



Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest

“Being Kind to Animals”

Use your creativity to create a story or illustrate a poster to best portray what it means to be kind to animals.



What: Each year, students throughout Erie County are invited to illustrate an 11” X 17” poster or write a creative piece portraying part of the SPCA Serving Erie County’s mission to be kind to all animals and members of our community.

Who: The contest is open to students Grades 1-12 who are residents of Erie County. All agencies and individuals are encouraged to enter!

How: Choose either a poster OR a creative writing piece, with only one submission per individual. Entry must be the student’s original idea and will only be accepted with completed and accurate entry forms.

When: We will be accepting entries starting December 2, 2019. All submissions must be received by Friday, Feb. 29, 2020.

Submission Deadline: Friday, Feb. 29, 2020.

ENTRY FORM

Complete Name _____ Grade _____ Division _____

Creative Writing Entry Poster Entry *Please indicate here if special-needs student

Parent/Guardian’s Name _____ Phone Number (____) ____-_____

Parent/Guardian’s Mailing Address _____ ZIP code _____

Email Address _____ @ _____ . _____

***Please attach this completed entry form to submission.**

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Submission Guidelines

Contest Rules

All work must be original. No tracing, group work or computer generated art. Poster size must be 11" x 17" horizontal or vertical. Participants may only submit one entry.

Prizes

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each category will receive a personalized medal and cash award.

Ambassador of Kindness Awards:

The Judy Silver Ambassador of Kindness JR. (ages 6-12) and Judy Silver Ambassador of Kindness (ages 13-18) are awards given to two individuals nominated by a friend, family member, or leader whom they think displays exceptional attitudes of kindness towards everything around them. To nominate, send an email to Danielle Talbot, daniellet@ourspca.org, with your name, the name of the person being nominated, and why you are nominating this person.

Entry Submissions

Entries must include the contest registration form and should be mailed or dropped off to: SPCA Serving Erie County, Humane Education Department, 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224.

***Special Note:** Any child who has special needs may choose to write or draw the theme that works best for that individual. Please indicate if the child has special needs in the area provided on the entry form and include what theme or topic he or she has chosen.

Divisions & Topics

Division I, Grades 1 & 2

Creative Writing

Write about how you would help an animal in your life. The animal could be your pet, a neighborhood pet, or a wild animal in your backyard. What does this animal need? What kind act would you do to help the animal out? **(Approximately 60 words)**

Poster

Imagine an animal that is your pet, a neighborhood pet, or a wild animal in your backyard. Draw a picture of the kind act you could do for this animal to meet its needs. Show to the best of your ability what kindness to animals looks like.

Division II, Grades 3 & 4

Creative Writing

Describe an idea, invention or project you could make or do that promotes a safer, healthier and friendly environment for animals and people in your community. Explain how it would work, what it would look like and how it can help. **(Maximum of 250 words)**

Poster Topic

Draw a picture of how you can help make kindness grow. Illustrate a picture of an invention or project you could create that promotes a safer, healthier and friendly environment in your community. What would our community look like if everyone was being kind?

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Divisions & Topics (continued)

Division III, Grades 5 & 6

Creative Writing

Imagine a public or community place that could use a kind act. It could be any establishment, park, business, abandoned building, or empty lot. Consider in your writing what this place could use to make it a better and more beautiful place for you, animals, and others to enjoy. **(Maximum of 250 words)**

Poster Topic

Illustrate any establishment, park, business, abandoned building, or empty lot in your community that needs positive attention to make it a prettier place. Be creative! For example, you could show a before-and-after picture of this place, or a self-portrait of your kind gesture to make it a more positive public space.

Division IV, Grades 7 & 8

Creative Writing

Sometimes the best way to create kindness is paying it forward anonymously. Write a story about how you personally could create kindness! Think about anything positive you could say or gesture you could make that would help another animal or person. **(Maximum of 250 words)**

Poster Topic

You never know when people might need something kind in their lives. Design a picture or collage of you carrying out an anonymous action of kindness. Make sure your illustration clearly shows how paying it forward can be a positive act.

Division V, Grades 9-12

Creative Writing

Research any of the animal rights issues prevalent in today's society. Creatively describe and portray the animal issue that concerns you most. What is a good solution to this issue and why do you believe others should care about it too? **(Maximum of 500 words)**

Poster Topic

Through an illustration or poster display any animal rights issue about which you are passionate. Be sure to show which animal issue it is and what it would look like to solve this issue.



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