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Top Dog Contest Kicks Off Dog License Season

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Mike Kovack, Medina County Auditor, today announced the guidelines for the 28th Annual Top Dog Essay Contest for all fourth-grade students in Medina County. The contest is the kick-off each year for the dog licensing season which runs from **December 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023**. The contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled children who reside in Medina County.

Entrants are eligible for prizes for their dog, themselves and one of the first dog tags for 2023.

“Medina County people love their animals and we are delighted we get to see some of that love shine through each year from our fourth graders,” said Kovack. “We get hundreds of essays every year, running the gamut from hilarious to heart-breaking,” he continued. “Writing about one’s dog often inspires students in a way that other assignments don’t. It is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to tap into an area of real interest for children and help teach composition and grammar in the bargain.”

Students can submit only one essay of 300 words or less (solely written by them) about why they think a particular dog is the Top Dog in Medina County. The dog does not have to be owned by the writer.

All entries must be received in the Medina County Auditor’s Office by **Monday, November 14**. They will be judged by a panel of staff members in the auditor’s office.

For more information, contact the Medina County Auditor’s Office at 330-725-9143 or spappas@medinaco.org. The Top Dog Essay Contest rules are posted on the auditor’s website here: <https://www.medinacountyauditor.org/download/contests/2022top-dog-rules.pdf>

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