ROANOKE VALLEY SPCA

BEST IN SHOW

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An exhibit of animal art by local artists to benefit the Roanoke Valley SPCA

CALL FOR ENTRIES

March 12, 2026

VIP RECEPTION AND PREVIEW 5:00-6:00PM | **SHOW AND SALE 6:00-8:00PM**

Charter Hall in The Market Building (Third Floor) • 32 Market Square, SE

The Roanoke Valley SPCA Best in Show returns for its eighteenth year. Artists and pet lovers are invited to create artwork in any medium for the competition. The images can be of pets or animal friends.

The artwork will be exhibited Thursday, March 12th with a VIP reception and preview prior to the show opening. Images of the artwork will be shown at Best in Show and on the website. Unsold artwork will remain for sale online until the end of April.

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See inside for the dates, hours, and competition details!

ELIGIBILITY

Now in its nineteenth year, Best in Show 2026 is open to artists and animal lovers of all ages and levels of experience.

HOW TO ENTER

- Entry fees start at $35 for adult participants age 18 and over.
- Entry fee is $30 for student artists under age 18.
- Multiple submissions are invited and discounts are available for artists entering multiple pieces. See website for details.
- Entry fee is $30 for each sculpture.
- Payment can be made online at:

https://one.bidpal.net/bestinshow2026

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Entry forms and Artist Statement forms may be downloaded here too!

CANVAS ENTRIES

- Use only ***canvases***, received from the Roanoke Valley SPCA and the Left of Center Art Space. Canvases may be picked up during regular business hours. Addresses and hours at bottom of next page. Art not on designated canvases will not be accepted.
- Subject matter appropriate to SPCA: pets, animal friends of all kinds. Dogs and cats may comprise the majority of entries, but past works have included goldfish, horses, pigs, flying squirrels, parrots, llamas and salamanders.
- All 2-dimensional media (painting, drawing, collage, photography, mixed media, etc.) is acceptable.
- Do not build up canvas surfaces or add dimensional elements beyond bas-relief unless you use very sturdy materials. Do not exceed the 12" square footprint. ***All paintings must be completely dry.***
- ***Do not add any additional framing to the outside of the canvas.***
- Do not add hanging wire to the back of the canvas.
- Please enter only work that has not been in Best in Show before.
- Continuing the artwork on the sides of the canvas increases sales potential.

SCULPTURE ENTRIES

- Subject matter can be an image of any pets or animal friends. The sculpture category includes dog and cat houses, pet beds, pet food stations, etc. These can be full size and suitable for pet housing, or presented as sculptural prototypes. If full size, please use pet-safe materials.
- All 3-D media are acceptable (papier maché, cloth, wood, metal, wire, plaster, foam-core or mixed).
- Please provide a pedestal with protective felt or bumpers on the bottom edges.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Blank canvases may be picked up at Roanoke Valley SPCA and the Left of Center Art Space during regular business hours until February 14, 2026. Addresses and hours are below.
- DELIVERY OF COMPLETED ARTWORK must be made between Tuesday, February 18 and Saturday, March 1, 2026 at the Roanoke Valley SPCA, Tuesday - Saturday, Noon - 7:00 p.m.
- **2026 VIP Reception & Preview: Thursday, March 12, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** and 2026 Show & Sale: Thursday, March 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Charter Hall in The Market Building, 32 Market Square, SE, Roanoke.
- Purchases of art can be made at the opening reception, during the show, or online through **the end of April 2026.**
- At the conclusion of the online exhibit, artists may pick up unsold artwork at the **Roanoke Valley SPCA** during normal business hours (Noon - 7:00 p.m.) Tuesday - Saturday. Any artwork not claimed by close of business May 31, 2026 becomes property of the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

AWARDS

The Best in Show winner will be chosen by the guest art judges and will be featured in the 2026 Roanoke Valley SPCA Annual Report and any promotional materials for 2027 Best in Show. Additional awards will be selected by other event sponsors. A full listing of award categories can be found on the website.

SALES

- **All entries must be for sale. No pre-sales. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- A 50% commission will be taken from all sales and donated to the Roanoke Valley SPCA. 100% donation is very appreciated.
- Please price your work fairly, in the spirit of a non-profit fundraiser. All entries must be priced at a minimum of $30 (including student paintings). We reserve the right to revise pricing if warranted.
- Unsold art will be held at the Roanoke Valley SPCA and offered for sale through the Best in Show website through the end of April. Sales online expand the opportunities for the artists' work to be seen more extensively and make it easy for buyers to view and purchase available paintings.

Roanoke Valley SPCA
1340 Baldwin Avenue, NE, Roanoke
HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday, NOON - 7PM

Left of Center Art Space
24 Campbell Avenue, SW, Roanoke
HOURS: Thursday - Saturday, 11AM - 4PM

BEST IN SHOW ENTRY FORM 2026

ARTWORK DELIVERY:

DELIVERY OF ARTWORK must be made between February 18 - March 1, 2026 at the Roanoke Valley SPCA, Tuesday - Saturday, Noon - 7:00 p.m. **Artwork entries and forms are due no later than 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2026. *This deadline is firm. No exceptions.***

This entry form is also available to fill out electronically at https://one.bidpal.net/bestinshow2026.
If you completed the form electronically, please skip to the bottom of this form.

VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND IN INK!

An artist statement is piece of writing by you that helps should tell the viewer what they need to know about you and your artwork in a simple and concise way. Please keep your artist's statement to between 100 and 150 words.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ (ADULT ONLY) Phone _____ (ADULT ONLY)

Percentage donated to the Roanoke Valley SPCA:

☐ 100%

☐ 50%

Teacher Name _____ (STUDENT ONLY) Grade _____ (STUDENT ONLY) School _____ (STUDENT ONLY)

Title of Work _____ Price _____

Medium (SELECT ONLY ONE): ☐ Oil ☐ Acrylic ☐ Watercolor ☐ Charcoal ☐ Pastel ☐ Pencil

☐ Tempera ☐ Pen & Ink ☐ Mixed Media ☐ Collage ☐ Sculpture ☐ Other

Brief Artist Statement: _____

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I agree that my entry(ies) will be available for sale at the "Best in Show" exhibit. I further agree that if my entry is selected as a winner of the contest, the Roanoke Valley SPCA has my permission to feature it in the Roanoke Valley SPCA's 2027 Annual Report, and in Best in Show promotional materials at no charge to the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

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SIGNATURE

Clip and attach this section to the back of your canvas with painter's or masking tape if you did NOT complete the electronic form.

Clip and attach this section to the back of your canvas with painter's or masking tape if you DID complete the electronic form.

☐ I completed the information via electronic form.

Artist Name _____

Title of Work _____