



# 2016 Animal Essay Contest

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

Contest begins Monday, December 7, 2015.

Essay entries may be submitted beginning on Monday, January 11, 2016 and ending at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 15, 2016.

## 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 15, 2016.
- 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](mailto: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](http://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 and the City of Arlington

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

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