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PHARR CAT FEATURED ON TEXAS LOTTERY SCRATCH TICKET

New \$2 scratch ticket now available at Texas Lottery retailers

(AUSTIN) – Bubba, a short-haired tabby cat, owned by Ariana Hinojosa of Pharr, is one six dogs and six cats featured on the new Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game, [Cats vs. Dogs](#). The \$2 scratch ticket is now available at Texas Lottery retailers and offers more than \$9.1 million in total prizes and six top prizes of \$30,000.

Bubba and the 11 other cats and dogs featured on the game were the top vote getters in the Texas Lottery’s Facebook photo contest held in November 2015.

“More than 1,700 dogs and cats were entered into the photo contest and nearly 25,000 votes were cast,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “With the tremendous response to our photo contest, we expect this game to be a hit with our players.”

Cats vs. Dogs Scratch Ticket Contest Winners

Dog Winners	Cat Winners
Stella from Ovilla, owner Paige Sills	Markus from Arlington, owner Peggy Wyrostek
Noel from Sugar Land, owner Tammy Taylor	Fangsy from Dallas, owner Jennifer Frye
Della from College Station, owner Madison Wenske	Allie from Dallas, owner Jeff Henderson
Murray from Victoria, owner Cindy Saunders	Teddy from Houston, owner Cindy Jones
Finny from Sugar Land, owner Stephanie Collins	Bubba from Pharr, owner Ariana Hinojosa
Booker Tee from San Angelo, owner Walker Woolman	Vladimir from Odessa, owner Amaris Sherman

Hinojosa says Bubba likes to take naps and loves the outdoors.

“He loves to strike a pose with me and take photos. He enjoys playing with my other cats and cuddling with the rest of my family. He also loves to eat,” she said.

Hinojosa says that 5-year-old Bubba has completely changed her life for the better and that “there are so many reasons as to why having a cat is one of the best decisions a person can make.”

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“He actually adopted me, believe it or not,” she said. “One day I walked outside my house and there was a tiny little baby kitten on my lawn. I immediately carried him in and he began to purr. It was an instant connection, and we have been inseparable ever since. He is my best friend and companion.”

Hinojosa adds, “Bubba is seriously one of a kind. He is extremely amicable, adventuresome and purrrfect.”

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$24 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$47 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$19 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans’ Assistance. Since the first veterans’ themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$52 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball[®], Mega Millions[®], Lotto Texas[®], All or Nothing[™], Texas Two Step[®], Pick 3[™], Daily 4[™], Cash Five[®], Texas Triple Chance[™] and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

Editors/News Directors, note: Images of the scratch ticket featuring Bubba and the 11 other dogs and cats featured on the Cats vs. Dogs scratch ticket game are attached in JPEG format.

To schedule an interview with Bubba’s owner, Ariana Hinojosa, please contact the Texas Lottery’s Media Relations Division at 512-344-5131 or at mediarelations@lottery.state.tx.us

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