



National Be Kind to Animals Week is dedicated to raising awareness about treating animals with kindness and respect. The APF will again celebrate this special week with our 8th Annual Children's Essay and Poster contest. It's a wonderful opportunity to teach children about the importance of kindness and responsibility toward animals.

*This year's theme:*  
**"Adopt Me!"**

There are many wonderful animals at the APF that are looking for homes, you can help get the word out about them. Pick any animal that is up for adoption at the APF and either write an interesting story or design an informative poster that encourages the community to adopt the animal you choose. Be as creative and persuasive as you can.

*For a current list of animals up for adoption, go to:*

[www.animalprotective.org](http://www.animalprotective.org)  
and click on the adopt a pet button.



*invites you to participate in*

## The 2010 Be Kind to Animals Week Poster and Essay Contest

**Age Categories** Entries from students in grades 1 through 5 may be submitted by schools or individuals. Judges will select winners from each grade.

**Posters** Posters must be no smaller than 11" x 17" and no larger than 18" x 24" on white or buff paper. Crayon, pencil, watercolor, tempera, acrylic, magic marker, and colored pencils may be used.

**Essays** Essays must be no more than 200 words in length.

**Theme "Adopt Me!"**

**Identification** All entries must include student's name, grade, school address, teacher's name and phone. If entry is being submitted by a parent, please include parent's name, address and phone. This information may be written on the entries (on the front of essays and the back of posters), or an entry form may be attached. See entry form below.

**Tips and Hints** Essays and posters will be judged on originality, demonstration of the theme, and creativity. Students making posters are encouraged to fill the page and make it colorful. In essays, spelling and mechanics will be considered.

**Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2010**

Please mail or deliver to:

**The Animal Protective Foundation, 53 Maple Ave., Scotia, NY 12302.**

**Prizes!** Entries will be judged within their own grade level. All winners will receive prizes and be invited, along with their families, teachers and principals, to an awards reception on Monday, May 3 at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady. Winners will be notified via teachers or parents during the last week of April. Entries cannot be returned. All entries become the property of the APF and may be displayed or used for promotional purposes.

**For more info: [www.animalprotective.org](http://www.animalprotective.org) or call 374-3944, ext. 119**



### Be Kind to Animals Contest Entry Form One student per entry. Please print CLEARLY!

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry Poster \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_

*For Entries Submitted by Parents:*

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_