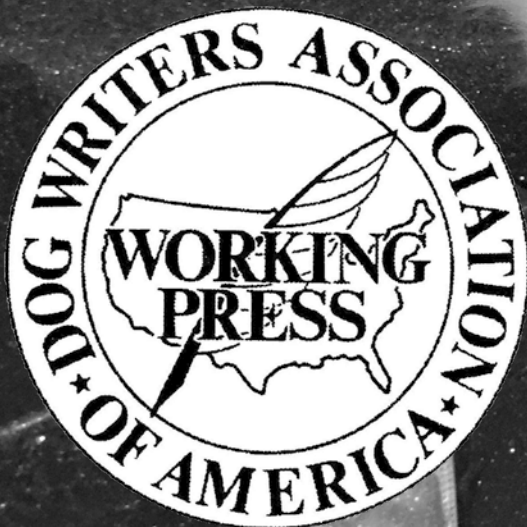


DOG WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

2018 Writing Competition



AWARDS BANQUET

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*The American Kennel Club
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Dog Writers Association of America's annual awards banquet. It's a fantastic time to be a dog writer – we're glad you're here!

Our organization has a proud history that started in 1935. Our founding members primarily covered dog shows and breeding. The coveted Maxwell Medallion, which will be presented to today's winners, honors Maxwell Riddle. The former DWAA president and AKC judge wrote about the sport of dogs for over five decades – he authored 14 breed, puppy and training books; wrote columns for *Dog World* and *The Cleveland Press*; and was considered one of the world's foremost authorities on dogs by his contemporaries.

Now our membership includes over 500 journalists, authors, bloggers, photographers, artists, PR gurus, social media influencers, radio personalities and television professionals. Our subject matter has expanded to reflect the increasing awareness in America that dogs aren't animals to be left to their own devices in the backyard – they're family. We write about dog shows, breeding and sporting competitions as well as inspiring working dogs, advances in veterinary medicine, rescue organizations, fashion, pet products, fundraisers, celebrity dog lovers, puppy mill busts, viral videos, breed specific legislation, training, social "petworking," general care tips and many

other topics. As dogs are increasingly considered members of the family, publication opportunities for dog writers continue to grow.

Our work has one thing in common: it strengthens and celebrates the human-animal bond. Together, we help change perceptions of the role of dogs in society and make life better for man's best friend.

Tonight we recognize some of the best dog writing of the year. With the caliber of work submitted, it truly was an honor "just" to be nominated! We are so grateful to the generous individuals, companies and nonprofits who supported the DWAA community by sponsoring a whopping \$15,950 in special awards. Special thanks to Lauren Darr for a superb job as Contest Chair!

If you have a colleague interested in joining our group, please offer to sponsor them and suggest they apply for membership at DogWriters.org. We want to continue to grow and serve our members, so if you have ideas for how the club can help expand opportunities for dog writers, please don't hesitate to let the officers know. You'll see some new names below – we're excited about being as inclusive as possible!

Thank you for being a part of this event and community!

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HALL OF FAME

2018 Inductee



Deborah Wood

Deborah Wood's career is a testament to the power of a writer to create, shape and change a community. She has won numerous Maxwell Medallions and special awards.

For eleven years, she was the informative and entertaining pet columnist for The Oregonian newspaper. This column created a base of knowledge throughout the Portland area that reinforced the value of a compassionate, rewarding relationship with animals.

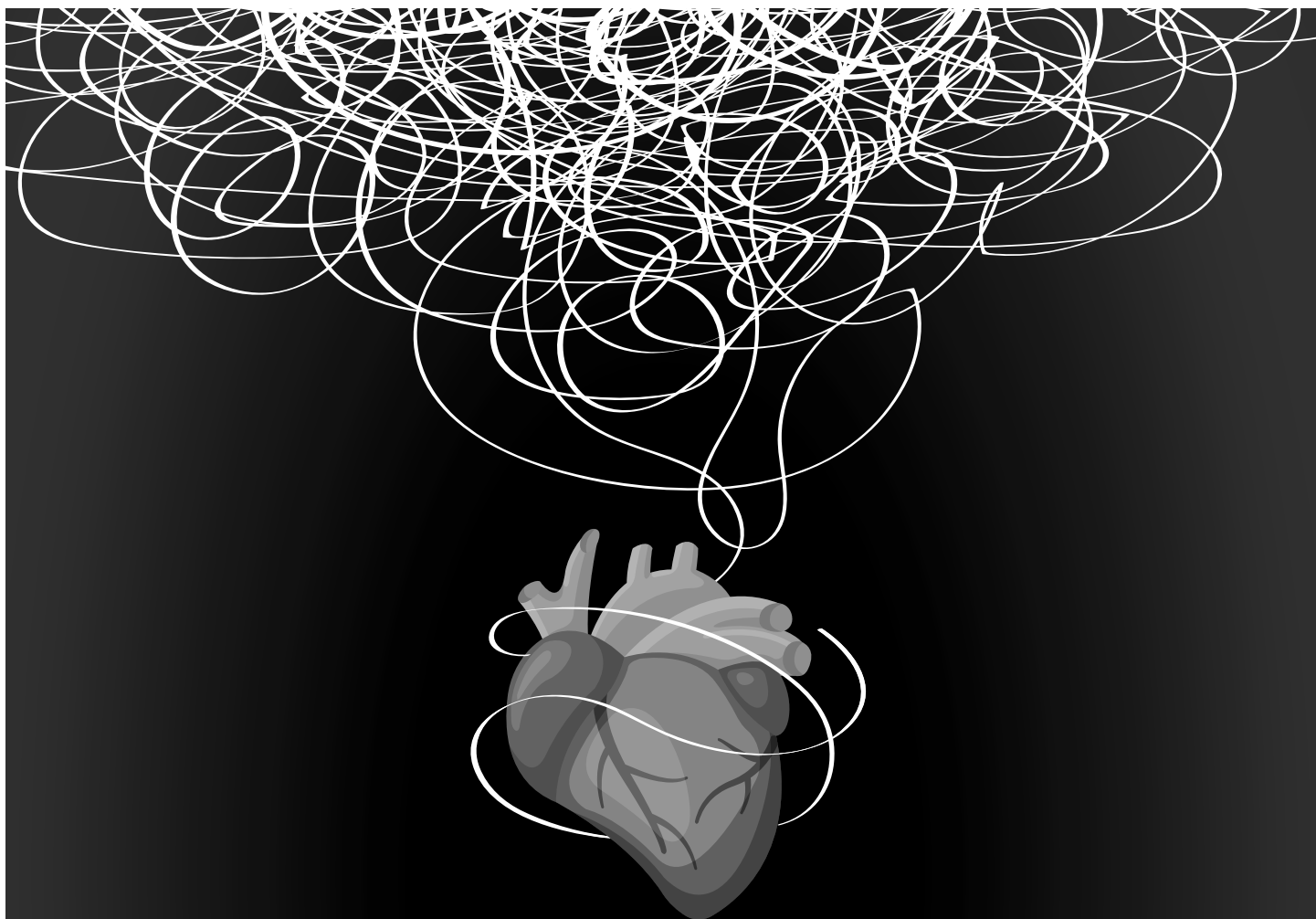
Deborah's eleven books spread this message nationwide. She became manager of Animal Services for the second-largest county in Oregon. Her communication skills were instrumental in reducing euthanasia in the Portland area, making it one of the safest places in America for a homeless pet. Deborah's writing always shines with the profound sense of joy she feels about the extraordinary bond between humans and the dogs at our sides.

