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One year ago, this bichon/westie named Fred was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of the anal sac after surgery to remove an anal sac with a lump. It was caught early. Your Newsletter Goddess took him to the nearby University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.



Treatment was hard, but he managed to get to “work” as a therapy dog at the Childrens Hospital once, despite earning the nickname “Baboon Butt” and being admitted to ICU twice.

hair loss from chemo (left), hair loss from radiation, spring 2004



Today at the age of 12, he is the picture of health, as seen in December 2004 (*left*). He has no long-term side effects from radiation or chemo. This month he will officially become a cancer survivor with no signs of recurrence. He is a symbol of hope, especially to the children with cancer who he visits. I wish you could see their faces when they learn that he doesn't have cancer any more.

He will always be my miracle.

May the new year bring you the same joy he has brought me.

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Meanderings

“We have old friends and new friends, canine friends and human friends, but the best are those we miss when apart.” Chris Walkowicz

I have enjoyed serving as your President these four years. I can't believe how fast they've flown! I appreciate the Board members and officers who have served with me and to the members. I don't know how I would have survived without Uncle Morty and Sister Pat. I hope my term has been a positive one for DWAA and has perhaps given you a cheer of encouragement (or a boot in the rear, if needed).

A preview for those of you coming to the banquet, the following will be in my Welcome for the evening's program:

Welcome!

Once again we gather together to celebrate our victories, whether it's winning a Maxwell, being a finalist or selling an article or book. We're all winners, being able to do something we love on a subject which we are passionate about.

It's been my honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past four years. This afternoon I turned the reins over to the capable hands of Jan Mahood, who has been Vice President for the past two years.

Every time I sit in front of my computer screen and it turns from a blank page to something readable (and hopefully publishable), I thank God for my mentors who started me on this career! I'm thankful for the DWAA-Pro list where our members can turn for help, advice, consolation and congratulations. I'm also thankful for all the great people I've worked with in this organization. During this time, we have instituted several new perks for DWAA members: beginning the DWAA-PRO list, holding regular e-mail meetings for the Board, naming a Historian, starting our own Junior Educational Award, naming *The Write Dog* and cutting expenses for it, listing members' new books on the website, co-sponsoring the CWA/DWAA writing seminars, revising the By-Laws to include junior members, editing and reprinting of our brochure, and revising contest guidelines. We have continued to grow in membership and have several members' volunteering as committee chairs.

Things are so instantaneous in this modern age, we become spoiled with computers and the internet and tend to forget those who went before us, blazing the trail, with only pens, ancient typewriters and blood, sweat and tears.

DWAA offers a great many advantages to our members, and we invite you to join our group if you are not already a member

.Remember, whether in life or writing, be true to yourself – and, most important, to all dogs.

A Quotation a Day

Members know how much I enjoy quotations. Here are some I've enjoyed. The bold are those I wish I'd said myself!!

“Only one hour in the normal day is more pleasurable than the hour spent in bed with a book before going to sleep, and that is the hour spent in bed with a book after being called in the morning.” Rose Macaulay

“Just the knowledge that a good book is waiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier.” Kathleen Norris

“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.” Mark Twain

“If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he read.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island...and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.” Walt Disney

“A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.” Chinese Proverb

“The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones.”

Joseph Joubert

“A professional writer is an amateur who didn’t quit.” Richard Bach

“I have never been good at revising. I always thought I made things worse by recasting and retouching. I never knew what was meant by choice of words. It was one word or none.”

Robert Frost

“Write without pay until somebody offers pay. If nobody offers pay within three years, the candidate may look upon this circumstance with the most implicit confidence as the sign that sawing wood is what he was intended for.” Mark Twain

“Writing is easy; all you do is sit staring at a blank sheet of paper until the drops of blood form on your forehead.” Gene Fowler

“There’s nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and open a vein.”

Red Smith

“There are days when the result is so bad that no fewer than five revisions are required. In contrast, when I’m greatly inspired, only four revisions are needed.” John Kenneth Galbraith

“I hate to write; I like to revise. And the amount of revision I do is terrific. I like to get the first draft out of my system. That’s the hardest thing for me.” Malcolm Cowley

“What I had to face, the very bitter lesson that everyone who wants to write has got to learn, was that a thing may in itself be the finest piece of writing one has ever done, and yet have absolutely no place in the manuscript one hopes to publish.” Thomas Wolfe

“Many writers enjoy two periods of happiness – when a glorious idea comes to mind and, secondly, when a last page has been written and you haven’t had time to know how much better it ought to be.” J.B. Priestley

“I am convinced that all writers are optimists whether they concede the point or not ...How otherwise could any human being sit down to a pile of blank sheets and decide to write, say two hundred thousand words on a given theme?” Thomas Costain

“Read, read, read. Read everything – trash, classics, good and bad, and see how they do it. Just like a carpenter who works as an apprentice and studies the master. Read! You’ll absorb it. Then write. If it is good, you’ll find out. If it’s not, throw it out the window.” William Faulkner

“It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn’t give it up because by that time I was too famous.” Robert Benchley

“A writer is somebody for whom writing is more difficult than it is for other people.”

