

# Do You Have the Cutest Pet?

The Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan is holding our annual "Favorite Pet Photo Contest" to be judged at our Berrien County Youth Fair Booth August 11-16th, 2008.



## The Rules!

1. Entry Fee is \$5.00 per standard photo submitted.
2. Photos with entry form and fee must be mailed or delivered to the shelter or the fair booth before 8/15/2008.
3. Any type of pet will be accepted.
4. Reproductions of this form is permissible.
5. Vote donations in and above the \$5.00 entrance fee can be submitted at time of entry!

## The Prizes!

Fabulous goodie laden gift baskets will be awarded to the top 3 vote getters, as judged by the amount of money they raise in the ballot boxes at the fair booth!

Participants are encouraged to solicit monetary donations votes (1 cent = 1 vote) from friends, families, and co-workers. Vote recruitment, contest challenges, and promotion of the contest are welcome in good fun!

### Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan Favorite Pet Photo Contest Entry Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PETS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PETS AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF PET: \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVER TO: Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan 641 S. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor MI 49022 Checks made payable to HSSM (Humane Society of Southwestern MI)**

**Pet Photography Tips-Capturing that "purrfect" shot!**- Working with your pet to get that breathtaking photo can be hard. Here are a few tips that might help.

- Tire them out first. Tired pets will move around less and be more apt to "hold" a position for you.
- Use props or appealing natural backgrounds but don't overwhelm the photo so you don't see the pet.
- If you have a light colored pet use a darker background and for dark pets use a light background.
- Use food or noise to get your pet to focus in the direction you want them to.
- Four hands is better than two, have one "helper" and one photographer!
- Have fun with it, don't get frustrated or angry. Your pet will sense it and your photo will reflect it.