

Highlands County Pet Photo Calendar Contest Rules

1. How to Enter Your Pet:
 - **Basic Entry:** Fill out the entry form on the Highlands County DEC Website <https://democratsofhighlandscounty.org> and pay the \$5 Entry Fee via ActBlue link. Note: The basic entry includes no votes.
 - **Deluxe Entry:** Fill out the entry form on the Highlands County DEC Website <https://democratsofhighlandscounty.org> and pay the \$25 Entry Fee via ActBlue link. Deluxe entries will receive a free 2024 Highlands County Pet Photo Calendar and 5 free votes.
 - The entry fee is per submission. For example – if you submit a photo with two pets, only one entry fee is due.
 - You may submit multiple, unique entries.
 - **No checks or cash are accepted for this promotion.**
2. Entry period: Begins at **9:00 AM on October 2, 2023** and ends at **11:59 PM on October 25, 2023 at 11:59pm.**
3. Contest period: Begins at **9:00 AM on October 27, 2023 and ends on November 12, 2023 at 11:59pm**
4. Photo Requirements:
 - No professional photos please.
 - All photos should be uploaded in .jpeg or .jpg or .png format and no larger than 12 MB.
 - Photos should be landscape (horizontal) orientation.
 - No **humans** in photos.
 - Pets may be dressed in costumes or outfits.
 - Photos taken by a mobile phone are acceptable and should be in the highest resolution possible.
 - Pets submitted for the contest must be legal to own in the state of Florida. Entries containing photos of pets that are considered threatened or endangered species will be disqualified.
 - If in doubt about your picture, submit it and you will be notified if there is a problem.
 - By submitting your pet's picture, you are agreeing to have your pet's picture publicly displayed on the internet and in any promotional items we may create for the contest. Your personal information that we collect on your entry form will NOT be displayed on the website. Only your pet's name will be displayed.
 - Entries will be listed alphabetically by the entered pet's name. If there are entries with the same name, the entrants will have a number after their name: example Bruno 1, Bruno 2, Bruno 3.
5. Voting:
 - \$1 (one dollar equals one vote). Voting occurs on the Highlands County Democratic Party website: <https://democratsofhighlandscounty.org/> via ActBlue Link.
 - \$5 equals 5 votes, \$10 equals 10 votes, \$25 equals 25 votes and so on.
 - Any person authorized to donate to a political organization in the state of Florida may cast a vote with their monetary donation.
 - There is no limit to the number of times someone can vote, or the number of votes submitted.
 - The entry fee donation and all votes are donations benefiting the Highlands County DEC.
6. Winners:
 - The Pet with the most votes will be declared the winner on November 14,, 2023. .
 - All entrants will be published in the calendar

7. Prizes:
 - The entrant with the most votes will receive a free ticket to the next Gala of their choice.
8. Disputes: The **Highlands County DEC Chair** is the sole authority for resolving any disputes regarding this contest and the decision of the **Highlands County DEC Chair** is final.