The 6th Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary Annual Poetry Competition 2023

supporting animals, supporting poetry

For Poems on **any topic** of 40 lines or fewer. Deadline: May 31st.

Open to UK and international entrants.

Entry fee: £5.00 online donation to the Sanctuary per poem. 50% of entry fees to be used for the work of the long-established Lord Whisky Sanctuary.

Providing a lifeline to animals in Canterbury (lordwhisky.co.uk)

First Prize: £200

We hope to award second and third prizes of £100 and £75, depending on total entry fees received. 50% of the entry fees will go to the work of the Sanctuary, 50% for the prize fund. Prize value may be adjusted up or down if entries are insufficient or greater than expected.

Special Prizes for poem on a rescue animal: £50 and £20

Zoom reading event for all shortlisted/longlisted poets.

Previous winners include Roger Elkin, Jane Burn, Tina Cole, Lucy Dixcart.

Judge: **Tina Cole** - a widely published and award-winning poet, who won the Lord Whisky competition in 2022. She has previously judged international poetry competitions. She is donating her services free.

Send your entries to **lwaspoetry@gmail.com**

Poems should be max. 40 lines. Write 'Rescue' if you want your poem to be considered for both categories (Open & Rescue). Please include contact details and PayPal receipt number in your email. Postal entries accepted. PLEASE SEE THE FULL RULES below before entering.

This year poems on **any topic** can be submitted for the main competition. There is also a RESCUE category – **all** poems are considered for the main prize. The RESCUE poems will be judged by Margaret Todd, founder of the Sanctuary.

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The judge is giving her time free of charge as are the administrators, so 50% of entry fees will be used wholly to fund the work of the Sanctuary and its veterinary clinic.

The entry fee for **each** poem is £5 by donation to the Lord Whisky Sanctuary.

MAIN COMPETITION – poems on <u>any topic</u>, 40 lines or less.

RESCUE PRIZE for a poem on a rescue animal or an animal sanctuary and its work.

Please mark your poem Rescue

ALL ENTRIES will be considered for the main prize.

All the poems are anonymous when they are judged.

Up to 25 shortlisted poets will be invited to read at a Zoom event in September.

Judge: Tina Cole - she will read all the entries.

Margaret Todd, founder of the Sanctuary, will judge the Rescue Category.

The **results** will be published on **https.www.lordwhisky.co.uk/news-and-events** by August 1st or sooner. Winners and listed poets will be invited to a Zoom reading in September.

PLEASE READ THE RULES BELOW CAREFULLY. We look forward to receiving your entries.

HOW TO ENTER: online entries:

1. Make a donation of £5.00 per entry to Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary at http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk/donate Additional donations are of course welcome to help with the work of the sanctuary.

2. Make a note of your PayPal transaction number.

3. Attach your poems, each in a separate document, to an e-mail. Please submit as .doc or .docx or.pdf. In the subject line of the e-mail, please write **Poetry Competition**

In the body of the e-mail, include your **name** and **postal address** and at least one **telephone number** and **e-mail address.** Include the **titles** of all your poems.

Include the **Paypal transaction number** and the **amount in pounds of the donation** you have made.

4. Send the e-mail to: lwaspoetry@gmail.com

postal entries

1. Include a cheque for the amount of £5.00 per poem entered, payable to Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund.

2. **Send TWO COPIES of each poem.** Type your poems, each on one sheet of A4 paper and put in the same envelope with a separate A4 cover note.

3. The cover note should include your **name, postal address, telephone number, e-mail address** if you have one and **fee paid.**

4. Post the entries + cover note + cheque to: LWAS Poetry Competition Administration, 5 Lime Kiln Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3QH

RULES

- Your name must **NOT** appear on the poem itself nor anything else which might identify you.
- Each entered poem should be **typed in black on white using a standard 12 point font** such as Calibri or Arial. Maximum length, excluding title and any blank lines: **40 lines**.
- Poems must be the **original work** of the entrant, **unpublished**, and must not have won a prize in any other competition. No entrant may win more than one prize.
- The competition is open to entrants over 16 years of age from the UK or any other country.
- **ALL poems received will be considered for the main prizes by the judge.**
- **IMPORTANT:** You may wish your poems to be **also** considered for the RESCUE category. If so, please write at the top of your poem, after the title, **LWF** and/or **RESCUE**.
- **Entry fee: £5.00 per poem**. Payment is by donation to the Lord Whisky Sanctuary through the Sanctuary website. Payment is made via PayPal's secure server. You do not need a PayPal account to pay in this way.
- Entries **close** at midnight (local time) on 31st May 2023.
- You can re-enter poems if you wish from previous competitions, provided they were **not** awarded a prize and were **not** shortlisted. Different judges may choose different winners!
- Previous years' prize-winners are welcome to enter new poems.
- Copyright remains with the poet, but the Sanctuary **may publish any prize-winning poems** in its magazine or online.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Please keep a copy of your work, as we cannot return entries. Please check your entry before you send it, since we cannot amend it for you later.
- The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners and shortlisted will be notified by e-mail, post or phone.
- Copyright remains with the author, but by entering you agree that we can display **prize-winning entries** either on the website or at the Sanctuary.
- **All poems** will be read by the main judges. Results will be posted on the Lord Whisky website.
- Margaret Todd, founder of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary, will judge the 'RESCUE' prize.
- We plan to invite all shortlisted poets to read at a **Zoom event** probably in early September 2023.
- All revenue from the competition after prizes is for the work of the Sanctuary. We reserve the right to change the value of the prizes if 50% of entries do not cover the amount needed – this is unlikely. Prizes may be increased if number of entries justify this.

THANK YOU FOR ENTERING AND FOR SUPPORTING THE SANCTUARY