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Jen Reeder
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Lauren Darr
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AGENDA

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. *Annual Meeting*

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. *Banquet Registration and Networking*

6 p.m. *Banquet Ceremonies*

Introduction and Welcome, Jen Reeder, Outgoing DWA President

Remarks by Carol Bryant, Incoming DWA President

Keynote Speech by Jill Rappaport, NBC Correspondent and Host of Animal Planet's "Dog Bowl"

Special Announcement from The Grey Muzzle Organization

Speed Networking Session

Keynote Speech by Steve Dale, Journalist, Author, and Radio Host of "Steve Dale's Pet World"

7 p.m. *Dinner Service*

Menu

Traditional Caesar Salad with Garlic Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

Spinach Tortellini with Lemon Cream Sauce

Or Herb French Cut Chicken Breast

in a Sauce Poivrade (wine reduction and pepper), served with

Butter and Leek Whipped Potatoes and Sautéed Broccolini

Individual Tiramisu

7:30 p.m. *Awards Ceremony*

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honoring Deborah Wood

Renowned Author, Newspaper Columnist and Animal Advocate

Presented by Dr. Joel Gavriele-Gold, DWA Board of Governors

Recognition of DWA Junior Writer Award Winners

Awarding of Maxwell Medallions and Special Awards

Hosted by Laurren Darr, Contest Chair

Concluding remarks from DWA Distinguished Service Award Winner

Mara Boosun, Journalist, Author and Features Editor of AKC Family Dog



Congratulations to All 2018 Dog Writers Association of America Award Recipients

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A Special Congratulations To

Deborah Wood

2018 DWAA Hall of Fame Recipient

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jill Rappaport

Jill Rappaport is an award-winning animal advocate, network journalist and best-selling author, known nationwide as the popular, longtime correspondent on NBC.

Considered a "Voice for the Voiceless," Jill works tirelessly to make a difference for animals in need by shining a light on shelters across America. Rappaport is also the host and consulting producer of Animal Planet's new show "Dog Bowl," which was an idea she came up with to shine a light on older animals in need.

She launched her award-winning segment "Bow To Wow" on NBC's TODAY show and this popular series aimed at finding shelter animals a one-way ticket to a loving home, ran for 8 years and had a 100% adoption record. In addition, Rappaport's heartfelt animal welfare stories for NBC's "Nightly News" really resonated, all going viral.

She has received the first "Voice for the Animals" Award from HSUS, The Presidential Service Award

See JILL RAPPAPORT pg 39



Jill Rappaport

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Moonglow Italian Greyhounds

Offers congratulations to the contest winners

Thank you DWAA members for another year
of
friendship, assistance
and
for the opportunity to serve the DWAA

Marsha M Pugh, DWAA Treasurer

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Steve Dale

Steve Dale, certified animal behavior consultant (CABC), is the host of two nationally syndicated radio shows, *Steve Dale's Pet World* and *The Pet Minute* (together heard on more than 100 radio stations, syndicated Black Dog Radio Productions, since 2005). He's also a special contributor at WGN Radio, Chicago, and program host of *Steve Dale's Pet World* (since 1997). He formerly hosted the nationally broadcast *Animal Planet Radio*.

For 21 years, his twice weekly newspaper column was syndicated by the Chicago Tribune. Steve was a contributing editor for *USA Weekend* (2002 to 2014), and regular columnist at *Cat Fancy* magazine (2006 to 2014). He has written for a long list of magazines, from *People* to *Dog World* (where he was a columnist).

He's currently a columnist and contributing editor for *CATster*, and authors a column called *Steve Dale's Vet World* for *Veterinary Practice News*. He's also a columnist for the *Journal of National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America*.

He also contributes blogs for various websites, including for Victoria Stilwell.

On TV, he's appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *National Geographic Explorer*, *Pets: Part of the Family* (PBS), Fox News, various Animal Planet shows, and many others. For several years, Steve was a regular contributor to Superstation WGN-TV morning news, then appeared regularly on WMAQ-TV, Chicago. Currently, he's a contributor to nationally syndicated *HouseSmarts* TV. Steve's also a frequent host of satellite media tours.

In print, he's been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Redbook*, various veterinary publications, and dozens



Steve Dale

more. He has also appeared as an expert guest on countless radio programs.

Steve co-edited *Decoding Your Dog*, written by the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014). Steve's the author of ebooks, *Good Dog!* and *Good Cat!* (Chicago Tribune, 2013). He's the author of several other books, including *DogGone Chicago* and *American Zoos*.

See STEVE DALE pg 38

FINALISTS

2018 Writing Competition



2. ARTICLE – BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ Do Dogs Really Get One Free Bite?
by Patti Lawson
- ☐ Dogs Can “Read” Us by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ Making Vet Visits Fear Free by Susan Ewing
- ☐ Separation Anxiety Not Just For Shy Dogs
by Kim Campbell Thornton

3. ARTICLE – RESCUE

- ☐ Adopting the Right Furry Friend for You Takes
Some Forethought by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Go Dog Go Pooch Powers Through Race
by Allen Laman
- ☐ Oldies But Goodies by Jen Reeder
- ☐ Saving the Chain Dogs: Dog by Dog
by Pam Gleason

4. ARTICLE – ART OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ Are Pets Gaining Personhood Status?
by Patti Lawson
- ☐ Baxter’s Pet Pantry by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ Dog Fight by Kim Kavin
- ☐ What Happens If You Die Before Your Pets
by Patti Lawson

B. MAGAZINES

5. SINGLE, RELATED, OR ALL-BREED

- ☐ AKC Family Dog by Liz Donovan and the staff
of AKC Family Dog
- ☐ Dogster Magazine by Melissa L Kauffman and
Annie Shirreffs

Regular Categories

A. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND COLUMNS

1. ARTICLE – HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ Dr. Marty Becker, “America’s Veterinarian”
Taking the Pet Out of Petrified by Denise
Alexandra Fleck
- ☐ Everyone Should Have Their Pets Microchipped
by Susan Ewing
- ☐ Have a Heart for a Shelter Shepherd
by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ It’s A War by Kim Kavin

Congratulations to the finalists in the 2018 DWAA Writing Competition! All nominees needed to score at least 80 points out of 100 to qualify for awards, and the caliber of entries was terrific!

Thank you all for creating such fantastic work about dogs!

- ☐ The Pointing Dog Journal by Jillian LaCross
- ☐ The Retriever Journal by Jillian LaCross

6. ANNUAL, SPECIAL INTEREST, OR ANY OTHER

- ☐ Chronicle of The Dog by Devon Hubbard Sorlie and Chris Guzicki
- ☐ From Rescued to Rescuer - USA Today Pet Guide by Nancy Monson

C. MAGAZINE ARTICLES

7. ARTICLE – HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ A Better Biome (Fecal Transplants) by CJ Puotinen
- ☐ Cancer, Canines and the Human Connection by Rachel Brix
- ☐ The Fear Free Revolution by Jen Reeder
- ☐ Ticks' Increasing Threat by Kim Campbell Thornton

8. ARTICLE – BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ Behavior Matters! by Laura Donaldson
- ☐ Communicating Effectively- Proper Diagnosis, Correct Terminology Essential by Melissa McMath Hatfield MS, CBCC-KA, CDBC
- ☐ Look At That by Laura Donaldson
- ☐ Taking It to the Streets by Mara Bovsun

