

## History of the Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest



The founder of the Humane Education Department, Lucy Lord, created this contest to promote kindness to all living things. The contest has been passed down for generations. Judy Silver, a great, great, granddaughter of Lucy Lord, administered the contest until 2001. This contest has been a family tradition for years and is a piece of treasured SPCA history. Even today, ancestors of Lucy Lord participate and support this program for the students, teachers, and families throughout Erie County.



**“Picture yourself vividly as winning, and that alone will contribute immeasurably to success.”**

*- Harry Emerson Fosdick*  
(First Place Division Winner, 1896 Contest)

## CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS

### CEREMONY

All awards will be presented at a special ceremony on Wednesday, *May 30, 2018*.

**Contest winners, their families, and the submitting school or organization leader will be notified and receive a formal invitation to the ceremony.**

### CONTEST AWARDS

Three winners will be chosen from each poster, creative writing, and special education category. Students will receive a personalized medal and a cash award of \$25 for first, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The Stevens/Barrett Award for Creative Writing and the Anderson/Lowe Award for Artistic Ability are presented to two students who exhibit exceptional creativity and originality.

**Winners of these outstanding achievements receive a \$25 cash award & medal**

### THE JUDY SILVER HUMANE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This outstanding achievement goes to an adult who exhibits exceptional kindness, empathy and compassion.



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## HUMANE POSTER & CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST



Contest Theme:  
**Emergency Prepared Pet**

The best way to protect your family and household in the event of an emergency is to have a disaster plan. If you are a pet owner, make sure that these loved ones are included too.

**THIS CONTEST WILL HELP STUDENTS EXPLORE HOW BEING PREPARED CAN SAVE THEIR PETS LIVES.**

For more information or details visit  
**YourSPCA.org**



## SUBMISSION DETAILS

### DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

Choose either a poster OR an essay. *Only one submission per participant.* Entries must be the students' original ideas .  
All agencies and individuals are encouraged to enter!

#### Division I Grades 1 & 2: PETS ARE FAMILY

Describe OR illustrate how your pet is more than just a pet and a true part of your family.

**Essay length: 60 words.**

**Poster size: may not exceed 14"x 20".**

#### Division II Grades 3 & 4: PREPARE

Write a composition OR create artwork that shows and promotes the necessity of being prepared, for you and your animals, incase of an emergency.

**Essay length: 60-120 words.**

**Poster size: may not exceed 14"x 20".**

#### Division III Grades 5 & 6: PLAN

Describe OR create a picture that displays your idea of an efficient pet emergency plan and procedure.

**Essay length: 120-150 words.**

**Poster size: may not exceed 14"x 20".**

#### Division IV Grades 7 & 8: INFORM

Creatively, by explanation OR illustration, inform & promote to the community the necessity of having a pet emergency plan prepared. Research the positive impact of being prepared for any emergency and possible negative effects if you do not.

**Essay length: 175-250 words.**

**Poster size: may not exceed 14"x 20".**

#### \*Division V Special Education

**Primary Gr. 1-4 Intermediate Gr. 5-8.**

By your choice of media showcase what it means to you to be a true, responsible pet owner.

**\*Poster size: may not exceed 14"x20" including a brief explanation of their entry. Adult assistance is permitted.**

#### The Judy Silver Humane Educator of the Year : Educator Division

This is an award that is given to the individual who exhibits kindness and empathy towards others and the community. Any school employee, educator, administrator, Girl/Boy Scout troop leader, faith-based educator, or after-school program educator can be nominated for demonstrating empathy, kindness, citizenship, respect, or other humane qualities.

**\*Nomination: submit a brief letter of recommendation explaining who you are nominating and why.**



#### Ways to enter:

**By Mail:** Complete the entry form on the back of this page and mail it in with your contest submission.

**In Person:** Drop off your submissions with a complete entry form at the SPCA during business hours.

**More information:** Visit the Humane Education Department online at [YourSPCA.org](http://YourSPCA.org).

#### Enter Today!

To speak with a humane educator, contact Danielle Talbot at [daniellet@yourspca.org](mailto:daniellet@yourspca.org) or 716-875-7360 ext. 245.

## ENTRY FORM

Each entry submission must have its own separate and complete form.

#### Contestant Information:

Last Name First Name Grade

Guardian Name Guardian Phone Number

Home Address Email Address

#### Entry Information:

Division I (1 & 2)  Essay  Poster

Division II (3 & 4)  Essay  Poster

Division III (5 & 6)  Essay  Poster

Division IV (7 & 8)  Essay  Poster

Division V Primary (Special Edu)

Division V Intermediate (Special Edu)

Humane Educator of the Year Nomination

#### School/ Organization Information:

Independent Entry

School or Organization:

School Organization Address & Phone

Contact Person Name & Email

All posters, essays and Humane Educator of the Year entries must have a completed entry form.

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 20TH TO:**  
Humane Education, 300 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224