

CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION HONORS TOP WRITERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EDITORS

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FOSTER CITY, CALIF. --The international Cat Writers' Association (CWA) honored top writers, photographers and editors in print, broadcast and online media at its 14th annual communications contest on Saturday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Mid-Peninsula.

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 approximately 35 writing and graphic arts categories. The special awards in 2007 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.

Here is a rundown of the winners in the regular and the special award categories. In the regular contest, each category was scored independently by three CWA member judges whose three scores were then averaged by the contest committee. Individuals had to score an average of 90 or better in order to become finalists and earn certificates. The top scorer in each category was awarded a Muse Medallion.

Here is a rundown of the individuals earning Muse Medallions for scoring the highest in the following categories:

Monthly Magazines: Susan Logan, editor, *Cat Fancy*

Magazine Article, Health and General Care: Arnold Plotnick, DVM, "Dangerous Drugs," *Cat Fancy*

Magazine Article, Behavior and Training: Susan Ewing, "Good Kitty!" *Cats USA*

Magazine Article, Any Other Topic: Katina Antoniades, "Highlighting the Wallflowers," *Animal Sheltering*

Magazine Column: Susan Logan, "Editor's Note," *Cat Fancy*

Newspaper Article: Kari Winters, "Wuffy the Cat Rescuing Dog," *Pets Press*

Newspaper Column: Joan Lowell Smith, "Concerning Animals," *The Star-Ledger*

Newsletter, Breed Specific: Lynn Thompson, *National Alliance of Burmese Breeders, Inc.*

Newsletter, National Circulation: Arden Moore, editor of *Catnip*

Newsletter, Regional or Membership Circulation: (tie) Louise Holton, *Alley Cat Mews* and Mike Friese, *Feline Conservation Federation*

Newsletter Article, Health or General Care: Arnold Plotnick, DVM, “Update on CRF, *Catnip*

Newsletter Article, Behavior and Training: Fran Pennock Shaw, “One and Only,” *Catnip*

Newsletter Article, Other Topics: Kim Thornton, “Allergy-Free Cats?” *Catnip*

Newsletter Column: Arden Moore, “Editor’s Note,” *Catnip*

Poem: Susan Easterly, “Notes on Ziba,” *lajoie*

Special Publication: Indy Feral Calendar 2007, submitted by Robin Day

Opinion Piece, Essay or Editorial: Amy Shojai, “Dr. James R. Richards, A Lasting Legacy,” Shojai.com

Books, Fiction: Carole N. Douglas, *Cat in a Quicksilver Caper*, Tor/Forge Books

Books For Children: Helen Wilbur, *M is for Meow* (Sleeping Bear Press)

Books, Health and General Care: Sandy Meyer, *Complete Care Made Easy – Kittens: A Guide to Caring for Your Kitten*, BowTie Press

Books, Training and Behavior: Arden Moore, *The Cat Behavior Answer Book*, Storey Publishing

Gift Book: Knox and Sara Neeley, *Urban Tails*, New World Library

Other Books: Dusty Rainbolt, *Ghost Cats: Human Encounters with Feline Spirits*, Lyons Press

Radio or Other Audio Presentation: Steve Dale, “The Pet Minute,” Black Dog Radio Productions

Online Magazine or Newsletter: Mary Anne Miller, editor of www.felinexpress.com

Online Article (tie): Arden Moore, “Henry: The Feline Pen Pal,” Animal Radio.com and Steve Dale, “How Long Has This Been Going On? Our Pets Paid a Price for Months, Even Years,” www.stevedalepetworld.com

Online Column: Amy Shojai, “Cat Chow: Ask a Mentor,” Cat Chow Emotional Health

Black and White Photograph (single): Audrey Pavia, “Brothers,” *Catnip*

Black and white photograph (series): Sandra Toney, “Simply Shorthaired,” *I Love Cats*

Color photograph (single): (tie) Betsy Stowe, “Waiting for 5:00,” *CFA Fanc-e-Mews*, and Ryan Hutchinson, “Chewy – Mr. June,” *Bide A Wee Shelter*, 2007