9. ARTICLE – RESCUE

- ☐ From Shelter Dog to Therapy Dog: The Story of Murray by Cori Solomon
- ☐ Rising from the ashes: Former shelter dog helps firefighters cope with stress and grief by Laura Teresa Coffey
- ☐ The Soul of Saving a Senior Pet by Christy A. Doherty

10. ARTICLE – BREED

- ☐ Comfort Dogs: Golden Retrievers Offer Emotional Support in Difficult Times by Amy Hempe
- ☐ For Laughter and Little Ones by Mara Bovsun
- ☐ Lab Lifeguard by Jen Reeder
- ☐ Using Degenerative Myelopathy Genetic Test Results in Predicting Litter Outcomes by Nancy P. Melone, Ph.D

11. ARTICLE – ART OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ A Veterinarian's Prescription for Grief (or, How I Mourned My Own Dog) by Karen R. Fine, DVM
- ☐ Home Growing Our Heroes by Penny Leigh
- ☐ Testing the Limits by Penny Leigh
- ☐ Safety, Comfort are the New Black by Lauren Darr

D. 12. CANINE OR ALL-ANIMAL NEWSPAPERS OR NEWSLETTERS

- ☐ DogWatch newsletter by Cynthia Foley and Debra M. Eldredge, DVM
- ☐ GRRAND GRROWL of Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs by Devon Hubbard Sorlie
- ☐ The Companion - Canine Companions for Independence by John Bentzinger & CCI Editorial Staff
- ☐ Tufts YOUR DOG Newsletter by Larry Lindner

E. CANINE, ALL-ANIMAL NEWSPAPER OR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND COLUMNS

13. ANY TOPIC

- ☐ Canine Cataracts by Deb M. Eldredge, DVM
- ☐ Choosy About Chews by Deb M. Eldredge, DVM
- ☐ Hands-On Healing: Physical Rehabilitation for Animals by Lyn T. Garson CVT, CCRP
- ☐ OP/ED: The Integrity of Our Words by Kate J. Kuligowski

F. ONLINE

14. BLOGSITE OR WEBSITE

- ☐ Dogster.com by Melissa L Kauffman and Cait Kelly
- ☐ Goodnewsforpets.com by Lea Ann Germinder
- ☐ Help is a Four-Legged Word by Canine Companions for Independence
- ☐ National Purebred Dog Day by Susi Eniko Szeremy
- ☐ The Pet Safety Crusader's BLOG & VLOG by Denise Alexandra Fleck

15. MAGAZINE OR NEWSLETTER

- ☐ AKC Canine Partners News by Penny Leigh
- ☐ For Active Dogs! Newsletter - Canine Sports Productions by Chris Zink
- ☐ Speaking of Dogs Rescue newsletter by Lorraine Houston, Nancy Foran and Cathy Vandergeest
- ☐ The IAABC Journal by Mychelle Blake, Jesse Miller and Marjie Alonso

G. ONLINE ARTICLES OR BLOG ENTRIES

16. ARTICLE OR BLOG – HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ Achy Joints? - Pet Connection/Andrews McMeel Syndication by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Flu Factors - Pet Connection/Andrews McMeel Syndication by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Inside Heartworm - Pet Connection/Andrews McMeel Syndication by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Twist of Fate - Pet Connection/Andrews McMeel Syndication by Kim Campbell Thornton

17. ARTICLE OR BLOG – BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ On “Fixing” Behavior Problems: Reachable Goals and Wishful Thinking by Jennifer Leigh Summerfield
- ☐ Through Thick and Thin: Caring For and Training Companion Dogs With Disabilities by Nee Kang, Jeffrey Lee and Nan Arthur
- ☐ Top 10 Tips for Dealing with a Traumatic Dog Experience by Nancy Tanner
- ☐ What Big Ships Can Teach You About Walking Your Dog by Pamela Douglas Webster
- ☐ What Type of Training Do Therapy Dogs Need? by Risë VanFleet

18. ARTICLE OR BLOG – RESCUE

- ☐ A Passion for Helping Pooches by Jayson Kimberly
- ☐ How the Internet is Changing the Way Dogs Find Homes by Gray Chapman

- ☐ Saving the Dogs of Kauai by Christy A. Doherty
- ☐ The Special Bond of Older Dogs and Older Owners by Jen Reeder

19. ARTICLE OR BLOG – ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ Fly Away Home by Susan J. Kroupa
- ☐ No PAWS About It: Hiring a Professional Pet Sitter is the Right Move for Your Pet by Denise Alexandra Fleck
- ☐ Paw Preferences & Dog Emotion by Chris Zink
- ☐ The power of Rescue: How a dog helped 2 Boston Marathon bombing survivors heal by Laura Teresa Coffey

H. GRAPHICS

20. SINGLE PHOTO

- ☐ Hank Dock Diving by Kevin Cummings
- ☐ Jasper “Nose” Leaves by Susan C. Willett
- ☐ Lab Rescue of the L.R.C.P. Inc. by Janet Ann Brake
- ☐ Tucker Has a Ball in the Fall by Susan C. Willett

21. SERIES PHOTOS

- ☐ How Good Breeders Raise Puppies Who Grow Into Happy, Confident Dogs by Linda C. Rehkopf
- ☐ Show Me the Bunny - The Rip Van Wrinkle Basenji Club by Joe Stewart

22. SINGLE ILLUSTRATION OR PAINTING

- ☐ Blue Stove Beach - The Rip Van Wrinkle Basenji Club by Susan Kamen Marsicano
- ☐ Fall Fun with Fido by Melanie Feldges
- ☐ The Tail End: Delta Airlines Toughens ESA Policy by Jeroen van Rossum

23. SERIES OF ILLUSTRATIONS OR PAINTINGS

- ☐ Clean Paws are Very Important For A Scottie, You Know by Pilar Kuhn, Rod Ott and Valeria Moldovan
- ☐ Marla Wears A Halo - Hartwood Pet Lodge LLC by Carol McElhaney and Joan Critz Limbrick
- ☐ Ollie the Autism-Support Collie - LawMux Press by Billie Holladay Skelley, James Paul Skelley

- ☐ Wish and Hope: Images from the National Dog Week Blog honoring its 90th Observation by Lisa Begin-Kruysman

24. POSTERS, CALENDARS, BROCHURES OR PAMPHLETS

- ☐ Bernese Mountain Dog Calendar 2019 by Dr. Bernd Guenter
- ☐ Chester & Friends 2019 Calendar by Christina Potter and Taylor Potter
- ☐ Guide to Dog Walks, Beaches and Pet Services by Judy Macomber and Beverly Haney
- ☐ Portuguese Water Dog 2019 by Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.

I. HUMOR, POETRY, SHORT FICTION, ESSAYS/EDITORIALS

25. HUMOR

- ☐ Bark Out Loud by Heather Blaine Marcoux
- ☐ Bunny Come Home - The Aussie Times by Elizabeth M. Jarrell
- ☐ Trade Secrets by Nancy Tanner

- ☐ When Your Dog Is Socially Awkward (And So Are You) by Kristin M. Avery

26. POETRY

- ☐ A Thousand Tears . . . Song For A Magical-Dawg by Amy Shojai, CABC
- ☐ Haiku by Dog: Chasing by Susan C. Willett
- ☐ Haiku by Dog: Laughing by Susan C. Willett
- ☐ She's Just Like Me by Debra Lampert-Rudman

27. SHORT FICTION

- ☐ Balance Due by Susan J. Kroupa
- ☐ The Poodle Who Picked Pockets by Lynn Franklin
- ☐ There's Always Room For Jell-O by James Colasanti Jr.

28. ESSAYS/EDITORIALS

- ☐ Cloud-based Hope by Susan C. Willett
- ☐ Doodlewhacked: a Memoir by Susan J. Kroupa
- ☐ Crossing Off the List by Zach Hively
- ☐ What I've Learned from Smudge, Lola, and Dewey by Kendle Rae Frank



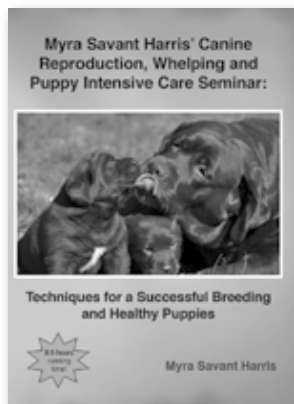
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Myra Savant Harris, R.N. is the author four books including Puppy Intensive Care and Canine Reproduction and Whelping. Myra combines her life-long interest in animals with her professional experience as a labor delivery nurse to bring breeders priceless information on reproduction and whelping. The hundreds of seminars Myra has given throughout the country has given breeders the skills, knowledge and confidence to have healthy and successful litters. She lives in Tacoma, Washington with her husband Doug Harris and her dogs.



Teaching Dog. Partnering With Dogs for Instruction, Socialization and Demonstration in Your Training Practice

Nicole Larocco-Skeehan, CPDT-KA

The concept of using dogs as teaching aides is gaining popularity among trainers worldwide. A 'Teaching Dog' can be

used to demonstrate behaviors, work to socialize puppies and even help out in reactive dog classes. Trainer and author Nicole's new book is the first to explore all aspects of what trainers need to know about using teaching dogs to make the job of learning new behaviors and problem solving easier for both human and canine clients.

Nicole Larocco-Skeehan, CPDT-KA, owns and operates Philly Unleashed which provides group and private dog training in Philadelphia. She also teaches shelter behavior classes. She can be reached through phillyunleashed.com.

New titles coming soon from Dogwise

Service Dog Coaching

Veronica Sanchez, M.Ed, CPDT-KA CABC

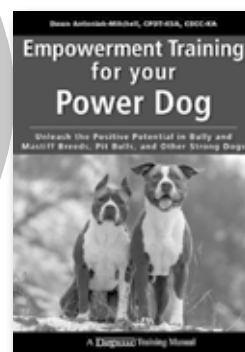
Despite the growing demand, even highly skilled trainers need additional education and preparation to take on this kind of work. Veronica teaches professional trainers how to help owners with disabilities train a service dog. She provides what you need to know to become a successful service dog coach.



Empowerment Training for Your Power Dog

Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell, CPDT-KSA, CBCC-KA

In her latest book, Dawn turns to the subject of managing and training what she labels "Power Dogs." This grouping includes dozens of breeds who were originally bred to hunt game or to protect people and their property, many of whom were also employed as fighting dogs.



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J. OTHER MEDIA

29. VIDEO, DVD, OR TV BROADCASTS

- ☐ Behind the Scenes With David Frei: Live on Facebook by Carol Bryant
- ☐ Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar by Myra Savant
- ☐ How to Judge the Saint Bernard by Janice Davis, ConformationEducation.com in partnership with (SBCA) St. Bernard Club of America
- ☐ WGN TV Midday Fix: Dog Walking Tips with Laura Monaco Torelli by Laura Monaco Torelli, Kristina Miller Liberatore and Vicki Zwart

30. RADIO, PODCAST, OR OTHER AUDIO

- ☐ LEPTOSPIROSIS SYMPTOMS, TREATMENTS AND PREVENTION by Laura Jane Reeves
- ☐ LORI WELLS AND PIGLET – CATAHOULA LEOPARD DOG|SEARCH AND RESCUE by Laura Jane Reeves
- ☐ Reliable Recalls - Dog Talk With Dr. Jen by Jennifer Leigh Summerfield
- ☐ The Doggie Bucket List - The Raven Narratives by Zach Hively

K. CLUB PUBLICATIONS (National, Regional or Local)

31. MAGAZINE FORMAT

- ☐ Australian Shepherd Journal by Kathleen Glaes and Leslie Ziesing
- ☐ Spotter - Dalmatian Club of America by Katherine Szomoru, Debbie Zink and Jennifer Cramer
- ☐ The Bagpiper, Official Publication of the Scottish Terrier Club of America by Scottish Terrier Club of America
- ☐ The Courier - The Official Publication of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America by Susan Myrick

32. NEWSLETTER FORMAT

- ☐ BCOA Bulletin Board - Basenji Club of America by Mary Ellen Chaffin & Suzanne La Croix
- ☐ Five Ways to Make Your Entle's Walk Extra Special on "Walking the Dog Day" February 22nd by Linda Liebrand
- ☐ International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants by Jesse Miller
- ☐ National Search Dog Alliance by Sue C. Wolff and Norma Snelling

L. CLUB PUBLICATION ARTICLES

33. ARTICLE – ANY TOPIC

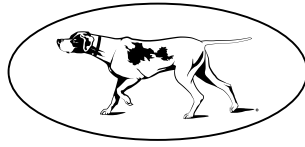
- ☐ Hurricane Harvey Horror and Heroes by June Greig
- ☐ Off-Colored Bostons Not the Standard by Patricia S. Johnson
- ☐ Rocky's Hemangiosarcoma Journey by Matt Repko
- ☐ Test Your Testicle Knowledge by Michele Gawenka

34. REGULAR COLUMN OR SERIES

- ☐ Breed Standard Column: Getting the Full Picture & All in the Family by Matthew Mullin
- ☐ In The Path of a Hurricane by Barbara E. Magera, Jody Sutton and Elaine L. Mitchell
- ☐ Tervuren News Tales by Joni L. Freshman, DVM
- ☐ The Advocate - Owner Handler Association of America by Richard E Grant

M. 35. CLUB SPECIAL PUBLICATION

- ☐ 40 High Points in 40 Years: Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Celebrates 1977-2017 Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club by Michaelann Cox, Cynthia Read and Deborah Harper
- ☐ BCOA Yearbook - Basenji Club of America by Mary Ellen Chaffin and Suzanne La Croix
- ☐ Chronicle of The Dog, 25th Anniversary Issue by Devon Hubbard Sorlie and Chris Guzicki
- ☐ Westminster Kennel Club 2018 Official Program by Gail Miller Bisher, Lisa Peterson



WESTMINSTER WEEK

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N. BOOKS

36. SINGLE, RELATED, OR ALL-BREED

- ☐ Entlebucher Mountain Dogs - What I Wish I Knew by Linda Liebrand
- ☐ JONATHAN: Wolfson's Last Chapter by Alice Lovejoy Carnahan
- ☐ Samoyed Tales Trilogy by Jim Cheskawich, Annie Reid and Cheryl Lynn West

37. RESCUE OR ADOPTION

- ☐ Another Good Dog: One Family and Fifty Foster Dogs by Cara Achterberg
- ☐ Let's Git Outta Here by Kate J. Kuligowski
- ☐ The Returned: Chewy's Story by Samantha K. Riggi

38. TRAINING OR SPORTS

- ☐ Barn Hunt: A Game of Hide & Seek for Dogs by Deb M. Eldredge, DVM and Eva M. Raczka
- ☐ K9 Search Rescue Troubleshooting by Susan Bulanda
- ☐ Modern Enthusiastic Tracking, the Step-by-Step Training Handbook by William R. Sanders
- ☐ Training Your German Shepherd Dog by Joan Hustace Walker and Brandy Eggeman

