



# Cat Writers' Association, Inc.

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### Cat Writers Contest Offers \$12,000 in Prize Money

OCEANSIDE, CA –Sometimes, it pays to be catty. The international Cat Writers' Association, Inc. (CWA) is now accepting entries for its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Communications Contest with more than \$12,000 in prize money in its kitty.

This year, CWA is offering 20 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. The special awards in 2008 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 new writers.

“Our contest showcases the very best in the feline field of professional writers, broadcasters, photographers and graphic artists,” says Arden Moore, contest chair. “You don’t have to belong to CWA to participate. However, we encourage you to be part of this professional group that strives to improve the lives of cats and serves as a great network of professionals.”

CWA's writing competition is open to work published between June 16, 2007 and June 15, 2008. Categories cover feline-oriented articles and columns, short stories, poetry, books, photography published in magazines, newspapers, newsletters and online and video/audio tapes of broadcast material. Awards will be presented at CWA's annual conference, November 20-23, in Atlanta.

Rules and entry forms are available after mid-April CWA's website ([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, CA 92054. Entries must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2008.

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, Maryland, serves as president of this organization.