



# CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## WRITERS GROUP SEEKS CAT-RELATED CONTEST ENTRIES

NEW YORK --The international Cat Writers' Association (CWA) is now accepting entries for its 14th annual Communications Contest for writers, photographers and editors in print, online and broadcast media. All published writers and photographers are eligible, regardless of CWA membership, and are encouraged to participate.

This year, CWA is offering a record number of corporate-sponsored special awards of \$500 to \$1,000, as well as its own Muse Medallions™, to winners in approximately 35 writing and graphic arts categories.

Awards of special interest to cat breeders include a special \$500 award sponsored by Purina Pro Plan for excellence in writing about pedigreed cats, and a special \$500 award sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corp. for the best entry on the topic of feline skin and coat care. CWA offers the Muse Medallion™ for best breed-specific newsletter, best pamphlet or special publication and best online magazine.

Other special awards in 2007 cover topics that include veterinary research, health, behavior, nutrition, seniors, kitten care, safety issues, the human-animal bond, humane issues and responsible ownership, plus awards for fiction and for new writers.

CWA's writing competition is open to work published between June 16, 2006 and June 15, 2007. Categories cover feline-oriented articles and columns, short stories, poetry, books, photography and video/audio tapes published in magazines, newspapers, newsletters and online. Fees are \$15 per entry. Awards will be presented at CWA's annual conference, November 15-17 in Foster City, California at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Rules and entry forms are available after May 1, 2007 from the CWA web site at [www.catwriters.org](http://www.catwriters.org), or by sending a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to contest chair Arden Moore, 2851 Todd Street, Oceanside, California 92054. The deadline for submitting entries is July 2, 2007.

### ABOUT THE CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

CWA was founded in 1992 and is dedicated to providing news, information, and education on all aspects of cat care and welfare, as well as improving the quality of writing about cats. CWA provides members with networking opportunities and encourages professionalism and communication among cat writers, photographers, artists, editors and broadcasters. Nancy Peterson, of Chevy Chase, MD, serves as president of this organization.

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