39. BEHAVIOR, HEALTH, OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ Keeping the Peace: A Guide to Solving Dog-Dog Aggression in the Home by Nicole Wilde
- ☐ Let Dogs Be Dogs by Marc Goldberg and the Monks of New Skete
- ☐ My Patients Like Treats: Tales from a House-Call Veterinarian by Duncan MacVean, DVM
- ☐ Secrets of the Snout: The Dog's Incredible Nose by Frank Rosell

40. HUMAN/ANIMAL BOND

- ☐ Adventures with Durango Pete by Stephen Hinman
- ☐ Animal Assisted Play Therapy by Risë VanFleet and Tracie Faa-Thompson
- ☐ Dogs with Jobs by Laura Greaves
- ☐ Leaving the Wild: The Unnatural History of Dogs, Cats, Cows and Horses by Gavin Forbes Ehringer

41. REFERENCE

- ☐ City Dog Walking Safety & Etiquette - Pups & Purrs Press by Sunny Weber
- ☐ Let's Make You a Winner: A Judge's Perspective on Showing Dogs by Pat Hastings and Erin Ann Rouse
- ☐ The Teaching Dog by Nicole Larocco-Skeehan
- ☐ The Ultimate Pet Friendly Road Trip by Amy Burkert

42. FICTION, YOUNG ADULT, OR HUMOR

- ☐ Ears for Murder by Sue Owens Wright
- ☐ Maritime Summer by Karen Anne Harbert
- ☐ Medium Rare by Karen Anne Harbert
- ☐ Ghosts of the Buffalo Wheel by Joe Jennings

43. CHILDREN

- ☐ Clean Paws Are Very Important For A Scottie, You Know by Pilar Kuhn and Rod Ott
- ☐ Miss Olive Finds Her "Furever" Home by Susan M. Campbell
- ☐ Ollie the Autism-Support Collie by Billie Holladay Skelley and James Paul Skelley
- ☐ Pepe Learns to Run Again; an inspirational true story by Christina Potter





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SPECIAL AWARDS

2018 Writing Competition

AKC Club Publication Excellence Award

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- ☐ Five Ways to Make Your Entle's Walk Extra Special on "Walking the Dog Day" February 22nd by Linda Liebrand
- ☐ Safety, Comfort are the New Black by Lauren Darr
- ☐ Sheep du Soleil by Elizabeth M. Jarrell

AKC Reunite Microchip Awareness Award

Sponsored by AKC Reunite for the best article on how microchips can be used in pet recovery. Articles can include recovery stories of how dogs were identified or returned to owners, permanent identification in cases of theft, uses of microchips to confirm identity of dogs in competition, etc.

The award is a \$1,000 cash grant. For information about actual recovery stories, writers can contact AKC Reunite at microchip@akcreunite.org.



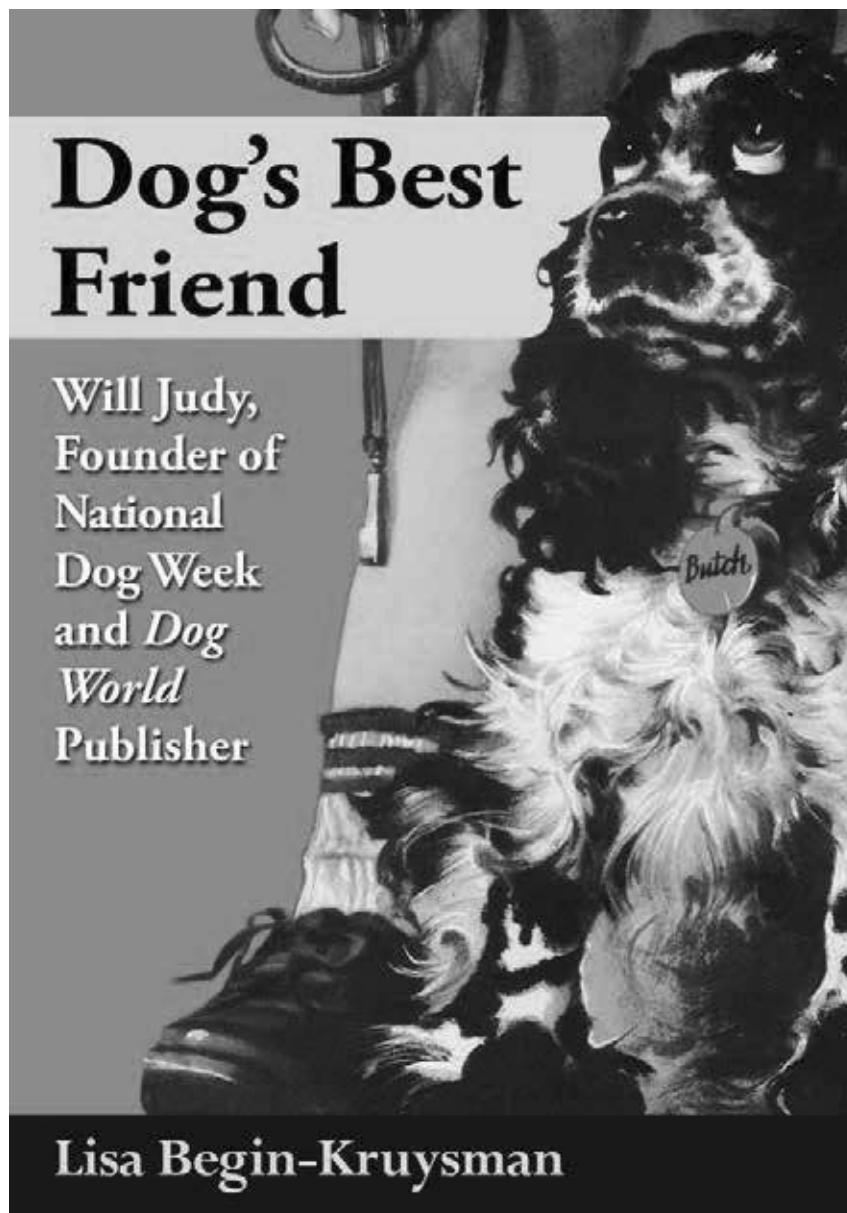
- ☐ A Tale of Two Lost Dogs by Caroline Coile
- ☐ Everyone Should Have Their Pets Microchipped by Susan Ewing

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Public Service Award

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club, this award goes to the writer of a print or online feature article that best educates pet owners about responsible dog ownership. The award consists of a plaque and a \$500 cash grant. To enter, submit one article, which must also be entered in this year's contest in one of the regular categories.



Thank you to the generous sponsors of the DWAA Special Awards – and congratulations to the finalists! Like the Regular Awards, Special Awards nominees need to garner an average score of at least 80 from the judges to qualify. Kudos!



Congratulations to the DWAA for continuing to inspire a new generation of dog writers. Capt. Will Judy, its co-founder, would be proud.

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- ☐ In Case of Accident... by Caroline Coile
- ☐ Is Heartworm Prevention a Scam?
by Caroline Coile
- ☐ Protecting Your On-Leash Dog and What
to Do Should the Worst Happen
by Denise Alexandra Fleck

The AKC Family Dog Award

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club, this award is for the best writing (including books, articles and blog posts) about any or all of the good manners programs under the AKC Family Dog umbrella, including AKC Therapy Dog, AKC Trick Dog, AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine, Urban CGC and AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy. While participating in these activities that are fun for both dogs and people, dogs become well-socialized and develop a lifelong bond with their owners. This award consists of a \$500 cash grant.



