

NEWS RELEASE

HSC kicks off Youth Art Contest that doubles as a fundraiser for the shelter

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While Humane Education classroom visits and tours are suspended until further notice, the Humane Society of Charlotte has introduced a library of content to keep students engaged during the North Carolina at-home school mandates. HSC has introduced Story time with Shelley and the Shelter Animals, HSC Cooks! and a number of at home lesson plans. Now, HSC introduces an **Art Contest** for students all over Charlotte that will double at a fundraiser for the charitable organization

Students age 18 and under are encouraged to submit their art following the theme, "Kindness and Compassion." Art submissions can be created in a variety of mediums including paint, drawing materials, collage, digital illustration, or photography. HSC hopes to encourage artistic expression that helps youth understand how animals teach us about kindness and compassion, what our world needs to learn about kindness and compassion and what those look like in the year 2020.

All submissions should be emailed including a photo of your artworkslyttle@humanecharlotte.org with the subject line: "2020 Pet Palooza Art Contest Submission" with all artists full name, age, phone number and title of the art piece submitted.

"We'll select 5 pieces to be posted and displayed on our social media pages," says HSC Humane Education Manager, Shelley Lyttle. "From there, the Charlotte community will be able to vote for their favorite piece by clicking on each pieces' corresponding donation link where \$1 = 1 vote!"

The art contest winner will be able to name one of our shelter dogs or cats and have their piece specially featured by the Humane Society of Charlotte. The submission deadline for original art is May 16th and voting will take place throughout the following week. Voting will end at 8pm on May 23rd.



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The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to delivering effective, innovative services that strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the lives of companion animals and the people who care about them. The Humane Society of Charlotte follows a no-kill philosophy, which is based on saving all animals that come to us. Our vision is for Charlotte to be a united community where animal welfare is valued and demonstrated through educated and collaborative efforts leading to positive outcomes for people and animals.

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