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2nd Annual Senior Scholarship Award

Graduating seniors in four southern New Jersey counties are invited to submit their animal shelter adoption ideas to the Circle of Compassion Annual Senior Scholarship Award Contest by May 1.

Paws and Claws Society is offering a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place 2nd Annual Circle of Compassion Scholarship Awards in the amounts of \$500., \$750, and \$1,000 for the best **original** and **practical** ways to increase the adoption of shelter pets.. In addition, there will be a \$1,500. scholarship award for the student with the best idea from the four counties. Ideas can apply to an entire shelter or to specific types of adoptions like senior pets, special needs pets, feral cats or big dogs.

Students from Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties can submit up to five original ideas, but each student can only win one award. The high schools of first place winning students will receive subscriptions to a selection of animal themed periodicals for their library.

Paws and Claws Society of Thorofare, New Jersey designed Circle of Compassion Scholarship Awards to tap into the vitality and creativity of our young people by challenging them to put their active minds into solving an old problem – how to get more animals adopted from animal shelters.

Nationally, only about sixteen percent of pets are selected from a shelter. As a consequence millions of perfectly wonderful animals meet their end in “shelters.” Few are aware that about twenty-five percent of the animals in US shelters are pedigree or that there are significant benefits to adopting a previously loved pet. By adopting a shelter pet, you rescue an already viable, precious life and discourage the breeding of unwanted animals.

For more information about the scholarship award visit send an email with Scholarship in the Subject to humane_educator@hotmail.com.