# Houston Pets Alive! Calendar Contest 2021

### Questions? Email fundraise@houstonpetsalive.org.

## Guide: aka how it works

#### **Calendar Contest**

- 1. HPA!'s Calendar Contest is open to all pet owners across the globe who want their pet to be featured in HPA!'s 2022 calendar, and possibly even make the cover!
- 2. It is completely FREE to enter. Entries are accepted via the Calendar Contest webpage <a href="https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html">https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html</a>.
- Once registered, you can customize your fundraising page by uploading the photo of your pet you want to compete in the contest. Once the photo is uploaded, it may NOT be changed.
- 4. Pet photos must be of DOGS or CATS only.
- 5. When you upload your pet's photo to the website, it will automatically ask you to crop it into a square. Actual calendar photos will be slightly horizontal in layout.
- 6. Photos should be high resolution (300 dpi preferred). If a winner's winning photo quality is not sufficient for print, HPA! reserves the right to disqualify the winner and open the spot to the contestant with the next highest votes.
- 7. Contestants will solicit votes (donations) from friends and family from October 15, 2021 at 12:00am through November 15, 2021 11:59pm on their personal fundraising pages.
- 8. \$1 donated = 1 vote. Online votes (donations) must be made on the contestant's page to count towards the contestant's total.
- 9. The top 12 contestants with the most votes (donations) by November 15, 2021 at 11:59pm will win a month feature in the calendar. Winners will have the opportunity to choose their preferred feature month in the order of most votes to least votes.
- 10. The contestant with the most votes (donations) will also win the calendar cover.

#### Pre-Order a Calendar

- 1. Final calendars are available for pre-order for \$25. There is no limit to the number of calendars an individual may pre-order.
- 2. Pre-orders must be received no later than November 15, 2021 at 11:59pm through the event website <a href="https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html">https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html</a>.
- 3. Expected availability of pre-ordered calendars is late December 2021.

4. Pickup of calendars will be at HPA!'s 2854 Antoine Drive location. Delivery of calendars will be on a case-by-case basis only and is not guaranteed.

#### Purchase an Ad/Photo

- 1. Up to forty-eight (48) 2.5"x1" ad or photo placements are available in the calendar's footer for purchase at \$100 each.
- 2. Photo placements guarantee a pet's inclusion in the calendar regardless of being a top 12 contestant.
- 3. Ads provide the opportunity to include a message or advertisement by an individual or company.
- 4. Artwork/photos should be supplied by the purchaser. Some graphic design assistance may be possible on a case by case basis.

#### **FAQs**

- 1. How much does it cost to enter into the Calendar Contest?
  - a. Nothing entry is FREE!
- 2. How do you enter the Calendar Contest?
  - a. The direct link to register is https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html?page=register.
- 3. How do people vote for my pet?
  - a. Once you've set up your personal page and upload your pet's photo, you can share the URL with friends and family to solicit votes. Votes are donations. \$1 donated = 1 vote. The more your friends and family donate on your page, the more votes you will receive.
- 4. How do I win?
  - a. The top 12 pets with the most votes (donations) by November 15, 2021 at 11:59pm win a month feature. The pet with the most votes (donations) will win the cover photo.

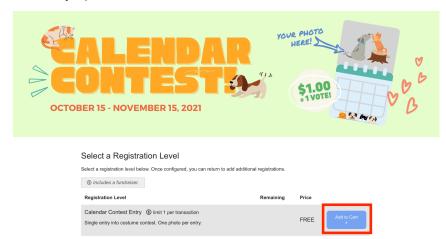
# **Entry and Fundraising Page Guide**

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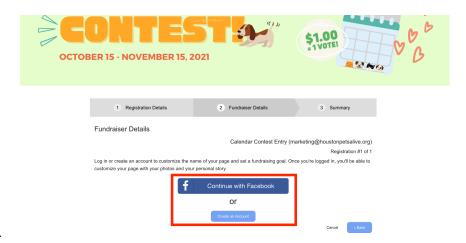
https://houstonpetsalive.salsalabs.org/calendarcontest2021/index.html?page=register and find the entry option. Click "add to cart."



