

Cat Poem Among National Contest Winners

American Pet Products Association announces five winning entries in its National Children's Pet Poetry Contest.

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A winning entry in the National Children's Pet Poetry Contest is about cats. American Pet Products Association (APPA) announced the five winners in its first National Children's Pet Poetry Contest. Among the winners was Jessica, 8, from Brooklyn, N.Y., who wrote a poem titled "My Cat."

The contest was open to third-graders around the country through APPA's Pets Add Life campaign. The winners will receive pet products, and each winning student's classroom will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to spend on pet-related education. Other winning poems were about birds, fish and hamsters.

Here is Jessica's winning poem:

My Cat

My cat sleeps anywhere,
any table, any chair.

Top of piano, window ledge,
in the middle, on the edge.

Open drawer, empty shoe,
anybody's lap will do.

Fitted in a cardboard box,
in the cupboard with your pots.

Anywhere! She doesn't care!
Cats sleep anywhere!