Thomas Mann

“It is the part of prudence to thank an author for his book before reading it, so as to avoid the necessity of lying about it afterwards.” George Santayana

“Literature is an occupation I which you have to keep proving your talent to people who have none.” Jules Renard

“Writing is so difficult that I often feel that writers, having had their hell on earth, will escape all punishment hereafter.” Jessamyn West

“I just sit at a typewriter and curse it a bit.” P.G. Wodehouse

“What no wife of a writer can ever understand is that a writer is working when he’s staring out of the window.” Burton Rascoe

“My point to young writers is to socialize. Don’t just go up to a pine cabin all alone and brood. You reach that stage soon enough anyway.” Cyril Connolly

“I finished my first book seventy-six years ago. I offered it to every publisher on the English-speaking earth I had ever heard of. Their refusals were unanimous; and it did not get into print until, fifty years later, publishers would publish anything that had my name on it.”
George Bernard Shaw

“I am sitting in the smallest room in my house. I have your review in front of me. Soon it will be behind me.” German composer Max Reger

“No passion in the world is equal to the passion to alter someone else’s draft.” H.G. Wells

“You know how it is in the kid’s book world: It’s just bunny eat bunny.” Anonymous

“An editor should have a pimp for a brother, so he’d have someone to look up to.” Gene Fowler

“Nobody ever committed suicide while reading a good book, but many have while trying to write one.” Robert Byrne

“Our ordinary mind always tries to persuade us that we are nothing but acorns and that our greatest happiness will be to become bigger, fatter, shinier acorns; but that is of interest only to pigs. Our faith gives knowledge of something much better: that we can become oak trees.” E.F. Schumacher

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t...you are right.” Henry Ford

“We envy those with brilliant minds and yet it sometimes seems to me we each have talents given us – our problem is to set them free.” R. McCann

“Everyone has a talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.” Erica Jong

“To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.” Robert Louis Stevenson

“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you must stop and look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” Eleanor Roosevelt

“You see things; and say ‘Why?’ But I dream things that never were; and I say, ‘Why not?’” George Bernard Shaw

“If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.” Thomas A. Edison

“Set priorities for your goals...A major part of successful living lies in the ability to put first things first. Indeed, the reason most major goals are not achieved is that we spend our time doing second things first.” Robert J. McKain (like dusting the top of the refrigerator--cw)

“Goals are dreams with deadlines.” Ken Blanchard

“No one can arrive from being talented alone. God gives talent, work transforms talent into genius.” Anna Pavlova

“Never turn down a job because you think it’s too small, you don’t know where it can lead.” Julia Morgan

“I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.” Thomas Jefferson

“It is never too late to be what you might have become.” George Eliot

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.” Mark Twain

“Real friends are those who, when you’ve made a fool of yourself, don’t feel that you’ve done a permanent job.” Erwin T. Randall

“May all your efforts bring satisfaction, fame and large checks!” Chris Walkowicz

THANK YOU!

Please express your appreciation to all who have made this evening possible.

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2004 Writing Competition Nominees

Nominees are listed alphabetically and the order of the listing has no significance as to the eventual winner. There may be three, four or five nominees per category, depending upon the size of the category and the judges' scores.

