

Proclamation Recognizing National Pet Parent Day

Whereas the profound bond between pets and their devoted parents enrich our lives with joy, companionship, and unconditional love; and

Whereas on National Pet Parent Day, celebrated on the last Sunday of every April, Hidalgo County recognizes the contributions of pet parents in nurturing and caring for their beloved animal companions; and

Whereas the office of County Judge Richard F. Cortez, in recognition of this bond, announced a "Picture Perfect Pet" photo contest on the County Judge's official Facebook page on April 5th, 2024, providing a platform for Hidalgo County residents to showcase their treasured pets; and

Whereas from April 10th through April 16th, pet parents enthusiastically shared snapshots of their furry friends, with voting conducted from April 17th through April 23rd, culminating in the recognition of four deserving winners; and

Whereas the winners of the pet photo contest were: Mary Guerra and her dog Kiwi Daenerys in 1st place; Karina Barbosa and her dog King in 2nd place; Rosa Herrera and her dog Chloe in 3rd place; and Jorge de Leon and his dog Whiskey in 4th place. The winning pictures collectively garnered over 6,000 likes on Facebook, showcasing the widespread admiration for these beloved pets; and

Whereas as recognition of their dedication to the responsibilities of being a pet parent, the winners were awarded an exclusive pet photoshoot session courtesy of esteemed photographers, BD Photography (sponsoring one winner), In the Moment Photography (sponsoring one winner), and Montserrat Photographer (sponsoring two winners), capturing the essence of their beloved companions in timeless portraits.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes National Pet Parent Day and congratulates the four "Picture Perfect Pet" photo contest winners whose captivating photographs not only celebrate the beauty of their pets, but also serve as a reminder of the invaluable bond shared between animals and their pet parents.

Approved this 30th day of April 2024.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk