

Photo Submission Information – Due March 8, 2020

SUMMARY

Photos of people and animals tell such great stories. The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society invites you to share your photos of the connection between children and their pets. Selected photos will be included in the Ontario SPCA AnimalSmart™ program print and online materials and will be entered into a draw to win [1 of 3 \\$100 VISA gift cards](#).

AnimalSmart™ is powerful educational resource focused on building empathy, responsibility, respect and connection in children. The Junior program, presently in development, will weave Indigenous perspectives in teaching and learning into the lesson plans. So that all students see themselves represented in the lessons, we invite you to share photos that show the bond between **First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Urban Indigenous children and their pets**.

It is our hope that this program will help promote better understanding and representation of Indigenous peoples in Ontario classrooms and beyond. We hope you'll be a part of it.

DETAILS

What is this for?

The Ontario SPCA has developed a free, online educational resource called AnimalSmart™ that educators can use to foster empathy and promote a sense of responsibility in children, as well as inspire respect for and a connection to animals and the environment.

Beginning with the Junior program (in development; grades 4-6) each edition will weave Indigenous perspectives in teaching and learning into the lesson plans. Being a part of this program will help promote better understanding and representation of Indigenous peoples in Ontario classrooms and beyond.

To get a sense of how the photos may be incorporated into the manual please download a copy of the first edition, the Primary Program (grades 1-3) at animalsmart.ca

What kind of photos are we looking for?

So that all students see themselves represented in the lessons, we are looking for photos that show the bond between **First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Urban Indigenous children and their**

pets. Friends, family and others may also be present in the photos.

We would be honoured to receive photos of Elders and/or Knowledge Keepers with animals as well. AnimalSmart™ encourages the development of relationships with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to deepen student learning and understanding.

Photos can be serious or fun, moving or still, close-up or at a bit of a distance. They can be children playing with their pets, providing care and affection, or just hanging out – whatever captures the relationship between children and their pets.

Who can submit?

We welcome photos from anyone interested in contributing to the project. Whether you're an emerging photographer or someone with a love for taking pictures we invite you to submit your photos. You will be credited for your work.

What is needed?

- 1) Signed consent form for every person in the photo (form available on the submission page). A parent or legal guardian must sign the consent form on behalf of minors. Multiple children can be included on one form if they share the same parent or legal guardian. Please reach out with any questions you may have. (Contact details below.)
- 2) Photos must be clear and high-resolution (SLR and high-quality iPhone photos - jpg, gif, png or psd)

Please note, you must be the owner of the photo

Questions? Please contact:

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Visit www.animalsmart.ca to submit your photos by **March 8, 2020.**

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