

**Judging Categories:**

**Elementary Schools: (grades 3 - 5)**

Team Division (1st and 2nd place awards)

Class Division (1st place award)



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**Middle and High Schools**

Team Division (1st and 2nd place awards)

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**Judging Criteria**

Judges will be selected from several animal care organizations in Miami-Dade County.

**The following point scale will be used:**

20 Knowledge of the topic

15 Visual aids/computer presentations

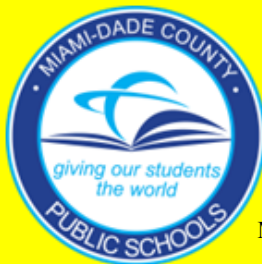
10 Originality

5 Grammar, clarity, spelling, neatness

50 Total Points



**Prizes include: Gift certificates, party, Miami Marlins tickets and other surprises!**



Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department

Winners will be notified during the week of April 6, 2018  
Awards will be distributed during a special ceremony on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 held at the Miami-Dade Animal Services Pet Adoption and Protection Center.

2017-2018

# 23rd Annual H.O.P.E. Contest

STUDENT DIRECTIONS



Sponsored by the Humane Society of Greater Miami, Adopt-A-Pet, and Dade County Animal Services Department

This Year's Contest Theme is:

## Making Informed Decisions About Being a Pet Owner

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year.



Approved by:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' District Contest Committee

**Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia/Helping Our Pets Every day**

**This year, the H.O.P.E. Contest will focus on  
Making Informed Decisions About Being a Pet Owner.**

Many unwanted dogs and cats find their way to the Humane Society of Greater Miami and Animal Services of Miami-Dade. This large population of abandoned animals is often the result of mistreatment, neglect or cruelty. In some cases, people adopt pets but are unaware of rules, restrictions, and responsibilities that may result in owners returning their animals to the shelter.

The Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet, and Miami-Dade Animal Services want to make sure all pets get the love and care they deserve while emphasizing the value of organizations that help protect animals.



**Directions:**

Please answer the "Thought Provoking Questions" in your packet, as a team or group. This is to be completed at the beginning of the project and is Part I of your project.

Then refer to the materials in the packet to do a multimedia project or report. The project or report will require an explanation in 500 words or less about what your team or class did to address the topic "Making Informed Decisions About Being a Pet Owner." This is Part II of your project.

**Remember: Creativity Counts!**

Your project may target the school you attend, the surrounding neighborhood, the community, the media, a political representative, or a social organization. Examples include giving presentations on closed circuit television, sponsoring a dog wash, preparing literature for community awareness, providing a PowerPoint presentation, setting up a link to a Website, starting a Facebook page, creating an APP, or using Social Media.



**Your final report must include** the answers to the "Thought Provoking Questions," and a 500 word or less summary explaining what you did in your community to highlight and communicate the value of making informed decisions about being a pet owner. The project may be printed or written legibly in black ink on 8.5" x 11" white paper. You may include up to 10 photographs and 2 sample flyers. Also, please enclose a USB drive with your PowerPoint presentation or link to a website, a Facebook page or an APP for easy access to your project.

**Procedures for submitting entries:**

**Team Division: Elementary, Middle, and High School**

ONLY 2-4 students per team please.

There is no limit to the number of teams entered.

**Classroom Division: Elementary students only**

The entire class may participate.



**To participate:** Attach a registration card, to be downloaded from Dr. Karp's website, to your final report with any supporting materials such as visual aids or poster boards and/or USB drive. Each final report must be sent in its own envelope and received by

**Friday, February 9, 2018.**

**All projects and materials will be returned  
to the teacher by the end of the school year.**



**Friendly tip: Get a head start! Work on projects during winter recess.**



Hey students — you can also ask your teacher to call the Humane Society to schedule a humane education visit at 305-749-1820 or Miami-Dade County Animal Services at 305-418-7149.