

Pet Responsibility Assembly Honors

RES 4th Grade "Rockets"

The Robbins Elementary School students learned all about pet responsibility during a 5 session series of classroom lessons presented by Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility volunteers. The students learned about the importance of providing food, water, exercise, identification, training and LOVE to family pets. They also learned about the severity of the pet overpopulation problem in Moore County and how to solve it . . . have dogs and cats spayed or neutered!



Dr Baker and student assistant calculate Beanie's heart rate

On April 4th, the three 4th grade classes gathered for a celebratory assembly. The assembly began with a review of the 5 previous lessons. The students answered questions from all 5 lessons! They enjoyed a visit by "Speuter", the pet responsibility mascot. Speuter shared her story about being abandoned to finally finding a forever home.

In the first 5 weeks of class, the students were asked to write a "Speuter" story about the importance of spay / neuter and why they wanted their families' pets fixed. The winners of the Speuter contest were announced: Alejandra V. and Rosendo G. They both received a voucher for a free spay / neuter.

Rylee M. and Tessa J. were recognized for the Speuter play they wrote, 'Stop the Pet Overpopulation Problem!'. They

recited their play for the audience. They both received a pet related puzzle.

Thirteen students were recognized for submitting great artwork and excellent pet responsibility messages on Clinic Bags, which will be used by the Spay / Neuter Clinic in Vass to send home medications: Viviana K., Kinlee

M., Kayden L., Landon H., Lundon P., Jordyn C., Rylee M., Emiliano V., Tessa J., Ian S., Jaicee O-P., Daniella G., and Alitzel D. These students received a Star Artist Certificate, a sketch pad and a large box of crayons.

Dr. Janice Baker, a local veterinarian, was the special speaker at the Assembly. She talked about her work as a veterinarian and about other animal related jobs the students might consider.

She 'examined' Beanie, a therapy dog owned by Suzie and Al Wall. Tessa J. was Dr. Baker's 'veterinary assistant'!

All the students received a Goody Bag with a pet responsibility bookmark and sticker, Snowball / Barney sticker,

er, mechanical paw print pencil, dog or cat finger puppet and 'reminder candy': Kit Kat bar (for the cats that often get overlooked), Life Saver (for the pets they can help with the things they now know), and a Hershey's kiss (for the love all pets deserve).

The 4th Grade Robbins students are now launched as Advocates for Pets!

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The Speuter Story Contest Winners with PRC Mascot Speuter, therapy dog Beanie and his owner Suzie Wall



The Star Artist Award Winners