

1. **Disclosure; Submission Period; Voting Period**

No donation, purchase, or obligation of any kind is necessary to win. A donation or purchase will not increase your chances of winning. You have not yet won. The CONGRESSIONAL PET PHOTO CONTEST ("Contest") begins at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on May 2nd, 2011 and ends at 12:00 a.m. EDT on May 20th, 2011 ("Submission Period"). Voting in the People's Choice Category begins at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on May 23rd and ends at 12:00 a.m. EDT on June 6th, 2011 ("Voting Period").

2. **Eligibility**

The Contest is open only to members of the 112th United States Congress and Congressional staff members, including committee staff ("Staffers"). Void where prohibited by law. The Contest is subject to all applicable national, federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Employees and independent contractors of The Humane Society of the United States ("The HSUS") or The Humane Society Legislative Fund ("HSLF") or their affiliates and any other individual or entity involved in the development, promotion, or execution of the Contest, and the immediate family members and/or household members of each are not eligible to win.

3. **To Enter**

To enter, submit a photograph of your pet and answer the questionnaire about you and your pet as directed at http://www.humanesociety.org/forms/pets_of_congress_2011.html during the Submission Period. Responses to the questionnaire must be in English. You may submit as many entries as you like, but only one entry, photo, and story is allowed per pet. Keep in mind that you may not combine votes across your entries. Total vote count is associated with each entry – not each email address or account.

The Contest is limited to the following pets: dogs, cats, and horses. Photos containing imagery inconsistent with the programs and policies of The HSUS/HSLF, including hunting imagery, pregnant or unaltered animals, or animals who appear unhealthy, neglected, homeless, or in danger may be deemed ineligible at The HSUS's/HSLF's discretion.

Any entry will be deemed ineligible if it is illegible, incomplete, fails to meet the required specifications, is received before the Submission Period begins or after it ends, or for any other reason at the sole discretion of The HSUS/HSLF. If your entry is rejected, it will be removed from the Contest website and you will be notified by email. For more information, please see the Contest's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs).

By entering the Contest, you warrant that your entry is original, that you are the sole owner and copyright holder of your entry, and that you have not granted exclusive rights to all or part of your entry to any other person or entity. You also warrant that your entry does not invade the right of privacy of any individual; does not infringe any trademark, trade name, trade secret, intellectual property right, or other common law or statutory

right; nor does it contain any material that might be deemed offensive or obscene, or that otherwise violates any criminal prohibition or the personal or proprietary rights of any person or entity.

All entries shall become the property of The HSUS/HSLF when received and shall not be returned.

4. **How the Winners Will Be Determined**

Winners will be determined in two ways:

Winning the People's Choice Category

Seven (7) Semi-Finalists will be chosen at random. These seven Semi-Finalists will be announced on the Contest website, and visitors to the site will vote for their favorite Semi-Finalist. The Semi-Finalist who receives the most eligible votes during the Voting Period will be deemed Winner of the People's Choice Award. In the event of a tie, all Semi-Finalists receiving the highest number of votes will be deemed Winners.

Voting Instructions here:

http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/legislation/2011_congressional_pet_photo.pdf

Winning the Judged Categories

A group of Semi-Finalists will be selected from eligible entries based on the quality of the contestants' entries and how well the images and written responses convey the personality of the pet. From the pool of Semi-Finalists, a panel of judges will select one (1) Winner for each Judged Category. Awards will be presented in each of the following 18 categories:

1. Rising Star Kitten (Member Category): awarded to one kitten belonging to a Member of Congress.
2. Rising Star Kitten (Staffer Category): awarded to one kitten belonging to a Staffer.
3. Rising Star Puppy (Member Category): awarded to one puppy belonging to a Member of Congress.
4. Rising Star Puppy (Staffer Category): awarded to one puppy belonging to a Staffer.
5. Elder Statescat (Member Category): awarded to one adult cat belonging to a Member of Congress.
6. Elder Statescat (Staffer Category): awarded to one adult cat belonging to a Staffer.

