

## Terms & Conditions for Teachers Submitting Student Entries

The “Storybook Writing: Advocating for Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership” competition (the “**Competition**”) is organised by Animal & Veterinary Service (“**AVS**”), a cluster of the National Parks Board (“**NParks**”).

These terms and conditions (“**T&Cs**”) shall apply to the Competition.

By submitting an entry in the Competition (“**Entry**”) on behalf of your student(s) (the “**Participant(s)**”), you agree to these T&Cs and confirm that you have procured the agreement of the Participant(s) and their respective parent(s) / legal guardian(s) to submit the Entry under these T&Cs:

### 1. Eligibility

- a. This Competition is open to all students who are in Primary 4 and 5 (as of 25 July 2025) and from MOE schools in Singapore that have registered for the Competition.
- b. Participants may form a team of up to 5 students (from the same school) for submission of their Entry.
- c. NParks reserves the sole and absolute right to (i) determine the status and eligibility of an individual to participate in the Competition; and (ii) disqualify an individual from participating in the Competition.

### 2. Submission Requirements

- a. An Entry must meet the following requirements:
  - i. Be in English;
  - ii. Align with the theme of cats and “Responsible Pet Ownership”;
  - iii. Have contents and style appropriate for young readers aged 6 and below;
  - iv. Be the original and unpublished work of the Participant(s);
  - v. Use a clear font in font size 20 or larger;
  - vi. Follow the template provided on the AVS website;
  - vii. Include a title, a cover page, a story that is less than 500 words and accompanying original images created by hand, using traditional drawing methods, digital illustration software, or photography. The text and accompanying images should consist of 16 pages; and
  - viii. Be in PDF format.

An Entry that does not meet these requirements may be disqualified.

- b. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- c. AI-generated content (both text and illustrations) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.

- d. Each Entry must be submitted by the participating school's teacher(s) on behalf of the Participant(s), via the link provided on the AVS website by the submission deadline on 25 July 2025. Any Entry submitted via other means and/or after the submission deadline will be rejected.

### **3. Judging and Winners**

- a. Entries will be judged on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
  - i. Creativity and originality in storytelling;
  - ii. Relevance to the theme of cats and responsible pet ownership;
  - iii. Engagement and suitability for preschool-aged readers; and
  - iv. Quality and appeal of illustrations.
- b. Participants with the top three winning Entries ("**Winners**") will be awarded as follows:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500 worth of book vouchers. The Entry will also be officially published and distributed to preschools and libraries all over Singapore. A 1<sup>st</sup> Prize plaque will also be presented to their school.
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$300 worth of book vouchers. The Entry will also be officially published and distributed to preschools and libraries all over Singapore. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize plaque will also be presented to their school.
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100 worth of book vouchers. The Entry will also be officially published and distributed to preschools and libraries all over Singapore. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize plaque will also be presented to their school.
- c. Should the quality of Entries fall below the standard required by NParks, NParks reserves the right to not select and/or award any Winners.
- d. All decisions made by the judges are final and not subject to appeal. No correspondence will be entertained regarding the judges' decision.

### **4. Post-Selection Collaboration**

- a. After Winners have been selected, NParks will work collaboratively with the Winners and their schools to review, modify, adapt and/or arrange their Entry as necessary to suit the publication medium and format.
- b. These modifications will be made with the intention of preserving the original spirit and message of the Entry while ensuring it meets publication standards.

