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MA 8th Grader Recognized as Humane Student of the Year for being a Frog Friend

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Jenkintown, PA - Animalearn is pleased to announce that its 2016 Humane Student of the Year is 13-year old Jenna Ward from Chelmsford, MA. Animalearn is recognizing Jenna for her dedication to the protection of frogs used in education.

My name Jenna Ward and I love frogs. Animalearn first heard from Jenna Ward when she was seeking help with her McCarthy Middle School science fair project, about problems with using frogs as dissection specimens in her school. Jenna carefully researched the issue, and she not only contacted Animalearn for information, but also reached out to Digital Frog and Froguts, companies that have developed innovative frog dissection alternatives. Jenna's goal with her science fair project was to highlight alternatives to frog dissection and also encourage the school community to sign a petition that asked for a switch to digital dissections at her school.



Jenna Ward and her 7th grade science fair project highlighting frog dissection.

"Animalearn is proud to recognize Jenna Ward with our 2016 Humane Student of the Year Award for her efforts to make positive change for frogs. I was inspired by Jenna's science fair project because she shed light on frog dissection and also garnered a lot of support for her petition, including signatures from the principal and several science teachers. That is real progress!" said Director of Animalearn Nicole Green.

"I am so excited and honored to receive this award! I have been interested in frogs since at least first grade and have done frog-related science fair projects for several years in a row," said Miss Ward. "I hope that because of this award I can convince my school to go completely virtual with frog dissections. Frogs are really important to the ecosystem. They are bioindicators, telling us when things are going wrong. It is important for us to listen to them and to take care of them."

As a part of the award, Animalearn will donate \$1,000 worth of frog dissection alternatives for Jenna to donate to her school in an effort to give those students who don't want to dissect a humane option.

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