- ☐ AKC Trick Dog Perform Title: Starring William
the Circus Ringmaster and his Uncaged Bear
Act by Elizabeth M Jarrell
- ☐ No Dog Left Behind? Caroline Coile

The Canine Scribbles Award

Sponsored by Canine Scribbles, LLC, this is awarded for the best article that promotes the reasons to own a purebred canine. The fiction or nonfiction article of 1000 to 1500 words must be published in a print or online publication. The focus of the article should exemplify the virtues of owning a specific purebred dog. A

high-resolution .jpeg (at least 300 dpi) should accompany the article that depicts the canine about which the article is written. The article should be clearly and succinctly written, and should outline the advantages of purebred dog ownership, with a unique journalistic voice. \$350 cash grant.

Canine Scribbles

- ☐ For Laughter and Little Ones by Mara Bovsun
- ☐ Salvation Of All-Breed Clubs by Linda E. Kornhi
- ☐ Search and Rescue Dogs: Making The Lost
Found Again by Bev Thompson
- ☐ What Teddy Taught Us by Mara Bovsun

The Captain William Lewis Judy Award

Sponsored by American Legion Post 348 of Brick Township, New Jersey. For a submission in any form of media that educates the public about the important role our military dogs play in our Armed Forces, including issues affecting their emotional and physical care during their training, active service and retirement. The award consists of a \$350 cash grant.



American Legion Brick Memorial Post 348

- ☐ Four-Legged Warriors - Pet Connection/
Andrews McMeel Syndication by Kim
Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Megan Leavey, K9 Rex and Bringing Home K9
Heroes by Laura Jane Reeves

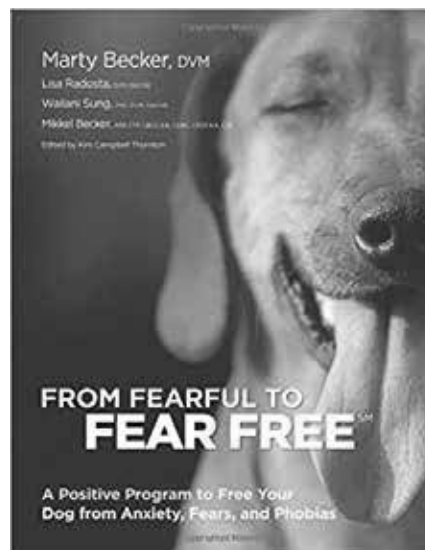
The Ceva Heartworm Prevention Award

Sponsored by Ceva Animal Health, this award is for the best article that educates the public about

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heartworm awareness and prevention tips. The winner will receive a \$1,500 grant.



- ☐ Heartworm Disease Deadly But Preventable by Christy Elizabeth Caplan
- ☐ Inside Heartworm - Pet Connection/Andrews McMeel by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Is Heartworm Prevention a Scam? - Canine Chronicle Magazine by Caroline Coile

DWAA Robert H. McKowen Memorial Friends of Rescue Award

Sponsored by his family and friends. For the best article describing the rescue process: adoption, fostering, transporting, home visits or other aspects of rescue. \$300 cash grant.

- ☐ A Piglet State of Mind by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ From Rescued to Rescuer by Nancy Monson
- ☐ Points to consider when adopting a pet by Kim Campbell Thornton
- ☐ Rising from the ashes: Former shelter dog helps firefighters cope with stress and grief by Laura Teresa Coffey

The Fear Free Pets Award

Sponsored by Fear Free, LLC, this is awarded for the article, book, blog, TV segment, radio spot, video, column or other creative media format that best educates, promotes, or demonstrates the importance and benefits of taking a dog to a Fear Free certified veterinary professional. This may also include how a dog's emotional well-

being can play a role in all aspects of its life and health, including veterinary care, how decreasing fear, anxiety, and stress is beneficial to the patient and owner both during the veterinary visit and at home, a focus on Fear Free applications pre- and post-veterinary visit, successful case studies/stories of how a dog went from fearful to Fear Free during or throughout the course of a single or series of veterinary visits, positive experiences working with a Fear Free certified veterinary professional or anything that highlights how Fear Free and what it stands for is all around better for staff, patients, and clients. This award consists of a \$2,000 cash grant and a one-of-a-kind commemorative award.



- ☐ Brave New World: Fear-Free Veterinary Visits by Caroline Coile
- ☐ Changing Behaviors by Sarah Rumple
- ☐ The Fear Free Revolution by Jen Reeder

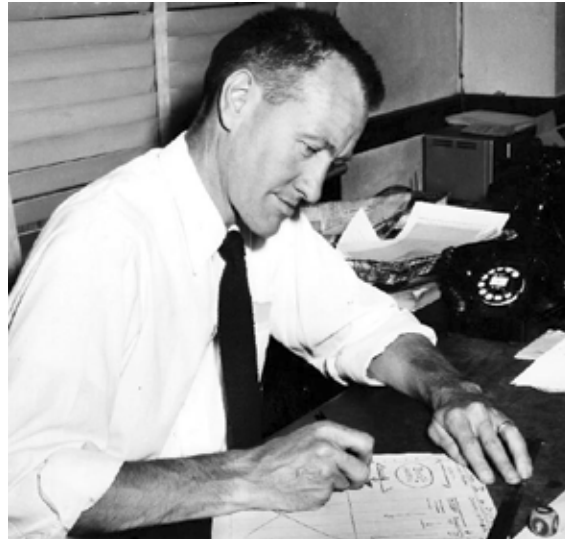
Fear Free Dog Enrichment Award

Sponsored by Fear Free, LLC, this is awarded for the article, book, blog, TV segment, radio spot, video, column or other creative media formats that best educates, promotes, or demonstrates how enrichment activities (exercise, food puzzles, scent training, etc.) can benefit a dog's emotional—not just physical—well-being and the role that has in their overall health. This may also include topics relating to how the resulting benefits of such enrichment to the dog's emotional well-being can help set them up for more successful veterinary visits in the future, thus living a happier, healthier life. This award

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THE HARRISON STEPHENS INSPIRATIONAL FEATURE AWARD



Harrison Stephens --Writer and Editor – 1962

The journalist for whom this award is named would undoubtedly also say “well done” to all DWAA members, whose work affirms the special connection between pets and their people.

consists of a \$2,000 cash grant and a one-of-a-kind commemorative award.



- ☐ How Good Breeders Raise Puppies Who Grow Into Happy, Confident Dogs by Linda C. Rehkopf
- ☐ Making Vet Visits Fear Free by Susan Ewing
- ☐ Never Fear by Caroline Coile

The GNFP Digital Canine Companion Award

Sponsored by GNFP Digital, this award is for the best digital story – online video, blog post or online article with photography that best demonstrates the bond between people and their canine companions. The content must be demonstrated as having been shared through digital media. The winner will receive a \$1,000 grant and a special gift.



- ☐ A Piglet State of Mind by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ Piglet, the Deaf Blind Pink Puppy's Trip to the First Annual Special K9 Games by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ Piglet, the Deaf Blind Pink Puppy Visits Classrooms to Educate, Inspire, and Create Smiles by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ The Power of Rescue: How a Dog Helped 2 Boston Marathon Bombing Survivors Heal by Laura Teresa Coffey

The Harrison Stephens Inspirational Feature Award

Named in honor of Harrison Stephens, a newspaper editor who wrote thought-provoking features marked by journalistic integrity and humor until his death just before his 100th birthday. This award is for a feature article that highlights the human-canine bond and leaves the reader with a smile. Potential topics include working dogs (or a lazy dog with a winning personality), or dog-centric nonprofits that promote positive outcomes for pets and people. The award is sponsored by Sally and Tom Reeder and consists of a \$300 grant.

