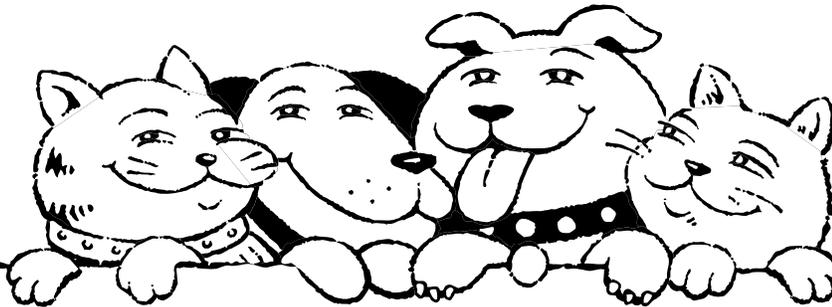


# You Could Win!

## Enter the 2009 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: If animals could talk, what would they say?

Grade 4: What feelings do you think animals have?

Grade 5: What are some ways that can make life better for animals in your community?

Grade 6: How do animals benefit us in our daily lives?

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**

***See back for more information.***

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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. Please note, if you are a winner, essays must be emailed in a typed format for website purposes no later than Friday, February 20, 2009 to [Chris.Huff@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Chris.Huff@arlingtontx.gov).
- 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 Friday, January 23, 2009

City of Arlington Animal Services Center  
ATTN: Animal Essay Contest  
1000 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.  
Arlington, TX 76018

- Entries may be hand-delivered to the Water Customer Service Desk located on the first floor of City Hall at 101 W. Abram Street. This location is staffed from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. **No hand-delivered entries accepted after 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 23, 2009.**
- 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 Chris Huff, Animal Services Manager at 817-459-5898.