

Judging Categories:  
Elementary: (grades 3 - 5)

Team Division (1st and 2nd place)  
Class Division (1 winner)

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Middle: (grades 6 - 8)  
Team Division (1st and 2nd place)

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

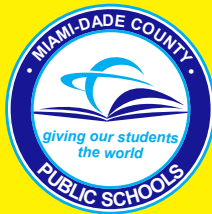
The following point scale will be used:

**POINTS**

- 30 Knowledge of the topic
- 10 Originality
- 5 Grammar, clarity, spelling, neatness
- 5 Visual aids



Prizes include: Ipods, gift cards, pizza party, iTunes and more.



# 16th Annual H.O.P.E.

## Contest

TEACHER DIRECTIONS



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

This Year's Contest Theme is:

## Preventing and Reporting Animal Cruelty

Did you know...  
That last year more than  
8,000 owners surrendered  
their pets.



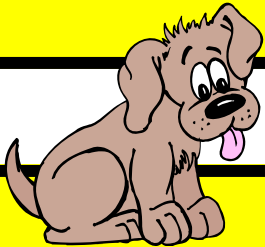
Approved by:  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools' District Contest Committee



This year the H.O.P.E. Contest will focus on preventing and reporting animal cruelty.

Animal cruelty is a tough and overwhelming issue for teachers as well as their students. However, it is an issue that cannot be ignored and this year the H.O.P.E. Contest is going to address what we can do about it. It is important for your students to focus on what people can do to prevent animal cruelty, and to recognize the tragedies that result from animal abuse and neglect. Your students may focus on strengthening animal cruelty laws, educating individuals on reporting animal cruelty, or addressing the importance of proper pet care.

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.



Students who take part in the contest are required to answer thought provoking questions and write a report of 300 - 500 words explaining what they did in their community to increase awareness about animal cruelty and neglect.

The thought provoking questions and detailed project directions will be given to students after they have enrolled in the contest. Expect to receive all necessary information two weeks after you enroll.

## To Enroll:

Please email Denise Izquierdo at [dizquierdo1@dadeschools.net](mailto:dizquierdo1@dadeschools.net) and provide the following information:

Number of students participating

Number of teams/classrooms

School name and mail code number

Sponsoring teacher and phone number

You must enroll by December 6, 2010.

Projects must be submitted by teams or by an entire classroom.

**Team Division:** Elementary and Middle School students

Only 2 - 4 students per team please.

There is no limit to the number of teams entered.

**Classroom Division:** Elementary students only

Groups of 4 or more students

The Final Report is due March 25, 2011.

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

Teachers — you can also call the Humane Society to schedule a humane education visit at 305-749-1820 or Miami-Dade County Animal Services at 305-884-1102 ext. 255.



The following goals and objectives may apply for the H.O.P.E. Contest:

Contest:

Sunshine State Standard (grades 3-5): (SS.C.2.2.1) (L.A.B.1.2.3)

Sunshine State Standards (grades 6-8): (SS.C.2.3.6)

(L.A.B.1.3.3)