- ☐ A Perfect Match by Susan Wroble
- ☐ Piglet, the Deaf Blind Pink Puppy's Trip to the First Annual Special K9 Games by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ Piglet, the Deaf Blind Pink Puppy Visits Classrooms to Educate, Inspire, and Create Smiles by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ What Teddy Taught Us by Mara Bovsun

The Heroes for Healthy Pets Award

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health, this award is open to all forms of media that cover topics on infectious diseases that affect dogs. The winner will receive a plaque and a \$1,500 cash grant.



- ☐ Canine Influenza Is Here to Stay by Debra M. Eldredge, DVM
- ☐ Congestive Heart Failure in Dogs by Christine Caplan
- ☐ Ticks' Increasing Threat by Kim Campbell Thornton

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- ✓ Astrology section by Ellen Zucker, astrologer



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DWAA Junior Writer Award

Sponsored by Karen Petit, an author of children's books, for writers under 18 years of age. This award is to recognize and encourage young writers who exhibit talent, resourcefulness, dedication and integrity in their writing about dogs and dog-related topics. Award: \$400 cash grant, DWAA Maxwell Medallion and lapel pin.

SPECIAL NOTE: DWAA is thrilled to announce that we had a big influx of competition entries from writers under the age of 18 due to DWAA's new Young Writers on the Web program, which offers mentorship to budding dog writers. Thanks to an anonymous donor offering matching grants, in this first year, we are awarding four awards by age group! Congratulations to the winners!

☒ *Atlas*

by Nikolas Anthony Klimenko, 9
(Category: 7-9)

☒ *A Passion for Helping Pooches*

by Jayson Kimberly, 12
(Category: 10-12)

☒ *Full Circle*

by Daly Dodsworth, 13
(Category: 13-14)

☒ *What I've Learned from Smudge, Lola, and Dewey*

by Kendle Rae Frank, 16
(Category: 15-17)

James Colasanti, Jr. Poetry Award

For the poem/poetry which best exemplifies the unconditional love of a dog. Sponsored by James Colasanti Jr. The award is a \$200 cash grant.

- ☐ Atlas by Nikolas Anthony Klimenko
- ☐ A Thousand Tears . . . Song For A Magical-Dawg by Amy Shojai
- ☐ She's Just Like Me by Debra Lampert-Rudman

The Pet Fashion Guild Pet Fashion Award

Sponsored by Pet Fashion Guild, this award is for a submission in any form of media that demonstrates the enhanced bonds and connections between humans and their dog(s) through pet fashion. This award consists of a \$350 cash grant.



- ☐ Quick and Easy Halloween Costumes by Bryn Nowell
- ☐ The Wedding...The World According to Rosebud and Brody by Ted Slupik and Gail Diedrichsen
- ☐ What Not to Wear - Dog Leashes by Kate Eldredge

The PSI Professional Pet Care Award

Sponsored by Pet Sitters International (PSI), this award is presented to the entry that best educates pet owners about the benefits of using professional pet sitters. Qualifying online or print entries include newspaper or magazine articles and blog posts. This award consists of a \$300 cash prize.



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- ☐ Bloat in Dogs: Signs, Symptoms and Prevention Tips by Carlotta Cooper
- ☐ No PAWS About It: Hiring a Professional Pet Sitter is the Right Move for Your Pet by Denise Alexandra Fleck
- ☐ Pet Separation Anxiety by Christy Caplan

The Rio Award

Sponsored by Jen Reeder and Bryan Fryklund in honor of their beloved Labrador retriever mix, Rio, this award is for an article, book or essay that profiles a dog who changed someone's life in a profoundly positive way. The award consists of a \$300 cash prize.

- ☐ Dogs with Jobs by Laura Greaves
- ☐ Let Dogs Be Dogs by Marc Goldberg and the Monks of New Skete
- ☐ My Deceased Dog Connected With Me In The Twilight Zone by Carol Bryant

The Sleepypod Pet Safety Award

Sponsored by Sleepypod, this award is for the best article or book that shares tips for pet safety during travel and/or anecdotes of dogs helped by owners who take safety precautions. The award consists of a \$500 cash grant.



- ☐ Chloe's Adventure Cori's Nightmare: A Lost Dog Rescue Story by Cori Solomon
- ☐ On The Move With Your Best Friend by Denise Alexandra Fleck

- ☐ The Ultimate Pet Friendly Road Trip by Amy Burkert
- ☐ Top 12 Dangers of Traveling With Dogs By Car by Carol Bryant

The Take Your Dog Award

Sponsored by Take Your Dog To Work Day® creator Pet Sitters International, this award is presented to the entry that best highlights the special human-canine bond and importance of pet adoptions. Qualifying print or online entries include newspaper or magazine articles, blog posts and personal essays. The award consists of a \$300 cash prize.



- ☐ A Mighty Pip: Grief, Reflection, and Four Years Gone by Kristin M. Avery
- ☐ Piglet, the Deaf Blind Pink Puppy Visits Classrooms to Educate, Inspire, and Create Smiles by Melissa S. Shapiro, DVM
- ☐ The Soul of Saving a Senior Pet by Christy A. Doherty

The Walter R. Fletcher Memorial Award

Sponsored by The Westminster Kennel Club in memory of legendary dog show reporter Walter Fletcher, this annual award goes to the reporter who best exemplifies continued press coverage of dog shows in America. The writer must have written a bylined article in a print or online general interest publication about a dog show (or shows). The winner will be honored with a reserved seat in the Walter Fletcher Memorial Chair for both nights of the 2018 Westminster

Kennel Club Dog Show. The chair is located at the end of the front row, in the working press section, on the arena floor of Madison Square Garden. The winner will also receive \$300.



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- ☐ American Cocker Spaniel Striker Comes Close at Westminster by Carol Bryant
- ☐ Four Dog Shows - The Post-Journal by Susan Ewing
- ☐ Our New York City Adventures: Progressive, Meadowlands and Westminster 2018 by Barbara E. Magera and Elaine L. Mitchell

Dogwise Best Book Award



Sponsored by Dogwise Publishing. \$500 to the author of the best book. The winner will be chosen by the president of DWAA from the winners of all the book categories. The award is a \$500 cash grant and will be announced at the Feb. 10 DWAA Awards Banquet.

NEXT

2019 Writing Competition

The 2019 DWAA Writing Competition opens in early July, so start thinking about your submissions and writing about Special Award topics! Work published between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019 will be eligible.

Professional and amateur writers are welcome, so long as their work has been published. Unpublished work or manuscripts are not eligible – neither are previously published works. The contest is open to members and non-members alike, though members pay reduced entry fees.

Competition entry forms and information will be updated and available on the DWAA website in July of 2019. At that time, DWAA will publish a complete list of regular categories and Special Awards. Special Awards feature a cash grant offered by the award sponsor. Please note: Sponsors do not judge their own awards.

Nominees are announced in December. Winners of the regular categories receive the DWAA Maxwell Medallion. Special award winners receive a grant check.

Contest dates, categories and rules are subject to change. Please check Dogwriters.org for updates. In the meantime, happy writing!