1. **Newspaper: feature or news story**
 - Susan Lennon, Adoption: For Old Dogs, A New Leash on Life (The Washington Post)*
 - Nancy Marano, Anterior Cruciate Ligament Surgery (Petroglyphs)*
 - Linda Saraco, Finding Dominic (The Pet Gazette)*
 - Deborah Wood, Aggression Suppression (The Oregonian)*
 - Deborah Wood, Puppy Power (The Oregonian)*
2. **Newspaper: column**
 - Rue Chagoll, Dogs of Our Lives (Ithaca Journal)*
 - Steve Dale, My Pet World (Tribune Media Services)*
 - Larry Powell, Tales from the Pet Side (Dallas Morning News)*
 - Deborah Wood, Pet Talk (The Oregonian)*
 - Sophia Yin, DVM, Pet Tales (San Francisco Chronicle)*
3. **Newspaper: editorial/opinion/essay**
 - Sherry Carpenter, Courts Take Up Value (Sunbury Daily Item)*
 - Sherry Carpenter, Mad Cow Diverted to Pet Food Use (Sunbury Daily Item)*
 - Sherry Carpenter, Highway Signage Needed (Sunbury Daily Item)*
 - Steve Dale, Lows Against Pit Bulls (Tribune Media Services)*
 - Amy Shojai, Don't Make Litter-ary Ezrrors (Herald Democrat)*
4. **Magazine: all breed**
 - AKC Family Dog*
 - AKC Gazette*
 - Dog Fancy*
 - Dogs in Canada*
 - Dog World*
5. **Magazine: single breed**
 - Basset Hounds (Popular Dogs)*
 - Celebrating Greyhounds (The Greyhound Project)*
 - Collies (Popular Dogs)*
 - The French Bullytin*
6. **Magazine: special interest dog or all animal**
 - Agility Action Online*
 - Clean Run*
 - Today's Breeder (Purina)*
 - Training Secrets for Labrador Retrievers (Popular Dogs)*
7. **Magazine: yearbook/annual/special publication**
 - A Dog for All Reasons (Puget Sound Lab Ret Association)*
 - 2004 Dogs in Canada Annual*
 - Dogs USA*
 - Puppies USA*
8. **Magazine: feature in all breed magazine**
 - Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, I Hereby Declare (Canine Chronicle)*
 - D. Caroline Coile, PhD, How to Choose a Stud Dog - And How Not To (Dog World)*
 - Arliss Paddock, Labor of Love (AKC Family Dog)*
 - Kim Thornton, A Community Challenged (AKC Gazette)*
9. **Magazine: feature in a single breed magazine**
 - Ilaria Borghese, Corns and Warts (Celebrating Greyhounds)*
 - Marcia Herman, Dogs of Hope (Celebrating Greyhounds)*
 - Susan McCullough, Wanted: Homes for Misunderstood Lhasa Apsos (Lhasa Apso)*
 - Diane Morgan, Looking for Low-Slung Love (Basset Hounds)*
 - Diane Morgan, Discover the Jewel (Lhasa Apso)*
10. **Magazine: feature in special interest magazine**
 - Eve Adamson, Clicker Tips for Deaf Dogs (Clicker Training)*
 - D. Caroline Coile, Puppy Safety Quiz (Healthy Puppy)*
 - Lexiann Grant-Snider, New Front in Cancer Fight (Your Dog)*
 - September Morn, Surgery for Liver Shunts (Your Dog)*
 - Deborah Wood, Hunter Atkinson (Canine Chronicle)*

- 11. Magazine: feature in all animal magazine**
Lorraine Houston, Friends for Life (Animal's Voice)
Jacque Lynn Schultz, Shaping Up Shelter Dogs (Animal Watch)
Amy Shojai, A Weighty Problem (Healthy Pet)
Tina Traster, A-mazing Terrier Rescue (Animal Watch)
Robyn Watts, Esq., The Making of an Animal Cop (Animal Watch)
- 12. Magazine: feature in general interest magazine**
Beth Ann Amico, Picking the Perfect Puppy (Woman's Outlook)
Tom O'Shea, K-9 (Dutchess Magazine)
Jo Watkins, PhD, Champions on Ice (Mushing magazine)
- 13. Magazine: feature in canine newspaper or newsletter**
Sandra Bolan, Two Labs are too Fun (Dogs, Dogs, Dogs)
Phyllis DeGioia, Advances in Anesthesia (Your Dog)
C.C. Holland, The Other Dyplasia (Your Dog)
Roxanne Willems Snopek, New Stripes Against Cancer (Dog Watch)
- 14. Magazine: feature in annual publication or other**
Eve Adamson, Reality Bites (Puppies USA)
Margaret Bonham, 8 Active Sports to Wear Out Your Lab (Popular Dogs)
Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz, Read the Puppy Fine Print (Puppies USA)
Amy D. Shojai, Puppy Diet Primer (Dogs USA)
- 15. Magazine: editorial/opinion/essay**
Lola Autry, Christmas (Animal Watch)
Mara Bovsun, 2 Dogs, 2 Adults, 300 sq Ft
William Peterson, Born Dead (AKC Gazette)
Michael Rosen, Slumber Sweet (AKC Family Dog)
- 16. Magazine: regular column**
Jean Donaldson, Behaviour (Dogs in Canada)
Amy Fernandez, History of Dog Shows (Dogs in Review)
Mary Fran McQuade, The Gardener's Dog (Dogs in Canada)
Michael Rosser, Book Notes (The French Bullytin)
Chris Zink, Peak Performance (Dogs in Canada)
- 17. Magazine: subject related series**
Jodi Anderson, Problem Solver (AKC Family Dog)
Alice Bixler, Rare Breed Spotlight (Dog World)
Heather Brennan, The Ethics and Realities of Judging (Dogs in Canada)
Randy Kidd, Holistic Health Services (Dog World)
- 18. Internet: feature article**
Darlene Arden, Toys in Agility (Agility Action Online)
Steve Dale, Dogs Who Change Lives (www.Discovery.com)
Kathy Diamond Davis, Adult Dogs: Adjusting to a New Home (VIN)
Kip Kirby, Agility Dogs on the Road (Agility Action Online)
Maryann Mott, Breed Specific Bans Spark Constitutional Debate (National Geographic)
- 19. Internet: regular column**
Deb Eldredge, DVM, Vet Clinic (Agility Action)
Kate Eldredge, Spotlight on Juniors (Agility Action)
Laurie Leach, Agility Action (Agility Action)
- 20. Short Fiction**
Emelise Baughman, The Healer (IG Times)
Bradley Denton, Sergeant Chip (The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction)
Lexiann Grant-Snider, Help Me Make it Through the Night (KY Pet Gazette)
Kristina Jacobs, A Christmas to Remember (Northland Shepherd News)
Meri Weiss, Losing Lexi (AKC Gazette)