## **5. Intellectual Property and Licensing**

- a. By submitting an Entry, each Participant / group of Participants represents and warrants that:
  - i. they are the sole owner of all intellectual property rights (including copyright) and other proprietary rights to the images and any creative work and materials forming the Entry that is entered in the Competition. In the event that any third party alleges that any such submission, entry or work infringes the copyright or any other proprietary right of such third party, the Participant / group of Participants agrees and undertakes to, at all times, indemnify, keep indemnified and hold NParks harmless against all losses (including direct, indirect, incidental and consequential losses), damages, injuries, demands, proceedings, claims, fees (including all legal fees between solicitor and client or otherwise on a full indemnity basis) actions, recoveries, judgment or execution, howsoever it may have been caused or arose or resulted from; and
  - ii. they have not licenced or assigned any copyright or intellectual property right in their Entry or work to any third party anywhere in the world.
- b. The intellectual property rights of each Entry remains with the Participant / group of Participants.
- c. By submitting an Entry, each Participant / group of Participants grants NParks a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual and transferable licence to use, reproduce, edit, modify, adapt, arrange, publish and/or distribute the Entry in any media format and any media channels as deemed fit by NParks, without obtaining further prior permission and/or payment of any fees or royalty to the Participant / group of Participants, for non-commercial purposes as long as it is in furtherance of NParks' functions as set out in the National Parks Board Act 1996.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, once an Entry is submitted, NParks reserves the right to select the Entry as a winning entry and proceed with its publication, even if the Participant(s) and/or his/her/their parent(s)/guardian(s), teacher(s) and/or school later decide(s) to withdraw from the Competition or change their mind.
- e. NParks will provide appropriate credit to the authors and illustrators of the work in any publication or distribution, subject always to NParks' sole discretion in the style and manner that the authors and illustrators are credited.

## **6. Organiser's rights**

- a. NParks reserves the right at any time and in its sole and absolute discretion to determine and/or vary these T&Cs without prior notice, and all Participants shall be bound by these determinations and/or variations. NParks shall at no time be obliged to give any reason for its decision or determination.
- b. NParks does not make any representations or accept any responsibility as to the accuracy of the information relating to the Competition, which is found on any source whatsoever that is outside any information officially issued by NParks.

## **7. Liability**

- a. The Participant / group of Participants shall assume and accept all risks in respect of loss, injury, damage or liability which may arise as a result of or in connection to the Participant's participation in the Competition and shall not hold NParks responsible for any loss, damage, expense and cost which the Participant / group of Participants may sustain or incur as a result of participating in this Competition, except for liability which cannot be excluded by law.
- b. The Participant / group of Participants shall defend, fully indemnify and hold NParks and its employees and agents harmless from and against:
  - i. All liabilities, damages, losses, costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) and expenses arising from any claims, demands, actions, proceedings, judgment or execution which NParks, its employees or agents may suffer or incur from or in connection to the Participant's / group of Participants' participation in the Competition and
  - ii. Any claims, demands, actions, proceedings, judgment or execution, arising from infringement or alleged infringement of any copyright or other intellectual property right or violation of confidentiality in the Entries produced, reproduced or submitted for the Competition.

## **8. Use of information and publicity**

- a. Participants (including Winners and all other Participants) may be interviewed by NParks and/or the media for the purposes related to this Competition. To avoid doubt, it is deemed that in participating in the Competition, all Participants consent to the collection, use and disclosure of their names and/or likeness (including any image or voice of the Participants) for editorial and/or marketing and/or publicity purposes by NParks, as the case may be, and without any payment and/or compensation due to the Participants (except where specifically prohibited by law).
- b. Notwithstanding the above clause, a Winner shall not, without the prior written approval of NParks, speak to any members of the media nor give any interviews or comments relating to the Competition.

- c. The Participant's personal contact information, social media network handles, and publicly accessible data (collected via the Participant's submission of the Entry) may be entered into a database to facilitate the mechanics of the Competition.
- d. If necessary, the personal information submitted by the Participants may also be shared between the Government of the Republic of Singapore (including its ministries, departments, organs of state) and public authorities (including statutory boards) ("**Public Service Entities**"), to conduct the Competition in the most efficient and effective way, unless such sharing is prohibited by law.
- e. The personal information submitted by the Participant will not be shared with entities which are not Public Service Entities, except if NParks is required to share the personal information by operation of law.
- f. To safeguard the Participant's personal data, all electronic storage and transmission of personal data are secured with appropriate security technologies.

## **9. General**

- a. A person who is not a party to any agreement governed by these T&Cs shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 2001 to enforce any terms of such an agreement.
- b. In the event of any disparity in the interpretation of the T&Cs, NParks' version will prevail. Should any dispute arise in connection with the Competition or these T&Cs, the decision of NParks is final. NParks shall at no time be obliged to give any reason or enter into any correspondence with any person on any matter concerning the Competition.
- c. These T&Cs shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Singapore for every purpose, and all Participants shall be deemed to have agreed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of Singapore.