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Grant Program Hosts Classroom Pet Habitat Contest

Pets in the Classroom invites teachers to submit pictures of the habitats of their classroom pets.

The Pets in the Classroom grant program invites pre-kindergarten through 9th grade teachers with classroom pets to enter the Pets in the Classroom Habitat Contest. Now through December 10th, teachers can submit pictures of their classroom pet's habitat. All entries are being featured on the Pets in the Classroom website, and people are invited to vote for their favorite habitat. The teacher whose entry receives the most votes when the contest ends will be selected as one of the contest winners and one additional teacher will also be selected as a winner based on random selection. Each winner will receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

The [Pets in the Classroom grant program](#) provides grants to Pre-Kindergarten through 9th grade teachers in both private and public schools for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining classroom pets. Classroom animals are wonderful resources for teachers that, when incorporated into lesson plans, can have a profound impact. According to several different studies as well as thousands of [teachers' experiences](#), classroom pets provide a variety of benefits to students as they: aid in improving school attendance, encourage nurturing, build self-esteem, promote empathy, teach responsibility, stimulate learning, enrich the classroom experience, and become friends. One little pet can help shy kids open up, slower readers build confidence, rough children become nurturing, and uninterested students have a new desire for learning.

For more information on the Pets in the Classroom grant program or the Habitat Contest, visit www.PetsintheClassroom.org.