21. Poetry

Lee Netzler, *Our Leash (The Bagpiper)*
Lee Netzler, *Twin Bedding (The Scotsman)*
Lee Netzler, *The Watchdog (Great Scots)*
Diana Stark, *Chief's Gift (Golden Tales)*

22. Humor: short story or humorous text

E. M. Harrington, *Rex in the City (Bark)*
Elizabeth Jarrell, *Those Rascally Martians (Front & Finish)*
Elizabeth Jarrell, *Two Dogs, One Cat and Two Flashlights (Front & Finish)*
John Price, *MacTavish and the Skunk (Canine Review)*
Sharon Thompson, *The Tale of Lexy's Bath (The Corgi Cryor)*

23. Humorous Art

Brad Anderson, *Marmaduke (United Feature Syndicate)*
Darby Conley, *Get Fuzzy (United Feature Syndicate)*
Kathy Haynes, *Where Are My Jammies? (Celebrating Greyhounds)*
Pam Tanzey, *Cutting the Fat (AKC Gazette)*

24. Photography: color

Jeff Chevrier, *Siberian Husky (2004 Dogs in Canada Annual)*
Samarra Khaja, *Cover photo (Animal Watch)*
Trina Koster, *Bulldog (Dogs in Canada)*
Diane Lewis, *Border Collie (AKC Gazette Events Calendar)*
Topdogphoto, *Cover photo (AKC Gazette)*

25. Photography: black and white

Samarra Khaja, *Archival photo (Animal Watch)*
Laura Bostwick, *Spanky and Patee (The French Bullytin)*
Kent Dannen, *Nicholas and Hoot (AKC Gazette)*
Natalie Gooding, *Puppy Power (2004 Dogs in Canada Annual)*

26. Photography: series

Kathryn Hollinrake, *Puppy Personality (2004 Dogs in Canada Annual)*
Chet Jezierski, *Crème de la Coco (2004 D Annual)*
Trina Koster, *The OPP Canine Unit (Dogs in Canada)*
Keith Schopp, *Calling All Cookies (Today's Breeder)*
Samarra Khaja, *A-mazing Terrier Rescue (Animal Watch)*

27. Illustration or Painting

Jane Du Bose, *Biba Says (The French Bullytin)*
Chet Jezierski, *The Beardies of Auburn (The Beardie Bulletin)*
Chet Jezierski, *The Neapolitan Mastiff (AKC Gazette)*
Max Licht, *Nature vs Nurture (Dogs in Canada)*

28. Illustration: series

Sally Brown, *How to Say It to Your Dog (Prentice Hall Press)*
Bryan Hendrix, *from DogSpeak (AKC Family Dog)*
Phil Lang, *IGs in Action (IG Times)*
Don Thompson, *Old Gold Notecards (Rescue a Golden of AZ)*

