

For Those Who Have No Voice

I love all animals, like elephants and tigers, but abused factory farm animals are close to my heart. I love sponsoring turkeys like Anna. Anna was left anonymously at Farm Sanctuary in New York, where animals can be cared for in peace without ever being eaten. They live long, happy lives. My family donated money to help make sure she gets the care she needs. I would like to work at that farm sanctuary.

I've visited a few sanctuaries and seen the love there, and I want to spread that love. According to animalequality.net, people are slaughtering about 153,000,000 cute and smart animals every day around the world. When my family stayed at Farm Sanctuary this summer, I felt so peaceful watching the animals. I didn't want to leave the turkeys. Two sheep came right up to me begging for attention! I made connections with the animals at the sanctuary, so I think I'll be well-suited for this job.

As mentioned in [Not a Nugget](#) by Stephanie Dreyer, chickens can pass an apple around like a ball! They can also be taught to turn down the heat, yet in factory farms, where animals are kept before they are killed for food, chickens cannot spread their wings in cages. Pigs can use a joystick for a video game and learn their names, yet at factory farms they lie on manure in pens too narrow to turn around in. Turkeys can sing to the radio! But often their beaks are clipped without the use of painkillers. Imagine how you would feel if you were cramped, sick, and scared. I want to stop this kind of injustice.

My dream job would be as a caregiver and advocate to spread the message about the mistreatment of farm animals. I could work at Farm Sanctuary. There I would comfort animals that are new arrivals, since they are most often frightened and shy. They have been brutally

treated by humans and don't trust us. I would also want to give speeches about the conditions in which animals are suffering every day. I feel powerful when I can share my opinion. I also love to dance and sing, so I could use my shows as a way to raise money to build a sanctuary. I would like children to know about sanctuaries and want to meet the animals there. I want to make sure they understand how the meat they eat gets on their plates.

I've been a vegan all my life, which means I don't eat animal products like meat and dairy. I love being vegan, but this year the *Washington Post* reported that only 3 percent of people in the U.S.A. are vegan. I want more people to be aware of what's really happening. I think this job is important because a better future needs people to stand up for those who don't have a voice.

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