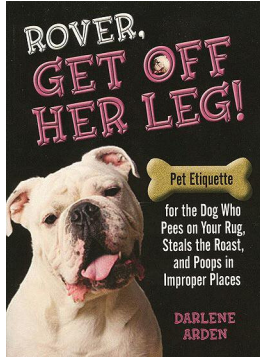


# BOOK REVIEWS

By Phyllis DeGioia



**Rover, Get Off Her Leg!**, Pet Etiquette for the Dog Who Pees on Your Rug, Steals the Roast, and Poops in Improper Places, by Darlene Arden, Health Communications Inc., \$14.95, paperback, 204 pages

This short and sweet book is something I'd like to hand out to a number of dog owners with less than angelic dogs (that occasionally

includes myself, by the way). While Darden is known for expertise with small dogs, this book applies to dogs of all sizes. Darden is a certified animal behavior expert. There's some hilarious anecdotes, including dogs and used sanitary hygiene products (the proper apology is given, should the dog who is dragging around said paper products be yours), how to feed a pack, when your dog pulls your arm out of the socket, when your house is one big chew toy, and so on. Chapters include Plumbing Problems, Social Snafus, Bad Table Manners, Personality Problems, Sex and the Dog Owner (what dog breeder hasn't said "virgin bitch" in front of a minister?), and Goodwill on the Go. Presented with a wonderful sense of humor, this book is full of practical advice. Just drop it off anonymously at the homes of ill-behaved dogs so the owners can get to work!

**Goodbye, Jake**, by Deborah "Bam" Schildkraut, illustrated by Whitney Martin, Operation Outreach-USA Press, \$7.95, paperback, 48 pages

This children's book is an excellent one for children who have just lost a dog or are about to. Written at a third grade level, it's about a boy dealing with death for the first time. The dog in question is his grandmother's

red and black greyhound named Jake. I had a good cathartic cry while reading it. The part describing how the boy says good bye to Jake, knowing that the veterinarian will be there that evening to put Jake down, is

particularly well done and will tug at your heart strings. The illustrations are absolutely perfect. A tough topic to deal with, Schildkraut has nonetheless done an outstanding job.



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Countdown to Westminster



# NEWSLETTER DWAA

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Pam Dennison's Border collie Shadow (ARCH Ewe Are Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt, CGC, CD, RL3, NA, NAJ, TSW) is the subject of her book, [Bringing Light to Shadow](#).

Shadow was a handsome, fearful, aggressive, second-hand Border collie. He lashed out at people without warning and avoided human touch. Pam is a professional dog trainer who had 12 years of experience and several successful dog adoptions behind her when she met Shadow. She outlines their journey of Shadow's transformation in a "warts and all" diary spanning 18 months.



# President's Column

Amy Fernandez



## Countdown to Westminster!

The Westminster premium list just arrived in the mail, one more reminder that the DWAA banquet is just around the corner. It's shaping up to be an amazing weekend. Pat Santi, our smiling secretary and banquet chairman, has been hard at work. So far she has received over \$23,000 in sponsor pledges, including \$18,000 from our main donor Schering-Plough. As a result, we are planning a regular dinner service complete with wine (not a buffet). Better yet, we will be able to offer this for \$25 per person, truly a bargain for NY dining. This year's banquet will be emceed by our own VIP, Mordecai Siegel. We expect the 250 tickets to go fast, so contact Pat Santi and make your reservations early.

As an added attraction, DWAA members can look forward to a Sunday morning breakfast at the Affinia, courtesy of Hartz Mountain. This should provide some incentive to resist throwing the alarm clock out the window and get up early for the annual meeting. Watch the newsletter for additional details, and we know you are reading it!

The extreme makeover of our new newsletter has received compliments galore. With a little help from Quark XPress, Phyllis and Kim have outdone themselves (particularly Kim, who is the

one using Quark). Not only does the newsletter look fantastic, we are saving \$200 per issue on printing and postage. Visit the DWAA forums to enjoy it in glorious living color. We are hoping to publish a color print issue every year beginning with a special January edition. David Frei has arranged for copies to be available in the Press Room at Westminster. Contact Phyllis if you would like to submit an article for this dazzling special issue.

As if that wasn't enough, Sue Jeffries, our contest chair, is planning a fantastic banquet program. We are delighted to offer advertising at the exceptionally reasonable rate of \$60.00 for a full page, \$40.00 for a 1/2 page, and \$25.00 for a 1/4 page ad. If you can't make the banquet, this is the perfect way to advertise your latest book to the leading editors and publishers in dog writing.

If you are planning to be in NY, the DWAA book signing is another great way to promote your work. Books can be shipped to the Affinia Hotel in advance. Contact me at [snappyprints@aol.com](mailto:snappyprints@aol.com) to reserve space.