29. Poster or Special Publication

American Kennel Club *Annual Report*
Safe Havens for Animals, HSUS
Joan Belle Isle, *Greyhounds Reach the Beach (Greyhound Project)*
Yvette Van Veen and David Parks, *Meeting Milo Workbook*

30. Calendar

Kent Dannen, *Samoyeds 2005 (Brown Trout)*
Jane Harding, *Portuguese Water Dog 2004 Calendar (PWDC)*
Marilyn Horowitz, *Sunnybank*
Judith Loff and Marion Karhatsu, *N.A. Beauceron Club (NABC)*

- 31. Videotape/CD/DVD**
 Maryjean Ballner, *Your Dog Wants a Massage (Dog and Cat Massage Works)*
 Virginia Broitman and Sherri Lippman, *The How of Bow Wow (Take a Bow Wow)*
 Jean Fournier, *The Siberian Husky (Jean Fournier)*
 Caroline Levin, *New Skills for Blind Dogs (Lantern Publications Studios)*
- 32. Broadcast Journalism**
 Steve Dale, *Animal Planet Radio Show #175*
 Steve Dale, *Pet Central*
 Cheryl Smith, *Pet Smith*
- 33. National or International Club: magazine format**
 Australian Shepherd Journal
 The Bulldogger
 The Courier Magazine
 The German Shepherd Dog Review
- 34. National or International Club: newsletter format**
 American White Shepherd Association Newsletter
 The APDT Chronicle of the Dog
 Beacon for Health
 The Forum
 Komondor Comments
- 35. National or International Club: magazine: feature**
 Sue Jeffries, *TDX GSD Finds Lost Australian Shepherd (GSD Review)*
 Dr. Erin Mayfield, *AKC CHF: Conference Report (The Courier)*
 Kathryn Monroe, *The Science of Dog Ownership (The Courier)*
 Fern and Charlie Quirnbach, Judith Ecklund, and Lorraine Brewer; *Sled Dog Racing with GSDS (GSD Review)*
 Betty Walsh, *Diary of a Therapy Dog (GPCA Bulletin)*
- 36. National or International Club: newsletter: feature**
 Amy Fernandez, *What Makes a Xolo? (The Xolo News)*
 Sue Hamilton, *Geromino's Travel's (The Fan Hitch)*
 Stephanie Jackson, *Reducing Bark Charge Behavior (Pap Talk)*
- 37. National or International Club: regular column**
 Joan Guertin, *Corgis in the Limelight (PWCCA)*
 Meredith Linn, *Behavior (Australian Shepherd Journal)*
 Tony Szczuka, *Funny Bone (GSD Review)*
 Yvette Van Veen, *Advice to New Trainers (CAPPDT Forum)*
- 38. National or International Club: subject related series**
 Annette Cochran, *Training a Solid Article Indication (AS Journal)*
 Delores Flynn, David Larson, Michael Dugan, Joanne Forsyth; *Water Dogs that Work (Courier)*
 Joan Guertin, *Lend Me Your Ears (PWCCA Newsletter)*
- 39. Regional or Local Club: magazine or newsletter**
 The Corgi Cryer (Mayflower PWCC)
 Golden Tales (Rescue a Golden of AZ)
 Pyr Tales (Dallas-Ft Worth Great Pyr Club)
 Wag Tales (We Adopt Greyhounds)
- 40. Regional or Local Club: feature article**
 Nancy Boyd and Kate Eldredge, *Hope for Tomorrow (Corgi Cryer)*
 Curt Harler, *In a Cavern, In a Canyon (Golden Tales)*
 September Morn, *Motivating Dogs Who Don't Want Nuthin' (Chuckanut Companion)*
 Deb Orwig, *READ (Golden Tales)*
- 41. Regional or Local Club: regular column**
 Dan Bultman, *The Great Golden Gallery (Golden Tales)*
 Deb Eldredge, *DVM, Herd & Seen (Corgi Cryer)*
 Kate Eldredge, *Korgi Kids (Corgi Cryer)*
 Susan McCullough, *Ask Goldie (GRREAT)*