2. Select whether you are registering for yourself or someone else.

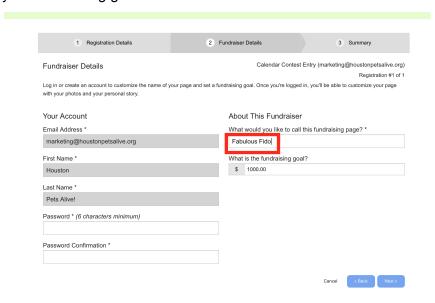


 Create an account by using your Facebook account or email. Note: if you already have an account set up with HPA! through a different event, the system will let you know and you may need to reset your password to access your account.



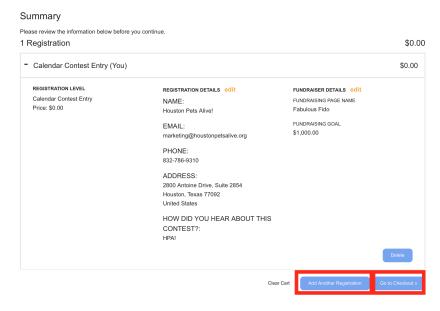
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4. Once logged into your new/existing account, it will give you the initial options to name your page. We recommend something about your pet/their name, etc. You can also change your fundraising goal.



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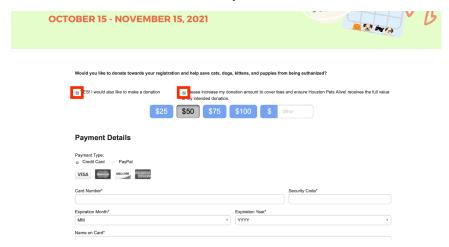
5. After hitting Next, you'll review your information and have the option to add another registration (i.e. pre-order a calendar or purchase an ad/guaranteed photo entry). Or, you can simply continue to checkout.



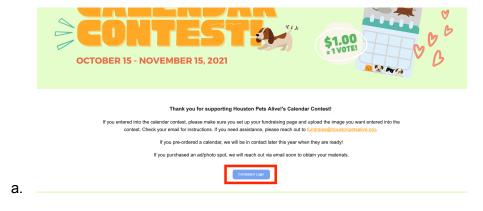
6. At checkout, you can automatically make a donation. This is preselected, so if you do NOT want to make a donation, make sure you DEselect this.

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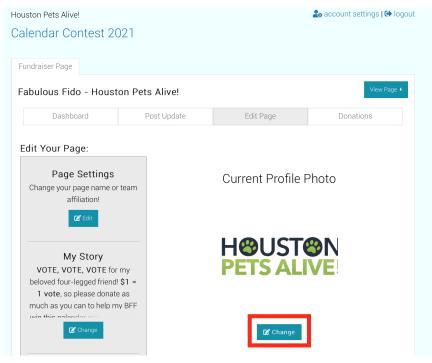
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7. After completing registration, you'll see the button to enter the contestant login.



8. This is where you'll have access to upload your pet's photo for the contest (update profile pic) as well as customize any of the preset text on your personal campaign page or change the page name, etc. The "view page" button will send you to your personal page. This is the page (URL) that you should share with friends and family to get them to vote for you!



Houston Pets Alive! 🎎 account settings | ↔ logout Calendar Contest 2021 Fundraiser Page Fabulous Fido - Houston Pets Alive! Dashboard Post Update Edit Page Edit Your Page: Page Settings Current Profile Photo Change your page name or team affiliation! My Story VOTE, VOTE, VOTE for my beloved four-legged friend! \$1 = 1 vote, so please donate as much as you can to help my BFF

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# Tips to Solicit Votes (Donations)

- 1. First, vote (donate) on your own page if you can. If people see you've put your money where your mouth is, they will be more likely to do it themselves. Donate as much as you can, or the amount you'd like to inspire others to donate. For most people, that's \$50 (=50 votes).
- Share your page on your social media account(s). Write a caption (or copy/paste the description) and tag your closest relatives and friends who you think would want to vote for you.
- Direct message and/or email your closest relatives and friends with your page's URL to make sure they see it. They might miss it on their news feed or in their notifications if you only invited/tagged them.
- 4. Post fun, captivating, and snappy updates to promote your campaign. Updates spur conversation which in turn raises awareness. When you hit a milestone, post it. Example: Today is the 20th! I am asking everyone to send me 20 votes!
- 5. Thank every single person who votes for you with a personal thanks. Houston Pets Alive! will thank all of your voters, too.
- 6. Ultimately, obtaining the most votes and winning a spot in the calendar will rely on reminding people of your participation and asking them to vote. Updates will get your audience's attention, give them something to share with their own friends, and inspire people to vote.