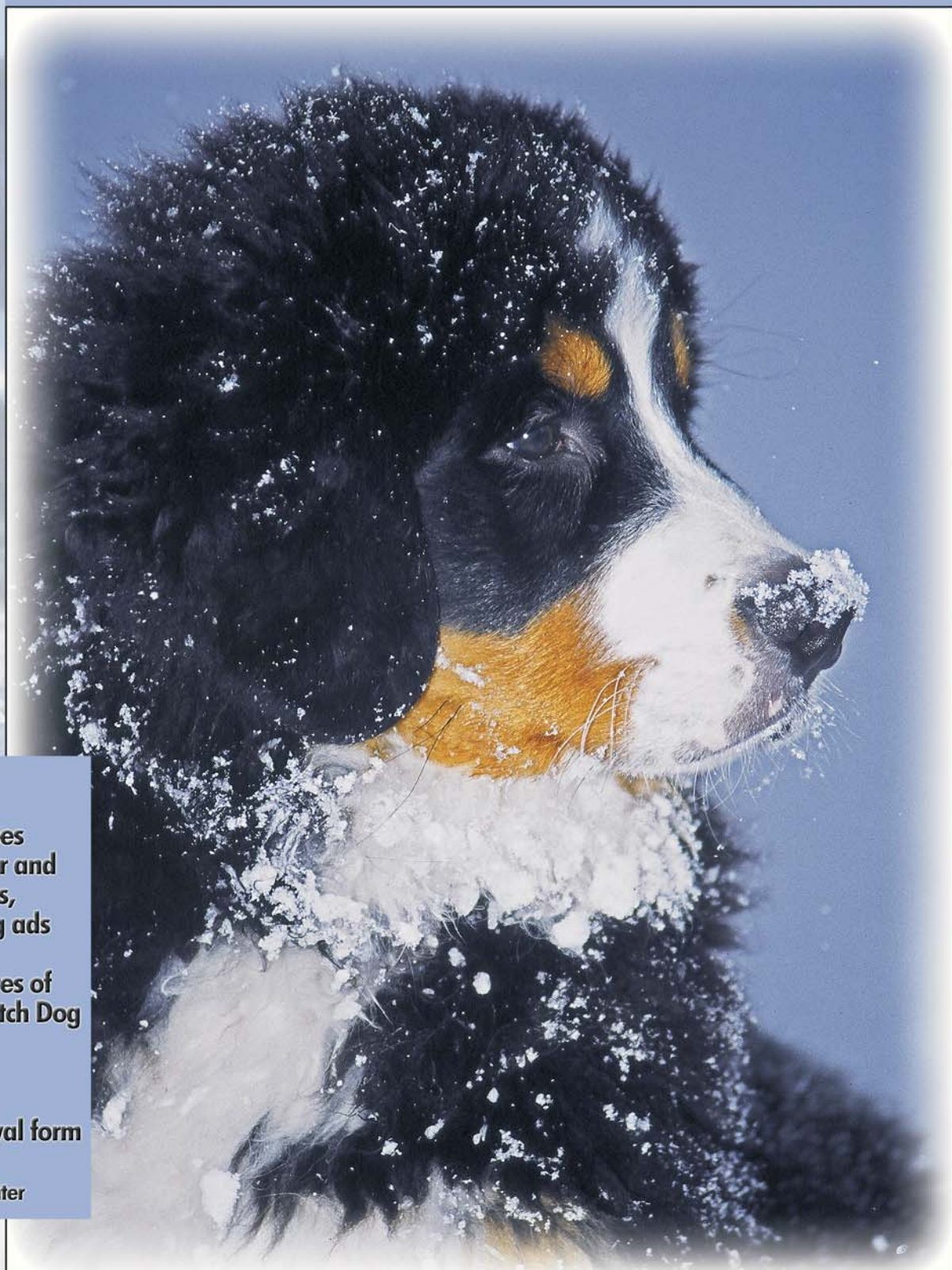


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President's column

by Ida Estep

Robert H. McKowen~

As many of you already know, long-time DWAA member Robert H. McKowen passed away on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Bob organized the AKC performance division and, because of his efforts, Agility was approved as an AKC titled sport and Earth Dog was approved as an AKC titled event.

Bob served as AKC Vice president and was also AKC Vice President of Performance Events for eight years, and Field Representative for Lure Coursing. He was active with the Eastern and National German Shorthaired Pointer Clubs of America.

He devoted his life to the sport as a breeder, exhibitor, judge, club officer, delegate, writer and author. In his capacity as an author he wrote the breed book for the German Shorthaired Pointer and bred and owned the top producing GSP in the history of the breed.

Bob was also generous with his time to DWAA and served as a long-time member of the Board of Governors.

Bob was elected to the Hall of Fame this year and I am glad to say we were able to notify him of this honor before his passing. His son told me he was very proud of his work with the DWAA and extremely pleased to be elected to the Hall of Fame.



Bob's family very generously requested that donations be made to the DWAA in lieu of flowers and, because of this kindness, we will be offering the Robert H. McKowen memorial special award for Friends of Rescue.

Nominees~

On a happier note, let me extend the congratulations of the Officers and Members of the Board of Governors to the nominees for the Maxwell Medallions and Special Awards. There were many excellent entries and you should all be proud of your accomplishments.

Secretary's page

by Su Ewing

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DUES are DUE!!!

If you haven't already renewed your DWAA membership, now's the time!
You can either fill out the form and mail it, along with your check, made out to DWAA,
to Marsha Pugh, Treasurer, P.O. Box 787, Hughesville, MD 20637
or, go to DWAA.org, fill out the on-line form, and pay using PayPal.

Treasurer's report

by Marsha Pugh

August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Opening Balance \$15,186.35

Income

Applications \$225.00
Contest entry fee \$4,045.00
Dues \$7,432.00
Repayment \$571.44
Seminar reservations \$415.00
Total income \$12,688.44

Expenses

Bank fees \$89.95
Computer fees \$1,680.00
Accounting \$1,218.75
Insurance \$508.00
Design (newsletter) \$700.00
Printing \$86.88
Total expenses \$4,283.58

Ending Balance \$23,591.21

Savings \$1,101.57

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meet our New Members

Kathleen Mueller

Kathleen "K2" Mueller has always had a pack of dogs and cats along for the journey, and most of them have lived well into their senior years. She enjoys parenting multiple dogs and cats, especially those who are elderly or have special needs. Her dogs, Timba, Hobie and Hector were the inspiration for her blog, k2k9.com.

As chief financial officer of Passports Educational Travel; and president of its sister corporation, Studiowner, she has been known to bring a dog or two with her during long shifts at the office. During her brief stint at the famous Long View Farm residential recording studio (the predecessor to Studiowner), she was responsible for caring for the farm's 28 cats and a pack of several loyal, beloved dogs.

Friends and family often turn to K2 for advice about dogs. They call her when a pet falls ill or has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, they call to get assistance in re-homing a dog in need of a new family, or they call to announce that they've adopted a new dog. She's always ready to lend a sympathetic ear, provide tips and advice, or network with local shelters and rescues to get help for humans and their pets.