Color photograph (series): Weems Hutto, “Orphan Basics,” *Cat Fancy*

Cartoon: Jane Denny, *The Pride Cartoon* episodes, The Pride Cartoon website (www.thepridecartoon.com)

Illustration: Stephanie Piro, *Paws for Thoughts*, Rockwell House UK

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

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

2007 CWA Special Awards Winners

1. **ASPCA HUMANE AWARD**
“Highlighting the Wallflowers: How to Promote Overlooked” - Katina Antoniadis, *Animal Sheltering*
2. **AKC COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY AWARD**
“Implementing a Community Trap-Neuter-Return Program” - Bryan Kortis, *Animal Sheltering*
3. **DR. JIM RICHARDS/CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER VETERINARY ISSUES AWARD:** “Feline DNA and You” - Arden Moore, *Catnip*
4. **FORT DODGE/ HEALTHY CATS FOR LIFE TURNING POINT AWARD**
M is for Meow: A Cat Dictionary - Helen L. Wilbur (Sleeping Bear Press)
5. **THE FRISKIES® WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Arden Moore, *Catnip* newsletter and *The Cat Behavior Answer Book* (Storey Publishing)
6. **HARTZ® EVERY DAY CHEWABLE VITAMIN AWARD:** “Senior Cat Care: Beyond Food and Water” – Bernadette E. Kazmarski, mythreecats.com
7. **HARTZ® GLAMOUR-PUSS AWARD**
“The Cat Bath, Part I” – Jan Jaeger, *Nantucket Independent*
8. **HARTZ® MILK REPLACEMENT FOR KITTENS AWARD**
“Facts on Fostering” – Elissa Wolfson, *Catnip*
9. **HSUS PETS FOR LIFE AWARD:** “Project Bay Cat” - Sandy Robins, *Cat Fancy*
10. **IAMS® RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP AWARD:**
“College Kids” - Dusty Rainbolt, *Dear Hobbes*
11. **MERIAL HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND AWARD:** *Catsong* - T.J. Banks (PublishingWorks)
12. **PETMATE SAFE CAT AWARD:** “HoHoHolly” - Dusty Rainbolt, *Dear Hobbes*

13. **PRO PLAN® PEDIGREED CATS AWARDS**
“Cat Breed Profiles” - J. Anne Helgren
14. **PURINA® CAT CHOW® NUTRITION AWARD**
“Finicky and Fussy about Feline Food” - Sandra Toney, *I Love Cats*
15. **PURINA® ONE® HEALTH AWARD:**
“Spotlight on Bartonella” - Arnold Plotnick, *Catnip*
16. **PURINA® KITTEN CHOW® KITTEN AWARD:**
Orphan Basics - Dusty Rainbolt, *Cat Fancy*
17. **STICKY PAWS® TRAINING AWARD:**
“Cat Meets Dog; Bringing Home Magic” - Amy Shojai, *Animal Behavior Consulting: Theory and Practice*
18. **TIDY CATS® FELINE BEHAVIOR AWARD:**
The Cat Behavior Answer Book - Arden Moore (Storey Publishing)
19. **WORLD'S BEST CAT LITTER-ARY AWARD:**
“Retirement Home Cat” - Betsy Stowe, *CFA Fanc-e-Mews*
20. **KUYKENDALL IMAGE AWARD:**
M is for Meow: A Cat Dictionary - Robert Papp (Sleeping Bear Press)
21. **SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD:**
James Richards, DVM (posthumously)
22. **CWA President’s Award: MaryAnne Miller, editor of www.felinexpress.com.**

ABOUT THE CAT WRITERS’ ASSOCIATION, INC.

CWA was founded in 1992 and is dedicated to providing news, information, and education on all aspects of cat care and welfare, as well as improving the quality of writing about cats. CWA provides members with networking opportunities and encourages professionalism and communication among cat writers, photographers, artists, editors and broadcasters. Nancy Peterson, of Chevy Chase, MD, serves as president of this organization. Learn more by visiting the CWA website: www.catwriters.org.

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