- 42. Regional or Local Club: subject related series**
Deborah Harper, Breeder's Forum (Corgi Cyer)
Kristina Jacobs, Collecting GSD Memorabilia (Northland Shepherd News)
- 43. Book: single breed**
Arlie Amarie Alford Compendium (Ardesign)
Bernd Guenter The Bernese Mountain Dog: A Dog of Destiny (Doral)
Gayle Kaye A Century of Collies (Collie Expressions Magazine)
Carolyn Raeke The Best Finish (TFH)
- 44. Book: single breed pet guide**
Amy Christiansen A New Owners Guide to the Bernese Mountain Dog (TFH)
D. Caroline Coile The Dachshund Handbook (Barrons)
Maryle Mallow The Golden Retriever: An Owner's Survival Guide (Doral)
Kim Thornton The Everything Labrador Retriever Book (Adams Media)
- 45. Book: general interest**
American Kennel Club Our Dogs: A Century of Images and Words From the AKC Gazette
Diane Leigh and Marilee Geyer One at a Time: A Week in an American Animal Shelter (No Voice Unheard)
Claudia Kawczynska Dog is My Co-Pilot (Crown/Random House)
Kristin Mehus-Roe Working Dogs: True Stories of Dogs and Their Handlers (BowTie Press)
- 46. Book: general reference**
Eve Adamson and Sandy Roth The Simple Guide to Grooming Your Dog (TFH)
Robert Cole An Eye for a Dog (DogWise)
Melissa Verplank Notes From the Grooming Table (White Dog Enterprises)
- 47. Book: care and health**
Arden Moore Healthy Dog: The Ultimate Fitness Guide (BowTie Press)
Susan McCullough Senior Dogs for Dummies (Wiley)
Shawn Messonnier DVM 8 Weeks to a Healthy Dog (Rodale)
Leslie Sinclair DVM Ask the Vet About Dogs (BowTie Press)
- 48. Book: training and behavior**
Teoti Anderson, The Super Simple Guide to Housetraining (TFH)
Cheryl Smith The Rosetta Bone (Howell)
Deborah Wood Little Dogs: Training Your Pint Sized Companion (TFH)
Margot Woods Mud Heaven: Tales of a Dog Trainer (Author House)
- 49. Book: fiction**
Susan Conant Bride and Groom (Berkley)
Martin Greenberg and Alexander Potter Sirius (DAW Books)
Annie Smith Autumn Leaves (Kensington/Zebra)
- 50. Book: humor**
Chaz Chapman and Stacy Curtis You Know if Your Dog Owns You If (BowTie Press)
Trisha Howell The Pekinese Who Saved Civilization (Howell Canyon Press)
Phill Maggitti Pspotcards From the Pug Bus (Doral)
- 51. Book: children's**
Chris Desjarlais-Lueth, EdD Take Her Back (ATU Golden Pub)
Gail Langer Karwoski Quake! (Peachtree Pubs)
Kevin Luthardt Larabee (Peachtree Pubs)
- 52. Book: under 100 pages**
Eve Adamson The Guide to Owning a Bulldog (TFH)
Kris Butler Therapy Dogs (FunPuddle Pub)
Christine Davis For Every Dog an Angel (Lighthearted Press)
Jacqueline O'Neil The Guide to Owning a Boston Terrier (TFH)

2004 Writing Competition Special Award Nominations

(Internal awards are designated with asterisks.)

The American Kennel Club is offering the **AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD** for the newspaper or magazine regular column writer who consistently uses his/her public platform to educate pet owners about responsible dog ownership. The award consists of a plaque and a \$1,000 cash grant. To enter, submit a portfolio of previously published columns (minimum 3) detailing your contributions. At least one piece of this work must be entered in this year's contest in the regular categories.

Steve Dale
Sarah Ferrell
Arden Moore
Joan Lowell Smith
Deborah Wood

The American Kennel Club is offering the **AKC CLUB PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE AWARD** for the best article in a national, regional, or local club publication, magazine or newsletter format. The award consists of a plaque and a \$250 cash grant.

Pamela Dennison "More Interesting than Spit" (Mid-Atlantic BC Rescue)
Amy Fernandez "What Makes a Xolo?" (Xolo News)
Curt Harler "In a Cavern, In a Canyon" (Golden Tales)
September Morn "Motivating Dogs Who Don't Want Nothin'" (Chuckanut Companion)
Deb Orwig "R.E.A.D. (Golden Tales)

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation is offering the **AKC CHF RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AWARD** for the work that best informs the public about canine health research. All media and lengths are eligible. Entries will be judged for clarity and interpretation of complex science and its terminology, making research principles and products understandable and immediately accessible to dog owners and breeders. The award consists of a plaque and \$1,000 cash.