A few years ago, she adopted two puppies who had been rescued from a Tennessee high-kill shelter and brought to New England. She adopted Charlie Brown first, at just 10 weeks of age. Seven months later, his brother, Cooper, was returned to the rescue agency with a broken leg that required amputation. Upon hearing that the young, disabled dog needed a new family, K2 helped raise funds for the



operation, then promptly adopted him.

A member of Blog Paws' influencer network, she is a regular blog contributor for Fairy DogParents and Doggy Loot; has volunteered for several organizations including Fairy DogParents and Great Dane Rescue of New England; wrote for examiner.com as the Worcester (Mass.) Pets Examiner; was Family and Pets reporter for CBS Local Boston; and was a board member of the Eastham (Mass.) Dog Owners' Association.

Recently, she took a break from writing and volunteering to care for the two loves of her life: her partner, Gil, who had terminal cancer, and their beloved senior Lab/Shepherd mix, Hobie. Sadly, they both died in 2015.

Under the supervision of rescue dogs Charlie Brown and Cooper (and cats Cali, Tux and Newman) she is back at work completing a three-volume series of excerpts from her father's WWII letters, "More Than Anything In The World." Coming soon: a collection of essays about her many dogs and cats; a biography of her life-partner, Dr. Gil Markle; and a book about the American educational group tour industry.

WANTED: new member bios and photos!

In your newsletter, we would like to profile the DWAA members and their work in the business of dogs. As a new member, you are invited to submit an approximate 200-word summary of your background and work in the field of dogs along with a photo of yourself.

If you have anything else that you would like to contribute to [ruff DRAFTS](http://ruffDRAFTS), please let me know of your idea. We do not have a budget to pay for articles, photos and artwork, so any contribution would have to be pro bono. And please remember that submissions are always welcome for our cover!

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks! —editor

The New Journalism of Dog Writing

how to get yourself published in the 21st century

DWAA is trying something new for February 2016 and you're not going to want to miss a minute! We're still planning an awards banquet for the Sunday before Westminster, but that's not all. Join us that morning for a seminar with speakers who will help you learn how to be a productive (paid!) writer in the 21st century.

The **New Journalism of Dog Writing** seminar will be held **Sunday, February 14** at the **Hotel Pennsylvania** from 9:00 a.m. to noon with 40 minutes at the end for a Q&A period with the presenters. Before the seminar begins, there will be a DWAA general membership meeting from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m.

The price is just \$125 for the entire day if you register by February 6, or \$140 after February 6 (cutoff for online registration); editor appointments are now sold out. Banquet/award ceremony only is \$90.00 per person.

Seminar presenters will be ~

Ranny Green • Past DWAA President, discussing being creative with one's abilities in today's tight freelancing market.

Mara Bovsun • AKC's Family Dog editor, describing how to use meetups and media to promote projects and as a way to gather information on specific topics.

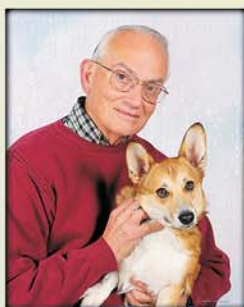
Carol Bryant • Professional blogger, helping everyone understand the ins and outs of blogging.

Larry and Charlene Woodward • Dogwise Publishing, explaining the difference between working with a niche publisher and with a publisher who focuses on material for the mass market, as well as giving tips on how to develop an audience and turn into an in-demand author.



Carol Bryant

Gayle King introduced Carol Bryant as, "A dog lover of the highest order," when she and her Cocker Spaniel appeared on Oprah Radio's Gayle King show. She is a frequent media contributor, appearing on television, radio, and in print. A guest speaker at conferences and seminars about dog products and travel, she also has a passion for growing social media and helped one client land the "best dog blog" honor. Carol writes for *Pet360*, *Hamptons Pet Magazine*, and also works with BlogPaws pet blogger social media community and conferences. She has helped numerous pet industry clients obtain coverage in various forms of media. She is the founder of Wigglebutt Warriors whose heart beats dog.™ Visit Carol at FidoseofReality.com.



Ranny Green

A longtime (1972-2008) *Seattle Times* features writer, copy editor and pet columnist and multi-winner of DWAA Maxwell Awards in newspaper column and feature categories. He spent nearly two weeks in Louisiana, post-Katrina in 2005, writing stories for *The Times* while embedded with Noah's Wish pet disaster relief organization. In 2013, he spent several days in Newtown, Connecticut, following the shooting massacre in Sandy Hook Elementary School. He was the first U.S. journalist allowed in the school to interview staff, students and parents. Ranny is a co-director of the Westminster Kennel Club media team. He writes a monthly feature and dog-book reviews for www.seattlekennelclub.org and regular features for goodnewsforpets.com. In 2013, he was inducted into the DWAA Hall of Fame.



Mara Bovsun

An award-winning writer and editor for the American Kennel Club's publications and websites. She has also served in many other capacities for the organization, not the least of which is being the AKC Beagle Mascot, Bailey, at several events. When she's not being the dog, she practices and competes in agility, running, and tricks training with two Leonbergers, Emily and Cleah. She also has the great privilege of watching over her 15-year-old yellow Lab, Maggie, the one-time death-row inmate who gave her the wonderful gift of a life with dogs.



Larry and Charlene Woodward

Charlene and Larry are the founders and owners of Dogwise.com and Dogwise Publishing. Founded in 1987, the business focused originally on marketing books at dog shows and through a mail-order catalog. Dogwise Publishing was founded in 2001 and is now the primary focus of the business with an emphasis on books of interest to dog trainers and enthusiasts. Larry is the chief editor and Charlene is the acquisitions manager. They live in Wenatchee, Washington.



2015 Writing Competition News

by Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz, Contest Chair

Another writing competition comes to a close. Kudos to everyone who entered and shared their best works with the judges, and congratulations to the nominees. *Winners will be announced on Sunday, February 14, at our awards luncheon at the Pennsylvania Hotel's Gold Ballroom in New York City.* We hope you will attend.

This year we received a terrific assortment of entries, as our contest accepts fiction, non-fiction, and graphics covering every canine subject imaginable. Dog writers work hard, that's for sure.

Special thanks extend to our judges who worked on a tight deadline this year to complete their assignments. Many reported back that the final decisions were tough ones, as many great pieces vied for the top spots.

Our appreciation to our sponsors who continue to inspire writers to tell the stories close to their hearts while rewarding us in the process.

Above all, keep writing about dogs and spreading the word about everything they mean to us, and what we can do for them. Whether you received a Maxwell or a Special Writing Award this year or not, know that your story will reach someone somewhere who sits down to read your piece with a cup of coffee and a loyal dog by their side. Maybe they'll stop and reflect on a line or two you've written and use it to enhance their relationship with their dog in some way. And isn't this why we write about dogs to begin with?

Wishing you many happy dog writing moments in 2016!

