



2015 Animal Essay Contest

Contest is open to students who live in Arlington, are in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade and attend either public, private, or home school.

Contest begins Monday, December 8, 2014.

Essay entries may be submitted beginning on Monday, January 12, 2015 and ending at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 16, 2015.

You Could Win!

- Entries may be hand-delivered to the Water Customer Service Desk at City Hall, 101 W. Abram St. or South Service Center, 1100 SW Green Oaks Blvd. (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or the Animal Services Center, 1000 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd. (10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Fri). No hand-delivered entries accepted after 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2015.
- Teachers may mail or hand-deliver all entries from their class, grade or school. If you are a winner, your essay must be emailed in a typed format for website purposes to Cheri.Colbert@arlingtontx.gov. Address mailed entries to the City of Arlington Animal Services Center, 1000 SE Green Oaks Blvd., 76018.
- Essays will be judged on the elements of effective writing: Focus and Coherence, Organization, Development of Ideas, Voice and Conventions. The decision of the Judges is final.
- For more information, parents should consult their child's teacher; or contact Cheri Colbert at 817-459-6183; or visit www.arlingtontx.gov/animals and click on the Animal Essay Contest link.



Essay Topics:

- Grade 3:** If you were asked to help at a local animal shelter, what do you think you would be asked to do?
- Grade 4:** What changes do cats and dogs have to make to live and survive as homeless pets?
- Grade 5:** What advice would you give to pet owners in order to prevent overpopulation of cats & dogs?
- Grade 6:** How would an overpopulation of homeless cats and dogs affect our local ecosystem?

Essay Contest Requirements:

- Only one essay per student.
- Previous winners ineligible.
- Submitted material must be original, 500 words or less, typed or handwritten.
- Students must reside within the City of Arlington.
- **Cover sheet must contain student's name, address and phone number, school, grade and teacher's name.**
- Remember that plagiarism is never acceptable and will result in immediate disqualification.

Essay Contest Prizes:

Each winner will receive a Kindle Fire HD compliments of Beacon E&P

Each winner will receive a \$100 savings account compliments of EECU and Beacon E&P

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