Maureen Finn "Don't Let it Shake You" (Whole Dog Journal)
Lexiann Grant-Snider "New Front in Cancer Fight" (Your Dog)
Nancy Peterson "Dogs Get Ulcers, too" (Your Dog)
Roxanne Willems Snopek "New Strides Against Cancer" (Dog Watch)

The ASPCA is offering the **HUMANE ISSUES SPECIAL AWARD** for the work that best illuminates one of the following aspects of the ASPCA mission: pet overpopulation, humane education, shelter adoptions, or the prevention of cruelty. All media are eligible for this award, but preference will be given to a substantive entry that exhibits the highest level of professionalism in its execution. The award consists of a plaque and a \$500 cash grant.

Arlie Amarie Alford "Where Are All the Puppies From?" (The French Bullytin)
Susan Lennon "Adoption: For Old Dogs" (The Washington Post)
Barbara Robertson "Dog is in the Details" (The Bark)

*The DWAA is offering the **DWAA JUNIOR WRITER AWARD** to writers under 18 years of age. The award recognizes and encourages young writers who exhibit talent, resourcefulness, dedication, and integrity in their writing about dogs and dog-related topics. The award consists of a \$250 cash grant and the Association's Maxwell Medallion.

Kate Eldredge, "Spotlight on Juniors" (Agility Action)
Kate Eldredge, "Korgi Kids" (Corgi Cryer)
Tom Eldredge, "Baloo's HT" (AKC Jr News)

The Iams Company is offering the **EUKANUBA CANINE HEALTH AWARD** for the article or book that best promotes the health and well-being of dogs. Entries will be judged for accuracy, clear writing, and the representation of a fresh view of canine health (i.e., nutrition, veterinary care, etc.). The award consists of a plaque and a \$750 cash grant.

Margaret Bonham "Should You Supplement?" (Your Dog)

Margaret Bonham "Death Sentence No More" (Your Dog)

Deb Eldredge, DVM "Health Matters: Epilepsy" (Dogs in Review)

Rhonda Hovan "Preventive Health Care Through Risk Management" (Golden Retriever News)

September Morn "Surgery for Liver Shunts" (Your Dog)

Fran Pennock Shaw "In Pursuit of Pain Relief" (Your Dog)

Howell Book House is sponsoring the **Elsworth S. Howell Award** for the best article on judging, exhibiting, dog-show reporting or any other aspect of conformation showing. The award consists of a certificate and a \$500 cash grant.

Amy Fernandez "What Makes a Xolo?" (The Xolo News)

Dr. Vandra Huber, PhD "How Do We Measure Up" (The Bagpiper)

The **HSUS COMPASSIONATE CARE AWARD** is offered for the best print, audio, or video work focusing on the humane treatment of dogs, particularly those in animal shelter, animal rescue, animal rehabilitation, or individual family settings. The winner will receive a \$500 cash award and a plaque.

Diane Leigh, Marilee Geyer "One Day at a Time" (No Voice Unheard)

Susan McCullough "Helping Bassets in Need" (Basset Hounds)

Jacque Lynn Schultz "Shaping Up Shelter Dogs" (Animal Watch)

Tina Traster "A-Mazing Terrier Rescue" (Animal Watch)

Sue Owens Wright "Greek Tragedy" (Fido Friendly)

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Delores Flynn, David Larson, Michael Dugan, Joanne Forsythe "Water Dogs that Work" (The Courier)

Jean Keating "Paw Prints Through the Years" (Astra)

Patti Sherlock "Letters from Wolfie" (Viking Children's Book)

Roxanne Willems Snopek "Great Dog Stories" (Altitude Publishing)

Deborah Wood "Hunter Atkinson" (Canine Chronicle)

Off Lead offers \$300 and a plaque to the author of the best training article.

Margaret Bonham "8 Active Sports to Wear Out Your Lab" (BowTie/Fancy)

Rue Chagoll "How to Take a Walk with Your Dog" (Ithaca Journal)

Anne Hershey "Foundation Tracking" (Aussie Times)

Barbara McNinch "Seize the Moments" (Puppy Gazette)

Pet Sitters International offers the **PSI FIRST-CANINE AWARD**, presented to the best humorous feature story or article written from the perspective of a dog. The winning entry will receive a certificate, plaque, and a \$150 cash grant.

Eve Adamson "Misadventures in Grooming" (Dogs USA)
Margaret Bonham "The Ultimate Weapon" (Yard Dog Press)
Dianne Bourgeois "Pug Tales: Madame Guinevere's Predictions" (Pug Talk)
Sarah Ferrell "Mr. Quinnton's Quintessential Code" (The Free Lance-Star)
Jerry Stark "A Philosophical Treatise on the Meaning of BITP (Golden Tales)

Radio Systems is offering a \$1,500 award for the best training publication in book or other bound form. The company will also provide up to \$500 toward the winner's travel expenses and will offer the winner's book for sale at its pet spa, PetSafe Village.

