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ODESSA CAT FEATURED ON TEXAS LOTTERY SCRATCH TICKET

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

(AUSTIN) – Vladimir, a bambino sphinx, owned by Amaris Sherman of Odessa, is one of 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.

Vladimir and the 11 other dogs and cats 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.”

“Vladimir’s personality consists of three things,” said Sherman. “He’s extremely smart, affectionate and he lives to entertain everybody.”

Sherman adds, “He also really enjoys stealing people’s food.”

According to Sherman, Vladimir enjoys a variety of activities including rough housing with Vivian, her other cat, sun bathing, chasing the laser dot, eating and playing fetch.

“I hope everyone will enjoy him just as much as I do,” said Sherman. “He’s very special. He brings so much joy to the family and brightens up the place with his silly self.”

Cats vs. Dogs Scratch Ticket Contest Winners

| Dog Winners | Cat Winners |
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| 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 |

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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 Vladimir and the 11 other dogs and cats featured on the Cats vs. Dogs scratch ticket game are attached in JPEG format.

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