



Ferne Animal Sanctuary's Short Story Competition Rules

1. The competition is organised by Ferne Animal Sanctuary.
2. Entry to this competition is open to those aged between 5 – 13 on the date the entry is received, this excludes the immediate family of employees of Ferne Animal Sanctuary. Entries must be submitted by an adult on behalf of the child; this adult must be the child's parent, guardian or teacher. This adult, with parental permission, may be asked to provide proof of the child's age and eligibility. Entry will be in two age categories – ages 5 to 9 years 10 to 13 years.
3. Entrants must write a fictional short story with an animal theme (no more than 500 words in length).
4. For each entry received, we ask for a suggested donation of £5 to help support the animals at Ferne. You can make your donation online through our website or by post to the Sanctuary (please ensure your payment is in the name of the adult submitting the application).
5. An application form for each entry must be submitted and this is available to download on the front page of our website, or by emailing frm@ferneanimalsanctuary.org. You can also pick up a form at one of our charity shops in; Chard, Ilminster, Honiton and Crewkerne (when they re-open). The parent, or responsible adult submitting the story on behalf of the child will be asked to provide the entrant's name and age.
6. All stories should be submitted in English.
7. We can only accept stories which are 500 words or fewer.
8. The adult submitting the entrant's story must provide their own contact and personal details (not those of the child).
9. Entries open on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 08:00 and close on Friday 24th July 2020 at 20:00. Submissions received outside of this time frame will not be considered.
10. Only one entry per person is permitted and the story must be wholly written by the entrant only; stories cannot be written by more than one person.
11. Entries must be an original piece of fiction, with an animal theme and not an account of real events, it must not include the personal details of any living persons and the entrant must not include their name in the title or body of the story.
12. Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material.
13. Entrants retain the copyright in their entries, but their parent or guardian grants Ferne Animal Sanctuary a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on our website.

14. Entries will be judged by a panel of judges on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Plot
- Characterisation
- Language
- Enjoyment

15. Prizes will be awarded to 3 finalists in each age category:

- 2 x First Prize winners will win a private tour of the Sanctuary with exclusive behind the scenes access, a two-course lunch for in the restaurant (for 2 adults and up to 3 children) AND honorary Family Friends of Ferne membership for 1 year which includes; membership card to allow free family entry to the Sanctuary, car sticker, discount vouchers for our gift shop and café and invitations to special events.
- 2 x Second Prize winners will receive a Family Annual Pass – allowing free entry to the Sanctuary for a family of two adults and up to three children.
- 2 x Third Prize winners will receive a Family Day Pass for a family of two adults and up to three children.

16. All information that we hold concerning you as an individual will be held and used by Ferne Animal Sanctuary in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. This data will be used by us to manage and administer our relationship with you, and to provide you with information about our activities and for related purposes. We will not, with-out your consent, give your name and address to any third party, except where it is a necessary part of the activities that we undertake, or we are required to do so by the operation of the law.

17. Ferne Animal Sanctuary reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these Rules.

18. Ferne reserves the right to amend these Rules or cancel the competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control