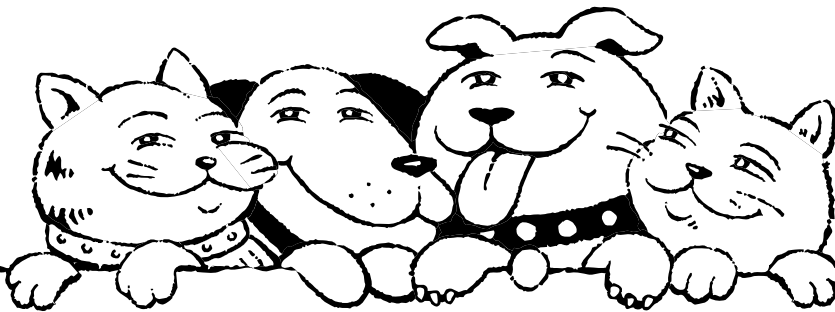


You Could Win!

Enter the 2006 Animal Essay Contest at your school

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Students may write essays on one of the following topics on responsible pet ownership:

Grade 3: How Do You Know When You Are Ready For A Pet?

Grade 4: What Can You Do To Keep Your Pet From Getting Lost?

Grade 5 Why Should You Avoid Animals You Don't Know?

Grade 6: What Is Required To Be A Responsible Pet Owner?

Top contest winners from each grade will be awarded a Series EE U.S. Savings Bond.
First Place—\$500 bond • Second Place—\$350 bond • Third Place—\$150 bond

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Essay Contest Guidelines

- Only one essay per student is allowed.
- Students must reside within the City of Arlington in order to enter the contest.
- Submitted material must be original and **must not exceed 500 words**.
- Submitted material may be handwritten or typed.
- The cover sheet must contain the student's name, address and phone number, school, grade level and teacher's name.
- Entries may be mailed to the address below, and must be **postmarked NO LATER** than Monday, January 30, 2006

City of Arlington Animal Services Center
ATTN: Animal Essay Contest
Mail Stop 52-0100
5920 W. Pioneer Parkway
Arlington, Texas 76013

- Entries may be hand-delivered to the Water Customer Service Desk located on the first floor of City Hall at 101 W. Abram St. Entries may also be hand-delivered to the Water Utilities South Service Center at 1100 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. Both locations are staffed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. **No hand-delivered entries will be accepted at either location after 5 p.m. Monday, January 30, 2006.**
- Teachers may mail or hand-deliver all entries from their class, grade or school.
- Essays will be judged on the elements of effective writing: Focus and Coherence, Organization, Development of Ideas, Voice and Conventions. The decision of the Essay Judges Committee is final. The panel of essay judges will include but is not limited to local citizens and members of the Arlington Animal Services Center Advisory Board.
- For more information, parents should consult their child's teacher or contact Cheryl Wilson, Acting Animal Services Manager at 817-451-3436.