Kris Butler "Therapy Dogs Today" (Funpuddle)
Cheryl Smith "The Rosetta Bone" (Howell)
Yvette Van Veen and David Perks "Meeting Milo"
Deborah Wood "Little Dogs: Training Your Pint-Sized Companion" (TFH)
Margot Woods "Mud Heaven" (Author House)

WCFO, Inc Is awarding the "2004 WFCO Excellence in Canine Freestyle Media" award plaque and \$150 check to the work showing off the sport of canine freestyle.

Deb Eldredge DVM "Health Matters: Our Last Dance (Dogs in Review)
Mary Simpson "Greyhound, Come Dance With Me" (Celebrating Greyhounds)

The Bob Cole Award for Educational Writing. The Ottawa Kennel Club offers this award in memory of Mr. Robert Cole, long time Dog Judge and writer of books and articles on structure and movement as well as the fine points of breed type. The award will be presented annually for the best article in a magazine or newspaper which illustrates either the fine points of a particular breed or illustrates particular aspects of structure or movement in dogs that is intended to inform or educate the public or dog breeders. This award consists of a certificate and a \$350 cash prize.

Dr. Vandra Huber, PhD "How Do We Measure Up" (The Bagpiper)

DogWise is offering \$350 to the author of the best book. The winner will be chosen from the winners of all the book categories. *Do not apply for this award.*

The Pro Plan President's Award. Pro Plan will supply a \$750 prize and a bowl with the winner's name engraved on it. This is the Best In Show chosen from all of the winners of the individual categories.

*The American Kennel Club offers the **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** for extraordinary achievement and communications excellence, recognizing the person who, by word, deed, exemplary conduct, public communication and professional excellence, promotes the best interest of the sport of dogs. The award consists of a plaque and a \$500 cash grant. *Do not apply for this award.*

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Thanks to DWAA member David Frei and Westminster Kennel Club for providing the Overseas Visitors/DWAA Lounge at the Garden. The room will be open to DWAA members Monday and Tuesday during the show, and a schedule of speakers available for interviews will be announced.

If you've offered to contribute to the 70th Anniversary Celebration and don't see your name here, we apologize. We've had many donors who have stepped up to the plate, so to speak, at the last minute, and others whose names might not have been passed on as we go to press. Please let us know if we've neglected to mention you so that we can do so at the Awards Banquet and in the next issue of *The Write Dog*. – **Jan Mahood**

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. The prize is a giclée print donated by The Westminster Kennel Club (valued at \$495.00). The proceeds will benefit the DWAA Junior Education Scholarship. See last month's newsletter for the raffle ticket form.

Note from Jan Mahood

Correction: I'd written the wrong dates for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in December's piece "New York on \$5 a Day -- Well, Not Quite." The WKC Show is, as always, on Monday and Tuesday, this year Feb. 14 and 15. I apologize for any confusion.

P.S. The DWAA 70th Anniversary Awards Banquet, as you know, will be on Sunday night, Feb. 13. DWAA was founded on that very date, Feb. 13, in 1935.

NY Book Signing

Thanks to Pat Santi, we have a confirmed location for a 2005 DWAA book signing. The DWAA book signing will be at the Southgate, off of the main lobby, on Sat. February 12, time to be announced. You will need to bring your own books. So far, the following have confirmed that they plan to attend include: Arlene Millman; Jennifer Quasha; Denise Flaim; Cheryl Smith; Kim Dearth; Darlene Arden; Kim Thornton; Pam Dennison; and Chris Walkowicz. If anyone else is planning to be there, please contact Amy Fernandez at RazzmatazzCC@aol.com

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An Italian Feast

Trays of antipasto consisting of salad greens with balsamic vinaigrette, prosciutto, sopresta, sliced mozzarella, sliced tomato, roasted peppers, and artichokes with salami and olives

Caesar salad of Romaine lettuce, croutons, parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing

Tri-color cheese tortellini in light cream sauce

Sautéed breast of chicken with artichokes, sun dried tomatoes and mushrooms

Penne Pasta with spicy sausage, cennellini beans and tomato basil sauce

Eggplant rollantini

Melange of vegetables with confetti of red pepper.

Dinner rolls

Sliced fresh fruit display

Assorted Italian pastries

Coffee, tea, decaffeinated coffee and assorted soft drinks

Mineral water and Arizona iced tea

Wine will be served with the meal

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