



# Medina County Auditor

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### **Nelson's Dog, Charlie, is Tops in Medina County!**

Grace Nelson's dog, Charlie, is the Top Dog in Medina County for the coming year! Grace's essay on why her dog is tops bested entries from over 400 other fourth graders this week and she was recognized yesterday along with four other children whose essays were the best in the county. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for Auditor Mike Kovack hosting the contest to kick off the 2015 dog licensing season.

Grace, a fourth grader at Ella Canavan Elementary School in Medina and the daughter of Dan and Kristen Nelson, brought her Cockapoo for a visit to Auditor Kovack's office to read her winning essay. Charlie has battled physical problems with his hip and also seizures. Charlie was rewarded for his victory with Dog Tag Number One in the county along with dog food from Medina County manufacturer Bil-Jac and nearly \$500 in veterinary services from Banfield Pet Hospital. Grace and the other authors received prizes from Amazone Entertainment Center, Kitten Krazy, Medina AMF Bowling Center, Medina/Seville Dairy Queen, Pet Supplies Plus and Medina Skateland! Mrs. Tracy Machalec, Grace's teacher, has had a winning student in the contest four years in a row!

The Top Dog Contest awards ceremony marks the beginning of the dog licensing period in the State of Ohio, which ends on January 31, 2013. During this time, all dog licenses must be renewed or new tags must be purchased. The cost is \$10 for a one year tag, \$30 for a three year tag or \$100 for a permanent tag with all proceeds going to fund the Medina County Animal Shelter. Licenses may be purchased online at [www.medinacountyauditor.org](http://www.medinacountyauditor.org) (Click on Pets), at satellite stations throughout the county or at the auditor's office. Licensing your dog is a State law and fines are levied for untagged dogs. The dog tag is a dog's best chance of being reunited with his family should he get lost.

Four other fourth graders from throughout the county were also honored for their outstanding essays. They also received prize packages as well as dog license numbers two through seven for their dogs. All the award winning essays may be read at [www.medinacountyauditor.org](http://www.medinacountyauditor.org).

The winners are:

2<sup>nd</sup>: Leana Stillings  
Dog: Bubba Tipp's  
Wadsworth Franklin Elementary  
Parent: Krystal Conley  
Teacher: Ms. Mary Linn

4<sup>th</sup>: Jordanne Oberhaus  
Dog: Jack  
Sharon Elementary  
Parents: Mike & Kristen Oberhaus  
Teacher: Mrs. Kim Reichelt

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rose Short  
Dog: Lucy  
Wadsworth Isham Elementary  
Parents: Tim & Missy Short  
Teacher: Mrs. Diane Lukens

5<sup>th</sup>: Chiara DeLappi  
Dog: Bella  
Medina Heritage Elementary  
Parents: Tony & Pat DeLappi  
Teacher: Mr. Michael Hartshorn

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