Regular Category nominees~

A. Newspaper Articles and Columns

1. Article – Health or General Care

Joanne Anderson, "Canine Hemangiosarcoma" ([Massapequa Post](#))

Joanne Anderson, "The AMC Shelter Summit" ([Amityville Record](#))

Monique Balas, "Hospice Care Bridges the Gap Between Curing and Euthanizing" ([The Oregonian](#))

Jen Reeder, "Securing the Scooby Snacks" ([Durango Telegraph](#))

2. Article – Behavior or Training

Joanne Anderson, "The Buddy Program – Parts 1 & 2" ([Massapequa Post](#))

Monique Balas, "For Search and Rescue Dogs, Their Job is Saving Lives" ([The Oregonian](#))

Monique Balas, "Puppy School Teaches the Basics While Building the Pet-Owners Bond" ([The Oregonian](#))

Peggy Swager, "Quiz: Test Your Ability to Solve House Training Issues" ([Petacular](#))

3. Article – Rescue

Joanne Anderson, "Pablo: Podengo or Ibizan?" ([Massapequa Post](#))

Joanne Anderson, "Oh, Our Darling Clementine!" ([Amityville Record](#)).

Pam Gleason, "Flyaway Home: Pilots N Paws Rescue Event" ([The Dog & Hound](#)).

Jen Reeder, "Puppy Love" ([Durango Telegraph](#))

4. Article – Art or any Other Topic

Monique Balas, "Belgian Malinois Owners, Breeders Concerned About Impact of Movie 'Max'" ([The Oregonian](#)).

Jen Reeder, "Always Faithful" ([Durango Telegraph](#))

Jen Reeder, "Running With the Big Dogs" ([Durango Telegraph](#))

Marty van Duyne, "Service Dog Helps Vet Cope" ([The Free Lance Star](#))

B. Magazines

5. Single, Related, or All-Breed

[AKC Family Dog](#)

[Dogs in Review](#)

[Sighthound Review](#)

[The Havanese](#)

6. Annual, Special Interest, or Any Other Subject

[Rescue Proud](#) (I-5 Publishing)

[Puppies 101](#) (I-5 Publishing)

[West Suburban Dog](#) (Brooke Keane, publisher)

C. Magazine Articles

7. Article – Health or General Care

Deb M. Eldredge, DVM, "P is for Prostate" ([Dogs in Review](#))

Denise Fleck, "Pet Disaster Preparedness" ([Pet Sitter's World Magazine](#))

Roxanne Hawn, "Good Grooming: Long-Haired Beauties" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Sharon Pflaumer, "A New, Affordable Cure for Parvo" ([Dog News](#))

8. Article – Behavior or Training

Teoti Anderson, "5 Training Mistakes You're Probably Making" ([Modern Dog Magazine](#))
Nina Bloch, "The Birth of Handling" ([Clean Run](#))
Lori Mauger, "Puppy Chronicle: New Tricks to Tame a Sassy Pup" ([Bark Magazine](#))
Gina Mireault, "Great Expectations" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Peggy Swager, "Case Study: Isolation Stress/Separation Anxiety in a Rescued Mill Dog" ([The APDT Chronicle of the Dog](#))

9. Article – Rescue

Gail Diedrichsen, "Overcoming the Animal Shelter Color Barrier" ([West Suburban Dog](#))
Gail Diedrichsen, "Too Broken to Be Fixed?" ([West Suburban Dog](#))
Jen Reeder, "Second Chance Dogs" ([Modern Dog](#))
Meredith Wargo, "Aged to Perfection" ([Rescue Me](#))

10. Article – Breed

Mara Bovsun, "Don't Worry, Be Hairy" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Barbara E. Magera, "Playtime" ([The Royal Spaniels](#))
Erika Mansourian, "From the Roof of the World to the Foot of the Bed" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Peri Norman, "Meet the Belgian Laekenois" ([Canine Chronicle](#))

11. Article/Column – Art or Any Other Topic

Bud Boccone, "ACE Files: Meet the Dog Who Refused to Die" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Brian Patrick Duggan, "Citizen Biggles" ([AKC Family Dog](#))
Deb M. Eldredge, DVM "Fun With Pits" ([Training Secrets for Pit Bulls](#))
Meredith Wargo, "Spay/Neuter Progress Report" ([Rescue Proud](#))

D. 12. Canine or All-Animal Newspapers or Newsletters

[The Companion](#) (Canine Companions for Independence Northeast Region)
[The Dog & Hound](#) (Pam Gleason, publisher)
[Golden Opportunities](#) (Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue)

E. Canine, or All-Animal Newspaper or Newsletter Articles and Columns

13. Article – Any Topic

Stephanie Colman, "Service, Please" ([Whole Dog Journal](#))
Michael Ford, "Dog Gone" ([The Dog & Hound](#))
Lisa Rodier, "Order! Labrador in the Court" ([Whole Dog Journal](#))
Lisa Rodier, "Restraining Order" ([Whole Dog Journal](#))
Laurie Williams, "The Healing Power of Dogs" ([Whole Dog Journal](#))

F. Online

14. Blogsite or Website

American Kennel Club (www.akc.org)
Mutt About Town Blog (<http://muttabouttown.com/blog>) Maureen Ann Backman
Fidose of Reality (<http://fidoseofreality.com>) Carol Bryant
The Daily Junior Dog Blog (<http://thedailyjuniorblog.com>) Jill Schilp

15. Magazine or Newsletter

[AKC Canine Partners News](#), Penny Leigh and Joanne Tribble, editors
[AKC Gazette](#), Erika Mansourian, editorial director
[Havanese Breed Magazine](#), Thomas Wettlaufer, editor
[Speaking of Dogs Monthly Newsletter](#), Lorraine Houston, Nancy Foran and Cathy Vandergeest, editors

G. Online Articles or Blog Entries

16. Article or Blog – Health or General Care

Nancy Beach, "Canine Osteosarcoma Parts 1 and 2" ([Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine](#))
Deb M. Eldredge, DVM, "Messing With Meds" ([Best In Show Daily](#))
Deb M. Eldredge, DVM, "Dog Bones & Safety" ([Petcha.com](#))
Ranny Green, "How a Special Service Dog Enables 23-Year Army Veteran" ([SeattleKennelClub.org](#))
Jane Messineo Lindquist (Killion) and Mark Lindquist, "Ovulation Timing and Preventing Fading Puppies: A Surprising Nexus" (www.puppyculture.com)

17. Article or Blog – Behavior or Training

Mara Bovsun, "Why Old Dogs Must Learn New Tricks" (www.WOOFipedia.com)
Denise Fenzi, "It's a Puppy, Not a Problem!" (www.denisefenzipetdogs.com)
Liz Palika, "7 Suggestions for Training Multiple Dogs" (www.thehonestkitchen.com)
Nancy Tanner, "Shutting a Dog Down" (www.pawsandpeople.com)
Bev Thompson, "Why Tone of Voice Matters" (www.anythingpawsable.com)

18. Article or Blog – Rescue

AKC Canine Health Foundation, "The Joys of Adopting Senior Dogs"
Kim Campbell Thornton, "Old Dogs Rule" (Universal Press Syndicate Pet Connection)
Kim Campbell Thornton, "Beagle Mania" (Universal Press Syndicate Pet Connection)
Meredith Wargo, "The Plight of Greyhounds Abroad" (www.rescueproud.com)

