

2008 CWA Special Awards Winners

This year, CWA offered a record number of corporate-sponsored special awards of \$500 to \$1,000, as well as its own Muse Medallions™ to winners in three dozen writing and graphic arts categories. The special awards in 2008 included topics in feline veterinary research, health, behavior, nutrition, seniors, kitten care, safety issues, the human-animal bond, humane issues and responsible ownership, plus awards for fiction and for new writers.

"This year's contest drew entries from all over the world, including South Africa and Australia," says Arden Moore, contest chair. "In addition to the Muse Medallions, we also awarded more than \$12,500 in prize money in our special awards. This contest showcases the very best in the feline field of professional writers, broadcasters, photographers and graphic artists."

Here is the rundown of the special award winners in 22 categories:

AKC COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY AWARD: Dusty Rainbolt for Ask Einstein

DR. JIM RICHARDS/CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER
VETERINARY ISSUES AWARD: Dusty Rainbolt for Ask Einstein

FORT DODGE/ HEALTHY CATS FOR LIFE TURNING POINT
AWARD: Miracle on O'Farrell Street by Judi Basolo

THE FRISKIES® WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Arnold Plotnick, DVM

HARTZ® EVERY DAY CHEWABLE VITAMIN AWARD: *Cat Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook* by Debra M. Eldredge, DVM, Delbert Carlson, DVM, Liisa Carlson, DVM and James Giffin, MD.

HARTZ® GLAMOUR-PUSS AWARD: Dusty Rainbolt for *Cat Wrangling Made Easy: Maintaining Peace and Sanity in Your Multicat Home*.

HARTZ® MILK REPLACEMENT FOR KITTENS AWARD: "7 Products to the Rescue" by Dusty Rainbolt. *Catnip*

IAMS® RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP AWARD: Dusty Rainbolt for "Focus on Fostering/Spotlight on Fostering," *Catnip*

MERIAL HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND AWARD: Linda A. Mohr for *Tatianna: Tales and Teachings of My Feline Friend*.

PRO PLAN® PEDIGREED CATS AWARDS: Joan Miller for *Pedigreed Cats in Peril*.

PURINA® CAT CHOW® NUTRITION AWARD: Sally Deneen for "Serving Safe Food for Cats," *Catnip*

PURINA® ONE® HEALTH AWARD: Dusty Rainbolt, columnist of Ask Einstein, "Heartworms, Distemper and Lost Cat"

PURINA® KITTEN CHOW® KITTEN AWARD: Surviving Kittenhood/Understanding Kittens by Fran Pennock Shaw, *Catnip*

SF/SPCA ADVO-CAT AWARD: Carrie Allan, "The State of the Cat," *Animal Sheltering*

STICKY PAWS® TRAINING AWARD: Kim Thornton, "The Trick to Training Cats," *Catnip*

TIDY CATS® FELINE BEHAVIOR AWARD: Dusty *Cat Wrangling Made Easy*

WORLD'S BEST CAT LITTER-ARY AWARD: Victor DiGenti, *Windrusher and the Trail of Fire*

KUYKENDALL IMAGE AWARD: Betsy Stowe, "The Many Faces of Katy"

SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD: Mary Anne Miller

CWA President's Award: Cimeron Morrissey, *Cat Tales*.