Barring a transit strike, blizzard, or bedbug epidemic, this should be a truly wonderful Westminster Week.

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## DWAA IS CORDIALLY INVITED

### The Hartz Mountain Corporation's Free Buffet Breakfast

Have breakfast with friends in the Madison Room of the Affinia Manhattan Hotel with the Hartz Mountain Corporation. They are honoring and giving awards to veterinarians, including a beautiful full buffet breakfast, and they have invited us to attend. The banquet is February 10, 2008 -- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**DWAA BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 10 AM AFTER THE BUFFET.**

DWAA annual meeting will follow and time will be posted In the next newsletter.

## Obituaries



Dorothy McCauley, 80, recently of Tucson Arizona, and formerly a longtime resident of Santa Maria died peacefully on October 3, 2007. She was preceded in death by her loving husband James McCauley and mother, Mardell "Percy" Purcell.

Dorothy is survived by her son Marvon Hadsell, daughter-in-law Gloria, 4 grand children, 16 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson and her dog Tommy.

Dorothy was a lover of dogs. She has worked as a canine obedience instructor and judge for more than 40 years. She earned a lifetime achievement award with the American Kennel Club in February 2003 as well as many other accolades. She was active member with the Southern California Obedience Council and the Santa Maria Kennel Club. She was also on the board of the obedience committee for the American Kennel Club and served as an AKC delegate for the Sandia Dog Obedience Club in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dorothy lived a life of compassion and caring for others, always ready with a kind word of encouragement or some gentle guidance.

She will be missed greatly by all her friends and family, but will be remembered by all whose lives she touched. A celebration of Dorothy's life is scheduled for November 10, 2007 at 11:00 am at the First Christian Church, 1550 South College Dr. Santa Maria, CA.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Donations, P.O. Box 151200, San Rafael, CA 94915-1200 or Marian Medical Center Foundation, 1400 East Church St., Santa Maria, CA 93454.

*(Thanks to Liz Jarrell, who had the pleasure of interviewing Mrs. McCauley in 2004.)*



Tom Crowe, Chairman of the Board of MB –F, Inc. passed away October 9, 2007 just three weeks before his 90th birthday.

Born on Halloween in 1917 in Monessen, PA, he traveled a circuitous path into the fancy. Well-known for the Poodles he handled, other breeds also brought him top honors. In 1961 he won the prestigious Ken-L-Ration award as the handler of the Top Winning Dog, Eastern Division of the U.S. (Pekingese, Ch. Bettina's Kow Kow) and in 1962 he was the handler of the first Weimaraner to win the Sporting Group at Westminster (Ch. Val Knight Ranck, whose show record with Crowe stood until recent history).

He felt very strongly that any who participate in the sport in any way – an exhibitor, a club, judge, breeder, etc., should give back to the sport and to their community. He did so in a quiet manner throughout his entire career in dogs. A former Board Member of the NC State Veterinary Medical Foundation, he was involved at the inception of this facility and through a scholarship program. As a CHF Board Member he was a staunch supporter of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and he received the Foundation's President's Award in 2001. In 1998 he was named the Gaines' Dog Man of the Year and in 2001 was inducted into the Nature's Recipe Hall of Fame.

With the love of his life, Lois, his wife of 64 years by his side he often said, "I've had a great life. Through dogs I've met great friends, traveled to wonderful places, done everything I wanted to do and accomplished everything I wanted to accomplish." Quite simply, he loved the sport, devoted most of his adult life to it, and it's better for having had him. We will miss him greatly.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; daughters, Dorie Crowe and Mrs. Terry White; granddaughters, Mrs. Katy McAdoo, Shannon Greene and Mrs. Brie Porter, and great-grandchildren, Dakotah, Jeffery, Micah and Michaela, Travis, Piper and Wyatt, and a sister, Mrs. Marylou Budd, and nieces Mrs. Pamela Owens and Loretta Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the NC State Veterinary Medical Foundation, Take the Lead or the American Diabetes Association.

