

Anti-Cruelty Society Launches Art Contest

Youngsters in the Chicago area between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible.

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The Anti-Cruelty Society is putting out a call to all young artists to help celebrate its 108th birthday, by promoting “no birthdays” for unwanted dogs and cats with its first-ever Animal Expressions Young Artist Contest.

The contest is open to young people in the greater Chicago area between 5 and 18 years of age. Entries will be accepted in the following artistic genre categories: painting and drawing, three-dimensional art, writing and multi-media.

The theme is “No Birthdays: Help Stop Pet Overpopulation,” to bring attention to the overpopulation of dogs and cats, which results in the suffering of millions of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens every year.

The Anti-Cruelty Society asks that young artists choose one of the following topics: Spaying and neutering. Adopting pets as an alternative to buying them. Helping homeless pets. Being a responsible pet owner.

Entries will be judged by age level (5 to 7 years old; 8 to 10 years; 11 to 13 years; and 14 to 18 years) on originality, creativity and how well the entry illustrates the theme.

Prizes will be awarded at an awards ceremony on March 7, 2007 as part of The Anti-Cruelty Society’s 108th birthday celebration.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 23, 2007. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form, which can be downloaded, along with contest rules as a pdf file here:
http://www.anticruelty.org/site/files/576/42969/169008/235095/Microsoft_Word_-_Animal_Expressions_Contest.pdf.

Entries should be mailed to: The Anti-Cruelty Society, attn. Humane Education Department, 157 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610. For more information, call (312) 644-8338 ext. 344 or e-mail tbouschor@anticruelty.org.