DWAA Distinguished Service Award

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club, this award honors extraordinary achievement and communications excellence. It recognizes the person who, by word, deed, exemplary conduct, public communication and professional excellence, best promotes the interest of the sport of dogs. The award consists of a plaque and a \$1,000 cash grant.



Mara Bovsun is an award-winning journalist, author and features editor of AKC Family Dog. She has volunteered her talents and expertise for many years with DWAA, from speaking at events to meeting with members to discuss story ideas and assignments. In 2018, Mara spearheaded DWAA's inaugural year of Young Writers on the Web, reaching out to schools and communities about the program and mentoring budding dog writers. Her passion for nurturing the careers of writers of all ages is inspiring, as are the lovely articles and books she crafts about dogs and the people who love them.

*"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me,
they are the role model for being alive."*

- Gilda Radner



Just as our dog, Rio, inspired us to sponsor The Rio Award in the DWAA Writing Competition, we'd like to thank all the dogs who inspire the members of the Dog Writers Association of America in our work—as well as our daily lives.

Cheers!

Jen Reeder and Bryan Fryklund

CONTEST

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Emelise Baughman
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Skye Blaine
Sue Bobeck
Sheila Boneham
Mara Bovsun
Connie Brittain
Carol Bryant
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THANK YOU

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Young Writers on the Web

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INFORMATION FOR DOSING CATS

The once-a-month tablet that prevents heartworm disease and removes adult roundworms and hookworms in cats and kittens.

Caution: Federal (USA) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.

Indications: MILBEGUARD Flavored Tablets for Cats are indicated for use in the prevention of heartworm disease caused by *Dirofilaria immitis*, and the removal of adult *Ancylostoma tubaeforme* (hookworm) and *Toxocara cati* (roundworm) in cats and kittens six weeks of age or greater and 1.5 lbs. body weight or greater.

Precautions: Do not use in kittens less than six weeks of age or less than 1.5 lbs. body weight. Safety in heartworm positive cats has not been established. Safety in breeding, pregnant, and lactating queens and breeding toms has not been established.

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Steve Dale

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He's written introductions or contributed chapters and forewords to many books, including *Bonding With Your Dog*, *Dog Spelled Backwards*, *The Compassion of Dogs*, *Raising My Furry Children*, *Christmas Cats*, and *Angel Animals and the Kids Who Love Them*.

Steve was an external reviewer for the 2005 *Feline Behavior Guidelines* (American Association of Feline Practitioners) and is a contributor to textbooks "The Cat: Clinical Medicine and Management" (edited Dr. Susan Little, 2011) and "Treatment and Care of the Geriatric Veterinary Patient" (edited Dr. Mary Gardner and Dr. Dani McVety, 2017).

He's the primary author of the *CATegorical Care: An Owner's Guide to America's Number #1 Companion* (reviewers include AVMA, SAWA), published American Humane Association/CATalyst Council, 2010). He co-authored (with Dr. Sagi Denenberg) the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Position Statement on Breed-Specific Legislation (2014).

Steve is a founder of the CATalyst Council and served on the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2012. After six years, in 2012, he cycled off the Board of Directors of the American Humane Association and served as a National Ambassador. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Tree House Humane Society, Chicago (2005 to 2016). He's also on the Board of Directors of the Winn Feline Foundation (2007 to present), American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians (2016 to present). He's an Advisory Board Member of Chicago Friends of Animal Care & Control (2013-present), SPCA Puerto Vallarta (2016 to present) and Grey Muzzle Organization (2017 to present).

Steve is also a part of an AVMA/AAHA initiative to encourage preventive veterinary care, called Partners for Health Pets. In 2014, Steve co-found-

ed Veterinary Professionals Against Puppy Mills, and serves on the Board of Directors. Steve is on the Pet Partners Human-Animal Bond National Advisory Board (2015 to present) and National Advisory Council Member American Association of Feline Practitioners (20016 to present). He was National Advisory Board Member Angel on a Leash (2005 to 2016) and Task Force on Feline Sterilization (2015-2017).

Steve's a speaker for American Association of Feline Practitioners Cat Friendly Practices and the Fear Free Initiative. He's on the Fear Free Advisory Council (2013 to present) and is the Chief Correspondent Fear Free Happy Homes.

In Chicago, Steve created the Chicago Task Force on Companion Animals and Public Safety (2000-2010), where three-times proposed breed bans were over-turned and twice over-turned proposed mandated pediatric spay/neuter, as well as proposed pet limit laws. The Task Force also created guidelines for "doggy day care." As a pet advocate, Steve has testified many times against breed specific bans, pet limit laws, etc. in the Chicago area and elsewhere. Steve personally advised Illinois Governor Pat Quinn regarding pet-related issues.

Among Steve's many awards, the AVMA Humane Award (the only AVMA honor bestowed to a non-veterinarian), *Editor and Publisher* syndicated newspaper Feature Writer of the Year Award, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Public Service Award (twice), HSUS Pets for Life Award, American Humane Association Media Award, American Pet Products Association Pet Industry Outstanding Media Representative of the Year, and has been honored with over 15 Maxwell's Awards from the Dog Writers Association of America and over 15 Muse Awards from the Cat Writers' Association of America. He's also been honored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, and was the first recipient of the Winn Feline Foundation Media Appreciation Award, and many others.

In 2012, Steve became the youngest person ever inducted into the Dog Writers Association of America Hall of Fame.

After his beloved cat Ricky passed away in 2002 of feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), Steve created a fund to raise money to research this often-fatal disease. He's helped to raise over \$200,000 – and as a direct result a genetic test was created to determine if a gene defect for HCM exists for two breeds.

Steve's a regular speaker at veterinary and shelter conferences around the world, and for shelter fundraisers, and other special events, including SXSW. Steve's presented at each of the major U.S. veterinary conferences (numerous times), and at state and regional meetings as well as at veterinary schools, and several times for the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants. He's also spoken at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Conference (Sydney, Australia); Latin American Veterinary Conference (Lima, Peru); Congreso Veterinario de Leon (Leon, Mexico); Caribbean Veterinary Conference (Sr. Kitts); and (via Skype) Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists Veterinary Behaviour Chapter Science Week (Brisbane, Australia).

Steve's persistence convinced the Chicago White Sox to allow dogs at a major league baseball game – today, ball parks around America have periodic "dog days" promotions. In 2004, he suggested Mercury Skyline Cruiseline create "The Canine Cruise," a dog-friendly architecture cruise for dogs on Lake Michigan/Chicago River, also replicated in other cities.

Steve is also the host (since 2015) of a popular WGN Podcast, *Steve Dale's Other World* (about topics generally unrelated to pets).

Two of Steve's favorite honors: Commencement Speaker at Madison Square Garden for Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (2008), and appearing (in 2012) as 59 across in a *TVGuide* Crossword Puzzle (pet journalist Steve _ _ _ _).

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for Media Excellence from the ASPCA, and the Excellence in Journalism and Outstanding Contributions to the Pet Industry Award. And she has had the honors of ringing The NYSE Opening and Closing bell, all to raise awareness for pets in need.

In addition, Rappaport has written four books, three focusing on animal welfare including the best-selling *People We Know, Horses They Love*, featuring Robert Redford on the cover. She also has a complete line of dog and cat toys, dog treats, leashes, collars, and dog beds all benefiting shelter animals in need! She sells the dog and cat toys and dog treats exclusively on QVC.

Rappaport resides on her farm on Long Island, New York, with her six horses and six rescue dogs whom she refers to as her "fur angels" saying, "Animal welfare is my oxygen, and when you do what you love, you never work a day in your life."



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