

**Highlights and Requirements
Annual Sporting Dog Art Contest
The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.**

Objective:

Through its annual Sporting Dog Art Contest, the Bird Dog Foundation seeks to educate and inspire young artists by stimulating them to exercise their original creative processes on subjects relating to sporting dogs, game birds, and waterfowl as well as wildlife and its various forms of natural habitat.

Age Participation:

Grades K through 12, Resource, & CDC (Includes Public, Private and Home Schools)

Entry Deadline and Submission Information:

All entries must be received or postmarked no later than January 15th, 2008.

Guidelines:

Standard-size paper is appropriate, either 8 1/2" X 11" or 9" X 12". **Entries submitted on paper larger or smaller than the specified sizes will be eliminated.** This allows each artist an equal advantage when interpreting his or her theme. Matted entries are acceptable, but matting is not required. **Each entry must be accompanied by two (2) completed official Foundation entry forms.** Complete information is required on the entry forms (student's name, home mailing address, school, teacher's name, grade and age and date of contest). Please use the entry forms as provided by the Foundation. Xerox copies of these official entry forms may be made by the instructors to use for each student entry.

Entries may be brought to the National Bird Dog Museum during business hours of Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am-2pm; Saturdays, 10 am-4pm; or Sundays 1 pm-4pm (Closed Mondays). Submissions may also be mailed to:

**Attn: Lucy Cogbill, Educational Coordinator
Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.
505 W. Hwy 57 P.O. Box 774
Grand Junction, TN 38039**

**Please Note: Only one artwork piece
(with two entry forms attached to the back)
per child, per year.**

Subject Matter:

Original art depicting sporting dogs, game birds, waterfowl, wildlife habitat, and related themes are suitable. When helping your students select their subjects, please encourage their participation as a positive learning experience as well as a creative effort.

The depiction of excessively violent themes is discouraged.

Medium:

Pencil (graphite or colored), charcoal, ink, crayon, pastel, marker, and paints (watercolor, oil, acrylic, tempera, etc.) are acceptable. Computer-generated art will be eliminated.

Criteria:

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of originality, suitability, and interpretation of subject matter, creative technique, composition, and overall visual appeal.

Judging:

A panel of three judges will be established at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation. The Foundation has no part in the judging itself, so this is left up to the judges with the decision of winning placements.

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded in appropriate age categories during a special ceremony at the National Bird Dog Museum. Award date to be announced.

******* PLEASE TAKE NOTE*******

INSTRUCTORS: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET YOUR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS KNOW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF ARTWORK IS SUBMITTED. A sample letter to the parents is enclosed.

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. reserves the total and complete right to use or reproduce any winning art work that was submitted for judging, herewith, to promote the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc., the National Bird Dog Museum, the Field Trial Hall of Fame, and the Wildlife Heritage Center, or for the general promotion of art in schools and among our youth. **Winning Art is kept on display or on file at the Museum until December 31st of the following year. Non-winning entries may be claimed by participants anytime after judging is complete, usually around the end of January.**

Due to space limitations, entries not claimed after December 31st of the following year of submission, may be destroyed at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. however all efforts will be made to contact the school or student to let them know to pick up their work.

CONTACT INFO:

Additional Entry Forms and guideline information are also available by contacting the Education Coordinator by **e-mail** at the following address: **library@birddogfoundation.com**
Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions or need more entry forms, etc.

**WILDLIFE MAGAZINE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SCHOOL OR CLASS
UPON REQUEST TO KEEP IN YOUR CLASSROOM TO AID IN PREPARING FOR THE
CONTEST.**