Pawtraits for Rockinghorse

Competition Terms and Conditions

1. About this competition

1.1 The "Pawtraits for Rockinghorse" competition (the "Competition") is run by **Rockinghorse Children's Charity** (registered charity no: 1018759) ("Rockinghorse", "we", "us", "our"), the official charity of the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton.

1.2 By entering the Competition, entrants (or their parent or guardian, entering on their behalf) agree to be bound by these terms and conditions ("Terms").

2. Who can enter

2.1 The Competition is open to children aged 4–11 [confirm: resident in Sussex, or open UK-wide?].

2.2 Entries must be submitted by a parent, guardian, teacher or other responsible adult on behalf of the child (the "Entrant"). By submitting an entry, the submitting adult confirms they are the child's parent or legal guardian, or have that person's permission to enter on the child's behalf.

2.3 Employees of Rockinghorse, their immediate families, and anyone professionally connected with the Competition or the judging panel, are not eligible to enter.

2.4 Only one entry is permitted per child.

3. How to enter

3.1 Entries must be submitted online by scanning the QR code on Pawtraits promotional materials, or by visiting [www.rockinghorse.org.uk/pawtraits — confirm URL].

3.2 Entrants should draw, paint or create their "Pawtrait" — an imaginative animal design — on the template provided in the Pawtraits school pack, or on plain paper if a template is not available.

3.3 A parent, guardian or teacher must complete the online entry form, providing the child's first and last name, age, Key Stage, school, a brief description of the Pawtrait, chosen category, a photo of the artwork, and the submitting parent or carer's email address and phone number.

3.4 [Confirm whether schools may submit a batch of entries on behalf of a class, and if so, add the process here.]

4. Categories

Entrants choose one of the following categories:

- My own pet — a drawing of the entrant's own pet or animal friend
- A fictional animal — a brand-new, invented creature
- A super animal — an animal with an imagined superpower

Entrants also indicate whether they are in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 at the point of entry, for Rockinghorse's own records and reporting.

5. Entry donation

5.1 Entry to the Competition requires a minimum donation of **£3.00** per entry, payable online at the point of submission. Entrants may choose to give more (suggested amounts of £3, £5 or £10, or a custom amount).

5.2 All donations go directly to Rockinghorse Children's Charity, supporting its work helping babies, children and young people in hospitals across Sussex, including the Pets as Therapy sessions this Competition is raising funds for.

5.3 Donations are non-refundable, including where an entry is not selected as a winner.

5.4 [Legal review point: because entry requires payment, the Competition should be judged on skill and merit rather than chance, and/or offer a free alternative route of entry, to ensure it is not treated as an unlawful lottery under the Gambling Act 2005. Judging by a panel on creative merit (clause 8) supports this, but please confirm the final approach with a solicitor, including whether a free postal entry route is needed.]

6. Closing date

6.1 All entries must be submitted by 16 October 2026 (the "Closing Date"). Entries received after the Closing Date will not be considered.

6.2 Rockinghorse reserves the right to extend the Closing Date at its discretion; any change will be published at [www.rockinghorse.org.uk/pawtraits].

7. Your entry

7.1 Entries must be the entrant's own original work, created by the child without significant adult assistance.

7.2 Entries must not contain any content that is offensive or inappropriate, or that infringes the rights of any third party (for example, copyrighted characters, logos or trademarks).

7.3 Rockinghorse reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not meet these requirements, at its sole discretion.

8. Judging

8.1 All eligible entries will be judged by a panel comprising of (but not limited to):

- Dr Marc Abraham OBE — vet, broadcaster and author
- Caroline Kemp-Harris — PSHE Lead Teacher for Brighton & Hove
- Donna Holland — CEO, Rockinghorse Children's Charity

8.2 (together, the "Judging Panel"). Entries are judged on creativity, imagination and how well they reflect the chosen category. Judging is based on merit, not chance.

8.3 The Judging Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

8.4 Judging will take place in October 2026, following the Closing Date.

9. Prizes

9.1 One winner and one runner-up will be selected in each of the three categories (six prize positions in total).

9.2 Prizes are awarded at Rockinghorse's discretion. Winners will receive [a trophy and certificate — confirm full prize details].

9.3 Winning entries will be displayed at an awards ceremony in Brighton in October 2026 (venue and date to be confirmed).

9.4 One overall winner, selected from the three category winners, will have their design turned into a soft toy, subject to production and sponsorship arrangements. [Flag: if this element depends on securing sponsorship, state clearly that it cannot be guaranteed, and that Rockinghorse reserves the right to substitute a prize of equivalent value if it cannot proceed.]

9.5 Prizes are non-transferable and there is no cash alternative.

9.6 Rockinghorse reserves the right to substitute any prize with one of equivalent or greater value, where circumstances beyond its control make this necessary.

10. Winner notification

10.1 Winners will be notified using the contact details provided at entry, or via their school, within 5 days of judging.

10.2 Winners' first names, school (if given), age and category will be announced publicly via Rockinghorse's website and social media, and may be included in press coverage of the awards ceremony.

10.3 No child's surname, home address or other identifying personal details will ever be published without explicit parental or guardian consent.

11. Use of entries

11.1 By submitting an entry and ticking the consent box ("I have read and agree to the Pawtraits Terms & Conditions, and consent to my child's first name, age and artwork being used publicly as part of the competition"), the parent or guardian grants Rockinghorse a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to reproduce, display, publish and use the artwork, together with the child's first name, age, category and school (if given), for purposes connected with the Competition — including the awards ceremony, the Rockinghorse website, social media, press coverage, and production of the winning soft toy design.

11.2 Copyright in each entry remains with the entrant (or their parent or guardian); Rockinghorse does not claim ownership of the artwork.

11.3 Original artwork may be requested for display at the awards ceremony. Rockinghorse will take reasonable care of any artwork loaned for this purpose but cannot guarantee against loss or damage, and recommends parents or guardians keep a copy or photograph of the original before submitting it.

12. Photographs and safeguarding

12.1 Rockinghorse takes the safety and wellbeing of children seriously. No child will be photographed or filmed at the awards ceremony without prior parental or guardian consent.

12.2 Only a child's first name will ever be used in public-facing materials; surnames and identifying details, such as home address, will never be published.

12.3 Parents or guardians may withdraw consent for their child's entry or image to be used publicly at any time by contacting us at hello@rockinghorse.org.uk; we will remove it from future use as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Data protection

13.1 Personal data collected as part of entry (the child's first and last name, age, Key Stage, school and Pawtrait description, and the submitting parent or carer's email address and phone number) will be used by Rockinghorse solely to administer the Competition, in accordance with our Privacy Policy at [www.rockinghorse.org.uk/privacy — confirm URL].

13.2 Only the child's first name, age, category and school (if given) will ever be used publicly. Surnames and contact details are held for administrative purposes only and are never published or shared with third parties for marketing purposes without explicit consent.

14. Liability

14.1 Rockinghorse accepts no responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed or not received due to technical failure or otherwise.

14.2 To the extent permitted by law, Rockinghorse is not liable for any loss or damage arising from participation in the Competition, except for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or any other liability that cannot be excluded by law.

15. General

15.1 Rockinghorse reserves the right to cancel, amend or suspend the Competition, or these Terms, at any time where circumstances make this unavoidable.

15.2 These Terms are governed by the laws of England and Wales.

15.3 The Competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with any social media platform used to promote it.

16. Contact us

Questions about the Competition or these Terms can be sent to Rockinghorse Children's Charity at hello@rockinghorse.org.uk or 01273 330044.