

National Pet Month 2010

3 April – 3 May 2010

'Healthy pets are happy pets'



countrywide
Supplying the rural community



Art competition – get involved!

National Pet Month (3 April-3 May) is launching a schools' art competition this year and is encouraging local pet shops and veterinary practices to get in touch with local schools to provide inspiration to youngsters entering the art competition, which this year is based on the theme: **'A Happy Pet I Know'**.



What can you do?

If you are a school or youth group....

All children love animals! Get the children inspired by arranging a visit to a local pet shop or veterinary practice, or inviting a representative to come and talk to them in school in National Pet Month. It's a great way to get the children engaged in animals and pet care. For those with pets it enhances what they have already learned; for those without pets, it opens up a whole new world.



Get the children to think about the animals they know or have recently met by entering NPM's art competition.



We're inviting children of all ages to draw or paint animals or pets around the theme 'A happy pet I know'. Children could draw their own pets, or those of friends or other relatives. Alternatively, they might want to draw some animals from any recent visits to or from local pet shops or veterinary practices. Send in the best or most original entries to us here at NPM by Friday 28 May. Winners will be announced in July, with prizes being presented before the summer holidays.



If you are a veterinary practice, pet retailer...

Get in touch with your local school! If you don't already have links with local schools, contact the Head teacher and offer to visit the school and give a talk to children about animals and animal care. Take along some animals to show the children, and encourage them to enter the art competition. You could even offer to display some of the children's artwork in your shop or practice. It's a great way to raise awareness amongst young people of pets and their care, and to raise your profile in the local community. Hopefully it'll be good for business too!



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