19. Article or Blog – Any Other Topic

Laura Coffey, "9/11 Ground Zero Search Dog Still Lends a Helping Paw" (TODAY.com)
Sally Deneen and Edie Lau, "Facial-recognition Apps Scout Lost Pets" (VIN News Service)
Liz Donovan, "Man Gives Everything to Care for 12 Military Dogs After Their Return From War" (akc.org)
Ranny Green, "For This 911 Call Taker, Anja and Loki are Her Relief Valves After a Trying Day at Work" (SeattleKennelClub.org)
William Kearney, "On Losing a Dog" (Petcentric.com)
Emma Kesler, "Want to Learn More About a Unique Dog Breed?" (milesandemma.com)
Jen Reeder, "Let's Discuss Pets During Domestic Violence Awareness Month" (Huffington Post)

H. Graphics

20. Single Photo

Mary Fish Arango, "Summertime at the Beach" (Chronicle of the Dog)
Lori Mauger, "Trooper the Whippet" (AMLE Magazine)
Lisa Croft Elliott, "The Skye's the Limit" (AKC Family Dog)
Dorothy Wills-Rafferty, "Chilling Out on a Wordless Wednesday" (Five Sibes Blog)

21. Series Photos

Beth Adams, "Idiot's Guide: Dog Tricks" (Alpha)
Chet Jezierski, "Show of Shows" (Dog News)
Jane Sobel Klonsky, "Older Dogs, Deeper Love" (AKC Family Dog)
Nancy Tanner, "What's Happening with Calvin These Days?" (www.nancytanner.com)

22. Single Illustration or Painting

Maureen Broussalian, "Cover Illustration" (Lady Louise, The Adventure Begins)
Emma Kesler, "Three Popular Human Sayings About Dogs and What Miles Has to Say about Them" (www.milesandemma.com)
Debra Lampert-Rudman, "David's Fund Portrait" (David's Fund. ACKCS Rescue Trust Inc. Cookbook)

23. Series of Illustrations or Paintings

Bud Boccone, "Dog People" (AKC Family Dog)
Maureen Broussalian, Lady Louise (The Adventure Begins book illustrations)
Janet Croog, Humans Dogs and Civilization book illustrations
Florina Boldi, Lipstick On A Pug book illustrations

24. Posters, Calendars, Brochures or Pamphlets

Robin Adams, Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue 2015 Calendar
Canine Companions For Independence, 2015 Puppy Calendar
Cori Solomon, "Irish Wolfhound Specialty Poster" (Irish Wolfhound

Association of the West Coast)

Roy A. Wilson, Barbara Garnett-Wilson and Nancy Kinnear, 2016 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in Fine Art Calendar

I. Humor, Poetry, Short Fiction, Opinions/Editorials

25. Humor

Joanne Anderson, "Beauty Tips a la Monsieur Edgar" (Massapequa Post)
Elizabeth M. Jarrell, "The Hardware Store is Not Your Friend" (Aussie Times)
Barbara Magera, "The Garden Secret" (The Royal Spaniels)
Dorothy Wills-Rafferty, "Vote Gibson!" (FiveSibes blog)

26. Poetry

Megan Blake and Mark Winter, "It's Super Smiley" (Pet Life Radio)
Debra Lampert Rudman, "Gigi In Winter" (La Joie)
Lee Netzler, "Merlin" (Scottie Scuttlebutt, Rocky Mountain Scottish Terrier Club)
Maggi Payne, "The Christmas Corgi at the Stable" (www.welshcorginews.ch/English.html)

27. Short Fiction

Morgan Humphrey, "Scrier" (Independent Publishing)
Barbara E. Magera, "Celebrations" (The Royal Spaniels)

28. Opinions/Editorials

Joanne Anderson, "Homeless Hoarder" (Amityville Record)
Holly Cornwell, "New Year's Resolutions" (The Royal Spaniels Magazine)
Kate Eldredge, "Musings of an Owner-Handler" (ShowSight Magazine)
Allan Reznik, "Showable vs. Show Quality" (Dogs in Review Magazine)
C.A. Sharp, "For the Good of the Breed" (Double Helix Network News)

J. Other Media

29. Video, DVD, or TV Broadcasts

Robin Adams, "DVGRR 2015 14th Annual Golden Gala" (Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue)
Megan Blake, Mark Winter and Heather Paul, "Kindness - It's Super Smiley" (The Animal Film Festival)
Jane Messineo Lindquist (Killion) and Mark Lindquist, "Puppy Culture" (Madcap Productions)
Dorice Stancher, "The Pet Stop-Trick Training" (News 12 JN, New Jersey)

30. Radio, Podcast, or Other Audio

AKC Canine Health Foundation, "Senior Dog Health: An Overview"
Teoti Anderson, "Get Pawsitive Results – Hyper Hooligans" (Pet Life Radio)
Teoti Anderson, "Get Pawsitive Results – National Dog Bite Week" (Pet Life Radio)
Dorothy Wills-Raftery & Robert Forto, "The Sibe Vibe: Talking Canine Epilepsy" (Dog Works Radio)

K. Club Publications (National, Regional, or Local)

31. Magazine Format

The Corgi Cryer, Cindy Read, editor (Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club)
The Alpenhorn, Dawn Kjeldsen Freeland & Robin Hamme, editors
The Ridgeback, Pamela Rape, editor
Golden Retriever News (Golden Retriever Club of America)

32. Newsletter Format

Mt. Nittany Dog Tales, Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, Marliene Froke, Tracey Dooms and Janet Lewis
The Scottie Scuttlebutt, Carolyn Grande, editor
AMAL Tales, The Alaskan Malamute Assistance League, Jeannette Y. Wick, editor

L. Club Publication Articles

33. Article – Any Topic

Holly Cornwell, "The Miracle Cure" (The Royal Spaniels Magazine)
Ridgeback Trust Inc., "The Rescue Organization That Does What Others Can't" (The Ridgeback Magazine)
Kevin Curran, MD, FACP, "Canine Renal Disease" (The Alpenhorn)
Elizabeth M. Jarrell, Esq. and W. Jean Dodds, DVM, "Blood Tells All: A Conversation with W. Jean Dodds, DVM" (Aussie Times)
Peri Norman, "In Search of the Perfect Stud Dog" (Belgian Sheepdog Newsletter)
Deb Zorn, "Seven Simple Words" (The Courier)

34. Regular Column or Series

Nannette Newbury, "Not All Seizures Are Created Alike, Parts 1-3" (Australian Shepherd Journal)
Liz Palika, "Behavior Conundrums" (The Australian Shepherd Journal)
Fiona Petersen, "It's a Dog's Life – Parts 1 and 2" (The Corgi Cryer)
Sharolyn Sievert, "The Finding and Training of a Search and Rescue K-9" (The Ridgeback Magazine)

M. 35. Club Special Publications

The AKC New Complete Dog Book, Mara Bovsun, editor
The Golden Age of Dog Shows: Morris & Essex (Morris & Essex Kennel Club with Antique Collectors Club, UK), Debra Lampert-Rudman, editor

N. Books

36. Single, Related, or All-Breed

Jenny Drastura, Animal Planet Dogs 101 Maltese (TFH Publications, Inc)
Tammy Gagne, Animal Planet Dogs 101 Miniature Schnauzer (TFH Publications, Inc)
Constance Lyons and John Savory, Trend Setters: The Making of the Modern Irish Setter (Book Locker)
Robert H. Thomas and Pamela B. Thomas, Leonhard Seppala, The Siberian Dog, and the Golden Age of Sleddog Racing (Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Inc.)

