



Chemung County SPCA presents:

2nd Annual Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest 2012

Jan. 1st through Jan. 31st

The Chemung County Humane Society & SPCA, along with the Chemung County Library District and the Southeast Steuben County Library, invite students in kindergarten through eighth grade to participate in the second annual Humane Poster and Creative Writing Contest.

The contest will allow students to think creatively about different animal welfare issues. They will then get to express themselves in meaningful stories and pieces of artwork that will be displayed throughout the Chemung County Library District and the Southeast Steuben County Library. Children who enter will have the chance to win a variety of prizes and to showcase themselves throughout the community as shining examples of compassion.

The contest is broken down into different divisions, depending on grade level. Each division has two separate entry types: writing and poster - except for Division I which only has a poster contest. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each entry type for each division.

Division	Grades	Writing	Poster
Division I	K-1 st	no	yes
Division II	2 nd -3 rd	yes	yes
Division III	4 th -5 th	yes	yes
Division IV	6 th -8 th	yes	yes

The Chemung County SPCA is the leader in humane education in the area. For more than 20 years, the shelter's Humane Educator, Julie Albertalli, has educated more than 50,000 students. Through this project, the SPCA, along with the partner organizations, hope that more students will think critically about ways to help the animals and engage their parents, friends and the community as a whole.

**Chemung County Humane
Society & SPCA**

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Elmira, New York 14903-7933

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www.chemungspca.org



Submission Guidelines

Each individual child is allowed to submit one piece of work for each type of entry for their division. Entry into this contest gives the Chemung County SPCA permission to use students' work in future events and promotions with proper credit given to each student.

Submission Requirements:

All entries must be submitted from students residing either in Chemung or Steuben Counties.

Entries Must Be Original

All entries must be the student's own creative work. Every submission may not contain already created cartoon characters, photographs from magazines, or any other trademarked work. Written entries may be a short story, song, poem or letter. We want all students to be as creative as possible and have fun!

Labeling

Each entry must be accompanied by the official Chemung County SPCA entrance form (found in this packet). Forms must be filled out completely to ensure that we can contact every winner at the end of the contest. Please adhere the form securely to the back of your poster and/or staple it to the top left corner of your written work. If submitting both types of entries, please use both forms and attach the proper form to each entry.

Size

The size of each piece of artwork must not exceed 14x20 inches. Please refer to each individual division requirement (listed on next page) for all written length guidelines.

Deadline

All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on January 31. Any entries mailed in to the shelter must be postmarked by the above date. Please mail entries to:

**Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA
Attn: Kate Foster
2435 State Route 352
Elmira, NY 14903**

Entries can also be dropped off at the shelter or at any of the drop boxes located at each branch of the Chemung County Library District and at the Southeast Steuben County Library. For a complete listing of branch locations, visit www.steele.lib.ny.us or www.ssclibrary.org.

If you have any further questions, please call the shelter at (607) 732-1827, Ext. 3506, or e-mail publicrelations@chemungspca.org.

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Divisions

Division I: Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Poster Topic

How can people be kind to animals? Why is it important to be kind to animals? Design a poster to show how others can be kind to animals.

Division II: 2nd and 3rd Grade

Writing Topic

Why is adoption the best option for people looking to add a pet to their family? Write a composition on why people should adopt pets from the Chemung County SPCA or other animal rescue organizations. (60 to 100 words)

Poster Topic

What should people look for when they are going to adopt a pet? Design a poster informing people on how to pick the best adoptive pet for their family.

Division III: 4th and 5th Grade

Writing Topic

Why should people volunteer at the Chemung County SPCA? What kinds of things can people do when they volunteer? Write a composition about how volunteering helps the animals at the Chemung County SPCA or other animal rescue organizations. (100-200 words)

Poster Topic

What different ways can people volunteer at animal shelters? Create a poster that educates people about volunteering at the Chemung County SPCA and how volunteers help the animals.

Division IV: 6th through 8th Grade

Writing Topic

Write a speech, song or letter to an editor or a government official educating people on the dangers animals face (i.e. animal cruelty or the dangers of being left alone outside). Identify ways people can help animals that have been abused or neglected. (200-300 words)

Poster Topic

Create a poster that shows people how to be the voice for animals in need. Make sure to address the issue of animal cruelty and how people can help needy animals.

Please make sure each entry is accompanied by an entry form
Please fill out entry forms completely so we may contact the winners



Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest 2012 Poster Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: (_____) _____

Please check the appropriate division level:

Division I:
K & 1st
Grade

Division II:
2nd & 3rd
Grades

Division III:
4th & 5th
Grades

Division IV:
6th - 8th
Grades



Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest 2012 Writing Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: (_____) _____

Please check the appropriate division level:

Division II:
2nd & 3rd
Grades

Division III:
4th & 5th
Grades

Division IV:
6th - 8th
Grades