

## NATIONAL PET WEEK CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2018

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: June 17, 2017**

The Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association (Auxiliary to the AVMA) is pleased to announce their annual creative writing contest. This contest will be for the 2018 National Pet Week theme, "Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs... Pets Speak Love Many Ways".

The creative writing contest is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The creative writing entry should:

- be the writer's original work
- center around the NPW theme (Note: the ... in the theme means "and so on", therefore other animal sounds may be used in the writing)
- include the NPW theme in the writing (Note: use the theme as given in the first paragraph)
- be a poem, story, or essay
- be no less than 20 words and no more than 200 words in length
- have proper spelling and grammar (An adult may help with this as well as typing the entry but may not change the content or style)
- be previously unpublished
- be accompanied by an entry form which has all pertinent information filled in.

To obtain an entry form, go to [avmaaux.org](http://avmaaux.org), and for questions, contact the Auxiliary to the AVMA at [info@avmaaux.org](mailto:info@avmaaux.org) or call Greg Mooney at 419-560-0165.

Send the original creative writing entry with the entry form (which is attached to the entry in some way) to:

Auxiliary to the AVMA  
NPW Creative Writing Contest  
1931 N. Meacham Road Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

The national winner will receive a \$100.00 cash award. Judging will be based on originality, content, the use of the National Pet Week theme, and following these guidelines. Immediate or extended family members of the judges will not be eligible to participate.

Submission of a creative writing entry and entry form entitles the Auxiliary to the AVMA to publish and promote the writing in their projects, promotions or publications. Entries will not be returned and become the property of the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

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ENTRY FORM**

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Please print the following information.

Entrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

Entrant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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