37. Rescue or Adoption

Tracy Libby, The Rescued Dog Problem Solver (i5 Publishing)
Andrei S. Markovits and Katherine N. Crosby, From Property to Family (University of Michigan Press)
Teresa J. Rhyne, The Dogs Were Rescued and So Was I (Sourcebooks, Inc.)
Jacki Skole, DOGLAND: A Journey to the Heart of America's Dog Problem (www.ashlandcreekpress.com)

38. Training or Sports

Teoti Anderson, The Ultimate Guide to Dog Training (i-5 Publishing)
Dawn Antoniack-Mitchell, Teach Your Herding Breed to be a Great Companion Dog (Dogwise Publishing)
Deb M. Eldredge, DVM and Kate Eldredge, Idiot's Guide: Dog Tricks (Alpha)
Denise Fenzi and Deb Jones, Dog Sports Skills, Book 3: Play (Fenzi Dog Sports Academy Publishing)

39. Behavior, Health, or General Care

W. Jean Dodds, DVM and Diana Laverdure, Canine Nutrigenomics (Dogwise Publishing)
Marthina Greer, DVM, JD, Canine Reproduction and Neonatology (Teton New Media)
Mechtild Kaufer, Canine Play Behavior (Dogwise Publishing)
Peggy Swager, Rescue Your Dog From Fear (Lyons Press)

40. Human Animal Bond

Gail Noreen MacMillan, To All the Dogs I've Loved Before (Wildflower Press)

41. Reference

Lisa Begin-Kruysman, Dog's Best Friend: Will Judy (McFarland & Co.)

Elaine Ostrach Chaika and Janet Croog, illustrator, Humans, Dogs and Civilization (Book Baby)
Leila Grandemange, A Breeder's Companion, Record Keeping (SunnyVille Publishing)
John Visconti, Fetch More Dollars for Your Dog Training Business (Dogwise Publishing)

42. Fiction, Young Adult or Humor

Sheila Webster Boneham, Catwalk (Midnight Ink)
Susan Conant, Sire and Damn (CreateSpace)
Rob Snyder, Poker Night: The Real Story of Dogs Playing Poker (CreateSpace)
Linda Johnston, Bite the Biscuit (Midnight Ink)

43. Children

S. Marriott Cook, A Home For Abigail (Jabberwocky)
Lauren Darr and Florina Boldi, Lipstick On A Pug (Left Paw Press)
Debby Kay, Sweet Snoopers™ (Coveran Publishing House)
Lee Wardlaw and Eugene Yelchin, Won Ton and Chopstick – A Cat and Dog Haiku (Henry Holt Books for Young Readers)

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those who work very
hard to make this event
a success . . . and to
the nominees, you are
all winners! –editor*



Special Award nominees~

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The Adoptashelter.com Adopt a Homeless Dog Award

Robin Adams, DVGRR 2015 14th Annual Golden Gala
"Because of You" – Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue
(www.YouTube.com)
Carol Bryant, "My Afternoon with Oogy"
(www.fidoseofreality.com)
Leila Grandemange, "That's What Friends are For" (Royal Spaniels)
Rachel Phelps, "10 Ways to Help Animals" (Petcha.com)

AKC Club Publication Excellence Award

Mary Fish Arango, "The Threat of Calcium Deficiency After Whelping" (Borderlines, Border Collie Society of America)
Peri Norman, "In Search of the Perfect Stud Dog" (Belgian Sheepdog Newsletter)
Peri Norman, "It's Not About the Bitch! Breeding a Litter in a Complex World" (Belgian Sheepdog Newsletter)
Fiona Petersen, "Really, Nothing in Life is Free?" (The Corgi Cryer)

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Public Service Award

Mary Fish Arango, "The Threat of Calcium Deficiency After Whelping" (Borderlines, Border Collie Club of America)
Monique Balas, "Veterinarians Already Seeing Increase in Marijuana Toxicity in Pets" (The Oregonian)
Sally Deneen and Edie Lau, "Facial-recognition Apps Scout Lost Pets" (VIN News Service)
Lori Mauger, "Puppy Chronicle: New Tricks to Tame a Sassy Pup" (Bark Magazine)

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen Award

Ranny Green, "Service Dog Snoopy and Little Luke" (Seattle Kennel club.org)
Nancy Tanner, "City Slicker Puppy" (Blog.Murdochs.com)
Nancy Tanner, "My Number ONE Rule For My Puppy" (www.nancytanner.com)
Susan Wager, "Puppy Training 101" (Pets and More)

AKC Microchipping Awareness Award sponsored by The AKC Reunite Program

Barbara Magera, "Preventive Measures for Keeping Your Dog Safe" (The Bulletin of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club)
Sharon Pflaumer, "Mandatory Microchipping Becomes Law in England" (Dog News)
Jen Reeder, "Find Me: Why Microchips Are Important" (Pets)

Matter, American Animal Hospital Association)
Kim Campbell Thornton, "Dog Theft" (The Royal Dispatch)

Angel on a Leash Award

Barbara E. Magera, "Playtime" (The Royal Spaniels)
Sharon Pflaumer, "The Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow"
(Dog News)
Victoria Livorney, "What's a Snuggle?" (Home Guardian)
Matt Strong, "Training for Love" (Companions at Large)

The Captain Haggerty Award for Best Training Book or Article

Teoti Anderson, The Ultimate Guide to Dog Training
(i-5 Publishing)
Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell, Teach Your Herding Breed to be a Great Companion Dog (Dogwise Publishing)
Peggy Swager, Rescue Your Dog From Fear (Lyons Press)
Jane Young, Dog Teaching: Surviving a Puppy Without Losing Your Mind (CreateSpace)

The Designated Dog Award

Bud Boccone, "ACE Files: Meet the Dog Who Refused to Die"
(AKC Family Dog)
Sharon Pflaumer, "Patriot Paws" (Dog News)
Bev Thompson, "One Size Does Not Fit All: Small Breeds That Serve" (www.anythingpawsable.com)
Marty vanDuyne, "Paws for Purple Hearts – Service Dog Helps Vets Cope" (The Free Lance-Star)

DWAA Pat Santi Memorial Friends of Rescue Award

Jennifer Caloyeras, Strays (Ashland Creek Press)
Andrei S. Markovits and Katherine N. Crosby, From Property to Family (University of Michigan Press)
Teresa J. Rhyne, The Dogs Were Rescued and So Was I (Sourcebooks, Inc.)
Meredith Wargo, "Aged to Perfection" (Rescue Me)

