance animal protection priorities and legislation at the state and local levels, as well as at the federal level time and energy allow. By simply letting us know you're willing to get involved and take action by becoming a Deputy County Leader for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), you can gain real world experience and a deeper understanding of how to be a more effective animal advocate and how to advance animal protection priorities in your community. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about The HSUS's major campaigns, programs, and mission while strengthening your legislative advocacy skills.

Why get involved?

A more humane society comes about when citizens are involved, at every level, to help educate their communities and elected officials about the importance of animal protection. Our State Directors and County Leaders are working around the country to do their best by the animals, and need a network of willing individuals to take action on issues as needed.

Deputy County Leaders tell us their areas of interest, what actions they're willing to take, and what experience they bring, and, in coordination with their HSUS County Leader, provide assistance on an as-needed basis in support of our work. Requests could range from engaging in phone banking to making a single phone call, from writing an email to submitting a letter to the editor, to attending a meeting or helping at an event.

Deputy County Leaders also have the ability to support their County Leader as they develop a local action plan in their county, or develop and implement a local animal protection project in an area of your choice. Please note that we strongly encourage Deputy County Leaders to seek guidance and advice on the development of a project that is most relevant to the needs of the county with their HSUS State Director and County Leader.

Orientation and Training

Deputy County Leaders will be provided with an online, self-paced training course titled, "The Role of The HSUS in the Animal Protection Movement (HSUS 301)" and will have access to additional resources via our volunteer database, called the Volunteer Hub.

Responsibilities

We ask Deputy County Leaders to complete and sign a Waiver and Release of Liability so we have it on file in the event it's needed. We also request that Deputy County Leaders report their hours of service and activities on behalf of The HSUS. We will provide guidelines and instructions on how and when to report hours as needed.

Preferred characteristics of Deputy County Leaders

- Commitment to the mission of The HSUS;
- Willingness to learn and understand The HSUS's guidelines, policies, and appropriately and accurately represent those policies when interacting with the public;
- Willingness to submit letters to the editor to publicly thank legislators, encourage them to adopt the animal protection position or co-sponsor a bill, and participate in Humane Lobby Day(s);
- Being active in your county and an eagerness to develop a greater animal protection presence in your state and local community;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate with a variety of people without judgment;

- Computer literacy and a general knowledge of social media and a willingness to maintain and post relevant content to personal Facebook and/or Twitter accounts;
- A professional attitude and appearance and the ability to use good judgment;
- Flexible and adaptable, given sometimes rapidly changing priorities;
- Access to a computer, the internet, a phone;
- Must submit the required paperwork before being assigned; and,
- Current HSUS membership is recommended but not required.