

The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact of human and animal rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the main global sources.

Even though the major impact of rabies occurs in regions of the world where many needs are present, rabies should no longer be neglected. The tools and technology for human rabies prevention and dog rabies elimination are available.

Through the World Rabies Day initiative, partners are working together to make rabies history.

A Creative Art Contest sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for kids up to 13 years of age is being held and the information is as follows: the topic is "Rabies Awareness and Prevention," submit original hand drawn artwork on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, and any art medium except no computer generated images can be used.

There are two divisions: under seven years and ages eight-13. Prizes for each division are \$20 for first, \$10 for second, and \$5 for third place.

Artwork will be displayed locally, and in the State Office Building, Lincoln.

Submit artwork by Oct. 31 to Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, PO Box 1235, 404 West 10th Street, McCook, NE 69001.

"This is a great opportunity for kids to become educated about rabies. With the rules to include using any art medium, the kids should be able to do their best work and have fun while learning," states Beverly Powers, Surveillance Coordinator for Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department.

For more information on rabies, call SWNPHD at 308-345-4223. Southwest Nebraska Public

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