**Note:** To read the full MB-F, Inc. tribute to this wonderful man, visit <http://www.infodog.com/misc/crowe/tomcrowe.htm>

# Advertise in the DWAA Banquet Program

DWAA BANQUET PROGRAM FOR FEB. 10, 2008

## AD SPACE RESERVATIONS & CONTRACT

Contract and Ad must be in no Later than January 15, 2008

\_\_\_\_\_ FULL PAGE 6.5" X 9" (IMAGE SIZE , NO BLEED) \$60.00

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# Menu For Dwaa Banquet

February 10, 2008

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Mesclun Greens Salad, Maytag Blue Cheese, Grape Tomatoes, Frisel Onions  
Lemongrass Vinaigrette

Entrée Selection  
(Choose One)

1) Roast Tenderloin of Beef, Five Mushroom Sauce  
Lobster Mashed Potatoes, French Green Beans

2) Gruyere Crusted Chicken  
Wild Rice and Orzo, Julienne Carrots, and Snap Peas

3) Grilled Vegetable Napoleon, Shaved Asiago  
Wild Rice, Toasted Riso Black Currants

Served with Warm Rolls and Creamy Butter

Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tazo Tea

Topped off with

Affinia Manhattan Cheesecake

## DWAA Banquet Reservation

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

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Price per Person \$25.00

Number of: \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Tenderloin of Beef

Number of: \_\_\_\_\_ Gruyer Crusted Chicken

Number of: \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Vegetable Napoleon

Total Meals\_\_\_\_\_ Amount\_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to DWAA and Send to: Pat Santi \* 173 Union Road \* Coatesville, PA 19320-1326  
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If you have a special diet or allergies please notify Pat so we can work something out for you.

# DWAA Dues

**Please remember your dues are payable by March 1st of each year. If you joined the last half of October through December of 2006, you do not owe dues in 2007.**

**Membership to DWAA is only \$40.00 a year, allowing you to network with fellow dog writers through our newsletter, forum, and chat list, as well as offering a discounted membership rate for the annual banquet and awards ceremony.**

**The following people are asked to please contact the secretary, Pat Santi, to check on the status of your dues.**

**Thank you!**

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## NEW MEMBERS



## Lesser Number of Newspaper Awards

By Sherry Carpenter

Dear Fellow Writers,

Now that the competition has closed, I would like to express my disappointment with the decreased number of awards for articles and columns published in a newspaper category. I particularly missed the opinion in a newspaper category. If there were too few entries to make this an exciting category, then we are the losers. With all of the dog-related controversies in the news, particularly in regard to legislation, we should not just rely on the Internet to inform readers of pertinent issues. Many dog owners still do not have Internet access or may not trust it. Newspaper columns and articles are an important way to present necessary information on current problems and issues. Newspaper writing is not lucrative, but it is a vital public service. The very foundation of the DWAA was founded on those who wrote for newspapers.

I write a column each week for a central Pennsylvania newspaper that until recently was owned by Ottaway. The editors want opinion columns because they feel there is a reader void in that area. Often I have wanted to write a column on traditional topics such as housebreaking or pet therapy or choosing a puppy. Instead, local news dictates instead that I submit a column on revising kennel regulations or a lawsuit about the value of a French Bulldog. Writing opinions and taking a stand is seldom popular but it is necessary if one is committed to educating responsible dog owners.

Recently I received a nomination from the Bucknell chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union for a letter to the editor I wrote entitled, "Media must do better on animal stories." According to the nominating letter, "Our democracy's survival is dependent on the expressions of an informed, active, and engaged citizenry." I would paraphrase this "dogs' survival depends on informed, active, and engaged dog owners." Please reexamine our role as dog writers with this in mind.

*Editor's note: Congratulations to Sherry Carpenter for her nomination from the ACLU.*

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## 20-Year Rescue Anniversary

Recycled Pets Rescue of California and Washington is excited to announce their 20-year anniversary of helping over 10,000 pets through outreach, education, and private foster homes. They are also celebrating the release of the second edition of Randi Berger's award-winning inspirational book *My Recycled Pets: Diary of a Dog Addict*, available at Petco stores, or with your donation to Recycled Pets Rescue, at [www.recycledpetsrescue.com](http://www.recycledpetsrescue.com).

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## Breathe Deeply

Breathing deeply is one of the most important things we can do to keep our minds mentally alert. Twenty percent of the air we breathe goes to our brain. 60+ adults are notoriously shallow breathers. Practice this breathing exercise as advocated by Dr. Andrew Weil on a daily basis and especially before doing a mental aerobic exercise. You may want to do this sitting with your back straight, lying on your back, or standing or walking.

Exhale completely through the mouth, making an audible sound. Then, close the mouth and inhale quietly through the nose to a count of four. Hold the breath for a count of seven. Next, exhale audibly through the mouth to a count of eight. Repeat for a total of four cycles, then breathe normally.

The speed with which you do the exercise is unimportant. What is important is the ratio of four, seven, eight for inhalation, hold and exhalation.

*From *Aerobics for the Mind, Mental Fitness Cards: 100 Exercises for a Healthy Brain*, by Marge Engelman.*

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## Newsletter Name Contest

Thanks for the nice response, folks, both voting at the Forums and sending me your choices. We are now in the process of determining if we can copyright any of the top contenders. If not, we may be back to Square One, but we'll deal with that if and when we get there. In the meantime, thanks for all of your help!