7. Elder Statesdog (Member Category): awarded to one adult dog belonging to a Member of Congress.
8. Elder Statesdog (Staffer Category): awarded to one adult dog belonging to a Staffer.
9. Feline Pawjority Leader (Member Category): awarded to one cat or kitten belonging to a Senator.
10. Feline Pawjority Leader (Staffer Category): awarded to one cat or kitten belonging to a Senate Staffer.
11. Canine Pawjority Leader (Member Category): awarded to one dog or puppy belonging to a Senator.
12. Canine Pawjority Leader (Staffer Category): awarded to one dog or puppy belonging to a Senate Staffer.
13. House Cat (Member Category): awarded to one cat or kitten belonging to a Representative.
14. House Cat (Staffer Category): awarded to one cat or kitten belonging to a House Staffer.
15. Barker of the House (Member Category): awarded to one dog or puppy belonging to a Representative.
16. Barker of the House (Staffer Category): awarded to one dog or puppy belonging to a House Staffer.
17. Steed of State (Member Category): awarded to one horse or foal belonging to a Member of Congress.
18. Steed of State (Staffer Category): awarded to one horse or foal belonging to a Staffer.

5. **Prizes**

Awardees will receive a trophy at the awards ceremony.

6. **Winner Notification/Prize Claims**

The Winners will be selected by 06/14/2011 and will be notified at the Awards Ceremony, or earlier, at the sole discretion of The HSUS/HSLF. In the event that a Winner is unable to accept a prize, an alternate Winner will be selected. Winners may be required to complete and sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release, and, where legal, a Publicity Release, all of which must be returned within 30 days of attempted prize notification; otherwise, the prize will be forfeited and awarded to an

alternate Winner. If the prize is won by an eligible person who is not of legal age in the state of residence, the prize shall be awarded in the name of the Winner's parent or legal guardian, who must sign and return all required documentation prior to receiving the prize. In the event of noncompliance with these Rules, or if a prize or prize notification is unclaimed or returned as undeliverable, the prize will be forfeited and may be awarded to an alternate Winner.

7. Prize Restrictions

Prizes are not transferable. No substitution of prizes is permitted except at the sole discretion of The HSUS/HSLF. Any federal, state, or local taxes on prizes and any expenses related to the acceptance and/or use of the prizes not specified herein as being awarded are the responsibility of the Winners.

8. Additional Terms

By accepting a prize, each Winner consents to The HSUS's/HSLF's use of his or her name, likeness, voice, and/or biographical information for promotional and other purposes without additional compensation, except where prohibited by law. Each Winner, by acceptance of any prize, acknowledges compliance with these Rules and agrees to release The HSUS/HSLF, their affiliates, and their officers, directors, employees, independent contractors, representatives, and agents ("Releasees") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Contest or the receipt, redemption, or use of any prize, including any injuries or damages of any kind sustained in connection with the use, acceptance, possession, or awarding of any prize.

9. Limitation of Liability

Releasees are not responsible for printing, typographical, human or other errors of any kind in any Contest-related materials or for stolen, lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, or illegible entries. If, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned, or infection by computer viruses, bugs, or tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, actions of entrants, technical failures, or any other causes corrupt or infect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Contest, The HSUS/HSLF reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any entry or entrant and/or to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest and at its sole discretion award a prize from among all eligible non-suspect entries validly received prior to the action requiring such modification. By entering, all contestants agree that the Contest is governed by laws of the District of Columbia for the resolution of all claims and disputes (excluding any claims against or disputes involving parties other than The HSUS/HSLF relating to any prize awarded in the contest).

10. List of Winners

For the names of the Winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the following:

ATTN: Congressional Pet Photo Contest
2100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

All requests must be received by 07/14/2011.

11. Sponsors

The HSUS/HSLF are the sole sponsors of the Contest.