

NATIONAL PET WEEK CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2027

CONTEST GUIDELINES

POSTMARK DEADLINE: June 1, 2026

The Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association (Auxiliary to the AVMA) is pleased to announce its annual creative writing contest. This contest will be for the 2027 National Pet Week theme, "**Pet & Vet Power.**"

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

The creative writing entry should:

- be the writer's original work.
- center around the NPW theme
- 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- be previously unpublished.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 that has all pertinent information filled in.

To obtain an entry form, go to avmaaux.org, and for questions, contact the Auxiliary to the AVMA at avmaaux@gmail.com or call Allegra Waldron at 419-946-8456.

Send the original creative writing entry with the entry form (which is attached to the entry in some way). If digital, please send to the email address:

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, using the National Pet Week theme, and following these guidelines. Immediate or extended family members of the judges will not be eligible to participate.

Submitting 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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