DWAA Junior Writer Award

Bonnie Brown, "Fluff and Brush" (Natural Grooming)
Morgan Humphrey, "Scrier" (Independent Publishing)
Heather Johnson, "My New Puppy" (The Acorn)
Artis Severn, "Dream of a Lifetime" (Vena Avenue Newsletter)
Taylor Wood, "A Beagle of My Own" (Farm and Pet)

Dogwise Best Book Award

James Colasanti, Jr. Poetry Award

Leila Grandemange, "That's What Friends Are For"
(Royal Spaniels)
Jim Lee, "Double Parking" (Royal Spaniels)
Lee Netzler, "Merlin" (Scottie Scuttlebutt, Rocky Mountain Scottish Terrier Club)
Wanda Thomas, "Couch Potato" (The Arleta Gazette)

North Shore Animal League America Award

Monique Balas, "Pet Talk: Spaying and Neutering Keeps Pets and Pet Population Healthy" (The Oregonian)
S. Marriott Cook, "A Home For Abigail" (Jabberwocky)
Kelly Cabell Pulley, "Diversity" (Dogster)
Kim Campbell Thornton, "Dog and Cat Spay/Neuter Myths Debunked" (Vetstreet.com)

Planet Dog Foundation Sit. Speak. Act. Canine Service Award

The Companion (Canine Companions for Independence Northeast Region)
Sharon Pflaumer, "The Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow"
(Dog News)
Jen Reeder, "Not Your Typical Grandma" (Modern Dog Magazine)
Bev Thompson, "Homeless Dogs Get a Second Chance as Service Dogs" (www.anythingpawsable.com)

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Editor appointments available noon to 1:00 for seminar attendees only

(register for editor appointments at DWAA.org)

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Backtracking a bit: In my last column, I shared some of Danny's past with you. He has certainly blossomed since he realized he was in a safe forever home with us. That said, he does have some insecurities regarding me. If my husband and I go out and my husband comes back without me, Danny will actually become ill. He worries something happened to me just as it did to his previous owner. Good thing I don't plan on taking any trips! This has not affected our work as Town Watch volunteers or even our normal everyday lives to any great degree. I do try not to do anything that might make Danny anxious such as leaving him with a stranger while I am out of sight.

Our latest adventure: I recently learned Danny apparently knows he has a job to do when we are out walking. Hard to believe but he seems to have caught onto the idea he is now a working dog.

After I shared our latest adventure on the DWAA Yahoo chat list, I was asked to share it with the readers of ruffDRAFTS, too. Danny certainly showed me he knows more than I thought he did!

Danny usually picks our route on the second walk of the day. Our long walk is usually the first walk early in the morning. The later one is taken after I shower but before lunch so Danny tends to make that one a shorter walk. Lunch is very important to a hard-working Setter (smile). He often heads down our street, onto the next block, around the corner and over to the school's street or up the block behind ours. This day, he wanted to turn up the side street a block down and one over from our street. It is a

The Further Adventures of Danny the Town Watch Dog

by Gail C. Parker and Danny

nice little street, quiet with one-way traffic. It is a narrow, tree-lined street, too. I mention these facts to give you an idea of the situation and general area.

We had only walked a few feet when I saw a man lying on the ground beside his automobile. As I mentioned, this is a quiet street so I thought at first he was just working on something under the car – maybe something came loose. But, then, something told me (Danny's ESP to me?) that the man was in trouble. I asked him if he needed help and he said he did. He had fallen trying to get into his car and could not get up. The seat of the car was low and he had the "Club" on the steering wheel so the wheel was too far down towards the seat. These factors gave him little room to squeeze into the car. Danny and I hurried across the street to his side. Fortunately, a man who had just come out of the little store on the corner saw what was happening and rushed over to help too. Just as we were doing this, a Fed Ex truck driver turned his vehicle into the street. He stopped and got out to aide us.

The man refused our urging to let us call 911 for him. We did our best to ascertain he had not broken any bones and the three of us were able to move him to a sitting position beside his car. The Fed Ex truck blocked anyone from turning down the street and hitting us.

Before I could help the man, though, I had to put Danny someplace where he would be safe. I hooked his leash to the railing of the house where the car was parked. That meant Danny could not see me because the car blocked his view. Add to this setup a cute little cat who was watching the whole scenario. She was not about to leave the entertainment the humans were providing. Danny loves cats. We have five of them. If we see one when we are walking, he will cry hoping the cat will come say "hello" to him. A combination of stresses for my rescued dog who had some insecurities. Or, so I thought. Danny was the perfect good citizen. He seemed to

know this was a serious situation. Even though he could not see me, he never whined or barked. He saw the cat but did not try to get to her or whine for her to come to him and she was sitting a short distance from him. He stood in place and waited for me. This was such a big deal to me because I learned my dog had overcome his past and was perfect for this job I had chosen for us . . . Town Watch!

Meanwhile, back to the man on the ground: The two men with me helped him stand. He explained he and his wife had some very serious health issues. In fact, he was on his way to dialysis. I made him promise he would sit in the automobile until he felt calm and well enough to drive. He did seem to recover once he stood up.

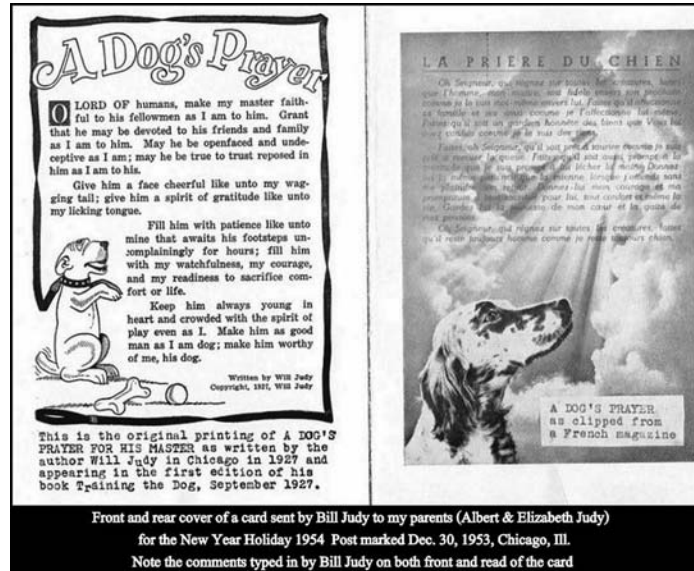
This is a street that has a block captain and people who take care of one another. I notified my friend who lived up the block a few houses so he could let the block captain know. They will watch out for this man. Perhaps they can convince him to take advantage of the transportation services available to people in need of medical assistance.

I should mention that Danny was never in any danger even though he could not see me. I was only a short distance away from him and I carry pepper spray so if anyone had threatened him, I could have been at his side instantly. I would never risk my dog's safety for anyone.

The humorous part of this was when I saw the cat walk away after all the excitement was over. She really did enjoy our "show" it seemed.

