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SPCA Announces Children's Poster Contest Winner

June 30, 2011 Schenectady, Saratoga NY –The Schenectady, Schoharie and Saratoga County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is delighted to announce the winner of the 2011 Be Kind to Animals Poster Competition. Printed adaptations of 8-year-old Catherine Bergan's entry will be displayed throughout the community to advertise the 2nd Annual Wags and Whiskers Family Fun Fair, which will be held on July 9 at Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction.

Catherine will attend the fair as an honorary guest to receive her prize. She is an avid animal lover who is enrolled in second grade at Caroline Street Elementary in Saratoga Springs. Catherine also won \$400 worth of art or classroom supplies for her teacher, Miss Carnevale, and her fellow classmates.

The SPCA poster contest was intended to raise awareness and facilitate conversations about the serious issue of animal welfare. The organization understands that animal abuse can be a predictor of future violent criminal behavior. Fortunately, early detection can lead to effective intervention and programs that promote empathy and compassion can effectively dissuade, redirect or rehabilitate offenders.

The SPCA offers no-cost humane education programs to schools and other community organizations. [These that programs](#) examine the impact that our personal and cultural choices have on other people, animals and the [environmentEarth.](#)

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The Schenectady, Schoharie and Saratoga County SPCA strives to prevent animal cruelty by enforcing existing laws and advocating for animal welfare. We collaborate with local law enforcement to respond to all animal neglect and abuse complaints, initiate and complete thorough investigations, and arrest and prosecute violators of any animal welfare related laws. We endeavor to prevent and detect abuse by increasing public awareness through our Humane Education programs. For more information about the Society or to make a donation, please visit www.countyspca.org.