

Contest Seeks Dog Lovers' Poems

"Paws for Poetry" contest encourages children to dedicate a poem to their pets.

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Cats and dogs are the inspiration for a contest that encourages children to dedicate a poem to their favorite furry friend. "Paws for Poetry" challenges boys and girls ages 7 through 12 to get poetic for their pets.

To participate, children may submit an original poem of any length about their pet. Along with a poem, they're asked to provide a photo of the animal. Entries must be received by March 31.

The contest features two categories: Group One (ages 7 through 9) and Group Two (ages 10 through 12). A winner for each will be picked in time for the 13th anniversary of National Poetry Month in April.

A grand prize winner in each category will get a prize package worth \$50. Two runners-up in each category will get a \$25 gift package.

Children's author and poet Darren Sardelli is the contest judge. Prizes are provided by online pet supply provider Drs. Foster and Smith.

The contest is co-sponsored by kids' virtual field trip website Meet Me At the Corner and Laugh a Lot Poetry.

The winning poem and pet photo will be highlighted in a Meet Me At the Corner video podcast.

Contest rules and entry guidelines are available at PawsforPoetry.org