As I've said before: always listen to your inner voice. In this case, I think it was my dog telling me we had to take this particular route because someone was in trouble. Danny did more than is required for the "owner out of sight" part of the Canine Good Citizen test. That day I learned my dog knows more than I realized and I can trust him to know what to do in a serious situation.

He made me so proud!



the museum's website including: "The Wildlife Photography of Donald D. Feare", "Stories of Older Animal Adoptions", "Sit, Stay, Say Cheese! The Early History of Animal Photography, 1850-1915", "Breaking Stereotypes: America's Pit Bull Rescues and the Human Animal Bond", and "I'm Ready for My Close-up Mr. Casteel: The Making of Underwater Dogs."

As the author of Will Judy: Founder of National Dog Week and Dog World Publisher (McFarland & Co.), I am honored to be part of an establishment dedicated to presenting exhibitions, lectures, and other activities that are consistent with, and supportive of, the museum's educational goals and purpose.

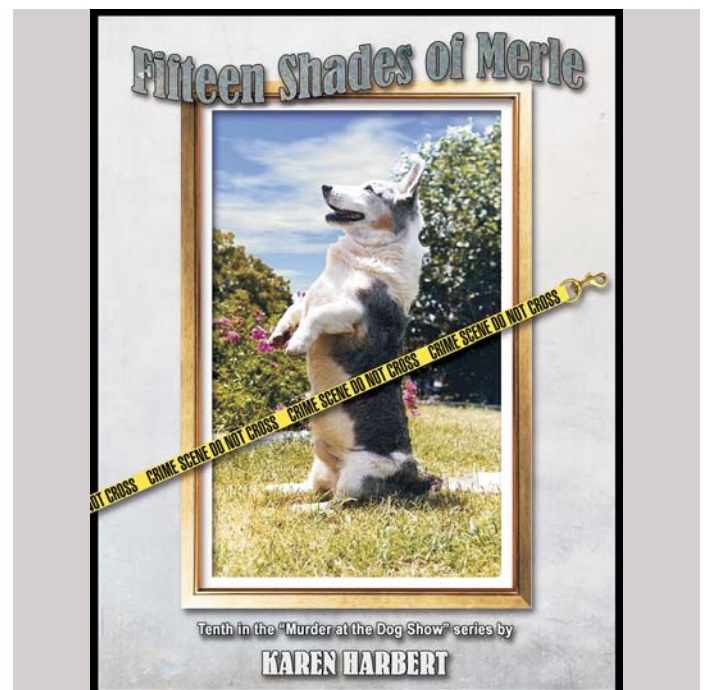
Captain Will Judy, as he was known, was a pioneer in the dog-care industry, and one of the founders of the DWAA. As a prolific writer, author and publisher of Dog World Magazine for decades, Judy almost single-handedly shaped the way modern dogs are regarded in America. Most importantly, he was responsible for making sure the nation's dogs got their week, and still do, during the last full week of September each year.

I hope you will take a virtual tour of the Animal History Museum:
<http://animalhistorymuseum.org>

Fifteen Shades of Merle

by Karen Harbert

Released in October. Tenth in the ongoing adventures of Jennifer Brooks, Mental Health Program Manager, and her Cardigan Welsh



Corgis. An unscrupulous breeder is producing crossbred dogs and disallowed colors. When she is expelled from the national club she seeks revenge.

This adventure takes Jennifer and RCMP Superintendent Alex MacLeod from a canoe trip in Georgian Bay to the dusty Arizona desert, to a blizzard in Alberta with would-be killers everywhere they turn.

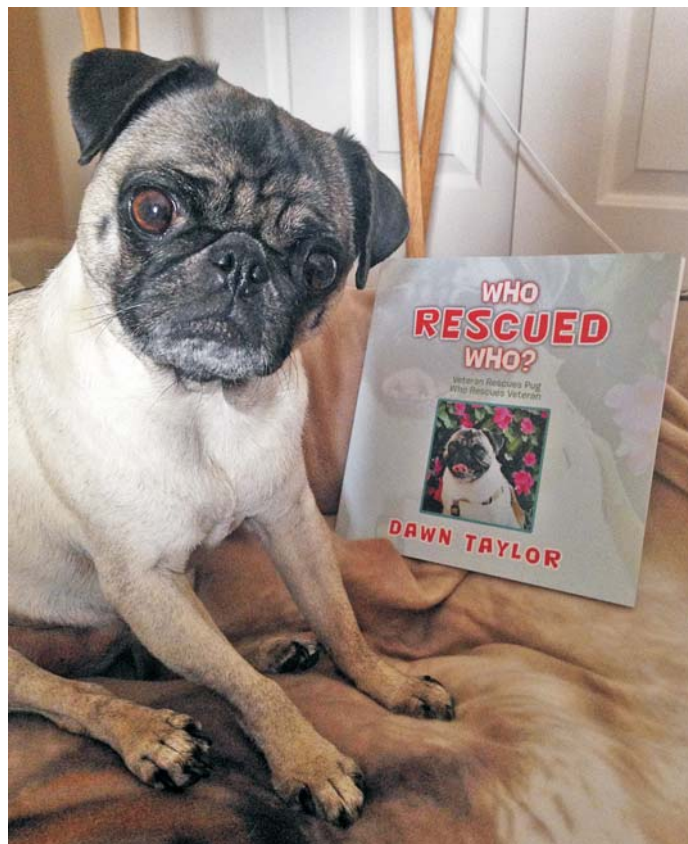
The dog on the cover is American/Mexican Champion Pera Brigwyn Blue, UDT, PCE (Perro CompaZero Excelente). A legend in his own time, he was the first Cardigan to win all AKC titles then available to the breed. He was a Group placer when we were still in the Herding Group, a Top Ten Sire in our breed, and a herding dog. His grandsire was Pat Santi's Ch. Lord Jim's Lucky Domino; Brig was the sire of my first Cardigan, and most of my dogs today are his descendants.

Who Rescued Who?

by Dawn Taylor

This book is to help individuals understand and know the importance of a pug being a service dog. With dedication from the dog, dedication from the owner and the right trainer, any dog can be a service dog. A service dog can help, not only for our veterans and first responders, but for anyone who has a disability. Dogs are dedicated and give their heart to help as we should to help dogs.

