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ARF Hamptons Launches Student Holiday Card Contest

*Middle and High School Students Invited to Design
ARF's 2025 Holiday Card*

East Hampton, NY — October 20, 2025 — The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF) is calling on the creativity of local young artists with the launch of its 2025 Holiday Card Contest. Open to all students in grades 6–12, the contest invites participants to design ARF's official holiday card, spreading cheer while celebrating the animals waiting for adoption at the ARF Adoption Center.

This year's challenge: create a festive design that features one ARF dog and one ARF cat currently available for adoption. The winning design will be professionally printed as ARF's 2025 holiday card and mailed to ARF supporters across the community.

Submission Guidelines

- Open to students in grades 6–12.
- Theme: Holiday spirit + ARF's mission of giving animals a second chance.
- Artwork must include one ARF dog and one ARF cat (photos and bios available at arfhamptons.org/adoptions/view-our-pets)
- No AI-generated work permitted; original artwork only (drawing, painting, or digital illustration).
- Format: 5"x7" vertical or horizontal design; submitted as JPEG or PDF, 300 dpi minimum.
- Limit: One entry per student.
- Submissions due by **Thursday, November 7, 2025, at 11:59 PM** via email to info@arfhamptons.org with subject line "ARF Holiday Card Contest." Include student's name, grade, school, and contact info.

Timeline

- Submission Deadline: November 7, 2025
- Winner Announced: December 1, 2025



- Holiday Card Released: Early December

Prizes

- **1st Place:** Artwork featured on ARF's official holiday card (with credit), \$100 Golden Eagle gift card, framed print of winning design, ARF sweatshirt, and a spotlight on ARF's website, newsletter, and social media.
- **2nd Place:** \$50 Golden Eagle gift card, ARF T-shirt, and social media feature as runner-up.
- **3rd Place:** \$25 Golden Eagle gift card, ARF hat, and social media feature as runner-up.

About ARF Hamptons:

Since 1974, ARF Hamptons has provided care and sanctuary for homeless cats and dogs until loving homes can be found. ARF is a leading animal rescue and adoption center on Long Island. In addition to its rescue and adoption program, ARF operates a pet food pantry, free spay/neuter clinics for feral cats, and year-round dog training and socialization classes.

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