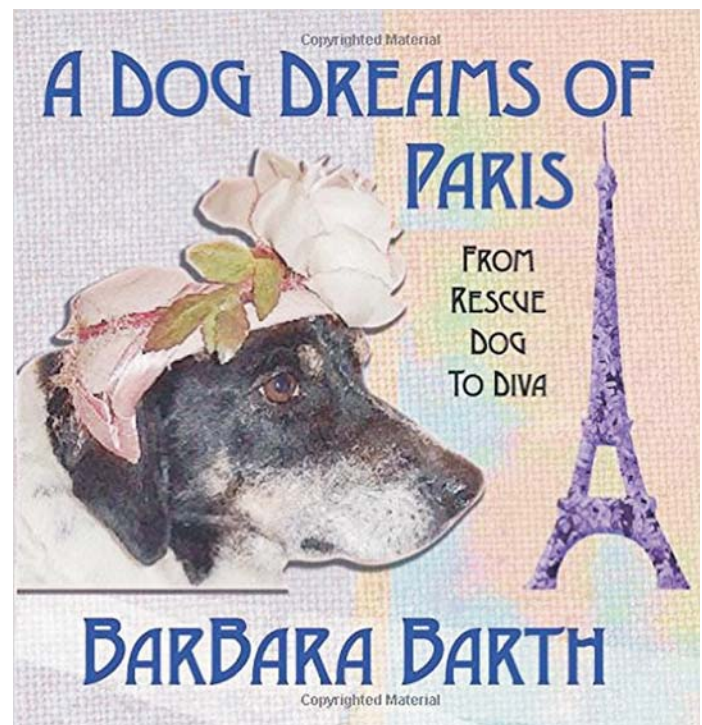
This book is a true story on how we rescued a pug from a no-kill shelter to keep my veteran husband company so I could go out to run errands. During obedience training the trainer noticed issues with my husband unable to hear or we had to speak loudly. The trainer



introduced us to the service dog trainer with whom, after our pug passed the temperament test, she and my husband trained to be a service dog team. They now go on errands with me. We have traveled across the United States in planes, automobiles, etc. all because of our little pug becoming a service dog. Even though the book is geared towards children, many adults have come back and thanked me that I wrote them a book. It teaches everyone something.

When people tell us we were her angels, we clearly say, NO, she is our angel. We were just lucky enough to see her. Please read the book to see how this little pug changed the life of a veteran. A portion of the proceeds from the book is given back to the no-kill shelter that assists veterans when adopting a pet and to the service dog service to help other veterans as my husband was helped.

The book can be purchased from <http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/CategoryCenter/PET/PETS.aspx> or directly from me, 772-713-8868, dtaylor_va@live.com.



A Dog Dreams of Paris: From Rescue Dog To Diva

by Barbara Barth

published by Gilbert Street Press (my company)

Amazon link: <http://amzn.com/0983171556> Paperback \$10.95.

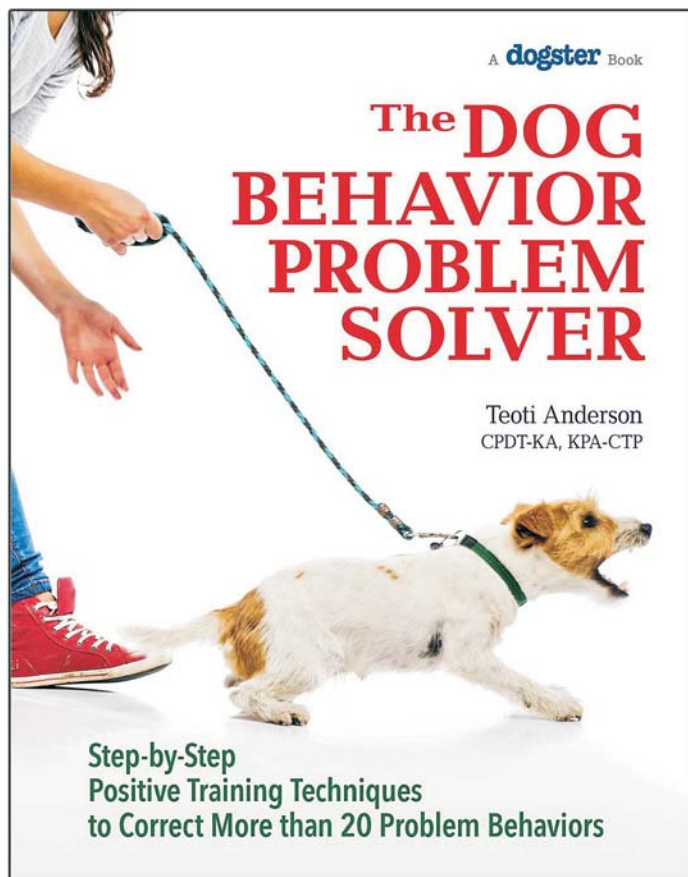
Meet April, a rescue dog turned Diva, in this charming picture book for dreamers of all ages. This fantasy dog memoir is April's travel diary on places she would visit in Paris. April was the sixth dog adopted by author Barbara Barth. She had trouble finding her place in the pack and sat quietly watching the other dogs. During a photo shoot for an Easter blog post, a vintage pink hat with a large silk rose was placed on April's head. She wore the hat with style and transformed from April to Miss April in Paris. For a few months she

had a blog of her own where she dreamed of visiting the city of lights. April has completed her Paris diary and is sharing it with you here. A portion of all book sales will be donated to animal rescue.

My new book is out!

The Dog Behavior Problem Solver

by Teoti Anderson, CPDT-KA, KPA-CTP



This book covers how you can use modern, positive methods to help teach your dog what you want him to do. Pet parents will find the step-by-step lesson plans an easy read, while professional trainers can use the book to supplement their in-person instruction.

Each problem chapter starts with a brief tale of a dog, based on a variety of cases I've worked over the years (my clients need not fear – I used fake names!). The book includes positive ways to effectively address aggression, barking, food stealing, leash pulling, housetraining issues and more.

My heart's hope is that this book helps keep dogs in their homes, with families who better understand them. You'll find the book at all online booksellers, and pet supply stores!

i-5 Press, Irvine CA, 2015; \$19.95

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Author of *The Dog Behavior Problem Solver*, *Dog Fancy Ultimate Guide to Dog Training*, *Animal Planet Dogs 101 Dog Training*, *Puppy Care and Training*, *Super Simple Guide to Housetraining and more*.

I'm delighted to be a guest poster on the terrific Killer Crafts & Crafty Killer Blog, for a Healthy Living feature.

Since my SHOW AND TELL main character September suffers from PTSD and is partnered with a service dog named Shadow, the post describes how the condition affects both of them. I hope you'll share with others who enjoy pet-centric suspense!

<http://anastasiapollack.blogspot.com/2015/12/healthy-living-guest-author-amy-shojai.html>

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From Bobbie Kolehouse (on the DWAA Yahoo chat)~

A friend and I were just talking about this in this context. I read Pamela by Samuel Richardson because of the connection to Jane Austen. Pamela, trapped in so many ways . . .

"Storytelling is inextricable from power: the act of reading is, for better or worse, an act of submission to an external force granted the privilege of language, of narrative organising. At its best, reading novels might be as salutary as recent studies allege. But at worst, novels – in all their dangerousness – can erode at our sense of self: a woman who reads Samuel Richardson's Clarissa (1748) could find herself accepting a world-narrative where rape is justifiable; a person of colour, growing up on Rudyard Kipling's Kim (1901), might internalise as normative a world of white power, just as Dorian Gray, through reading Huysmans, normalises the debauchery that is to come."

Dark books

What's more wholesome than reading? Yet books wield a dangerous power: the best erode self, infecting readers with ideas

by Tara Isabella Burton

<https://aeon.co/essays/how-books-can-sap-the-soul-and-poison-readers-with-ideas>

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