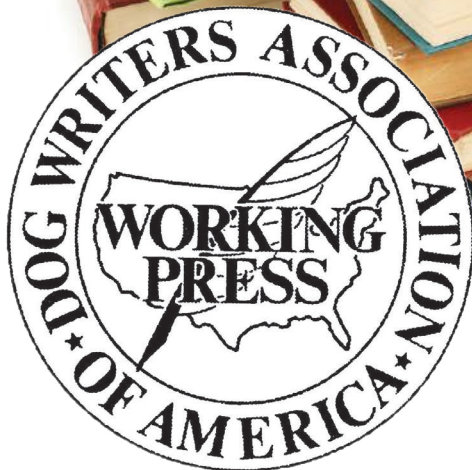
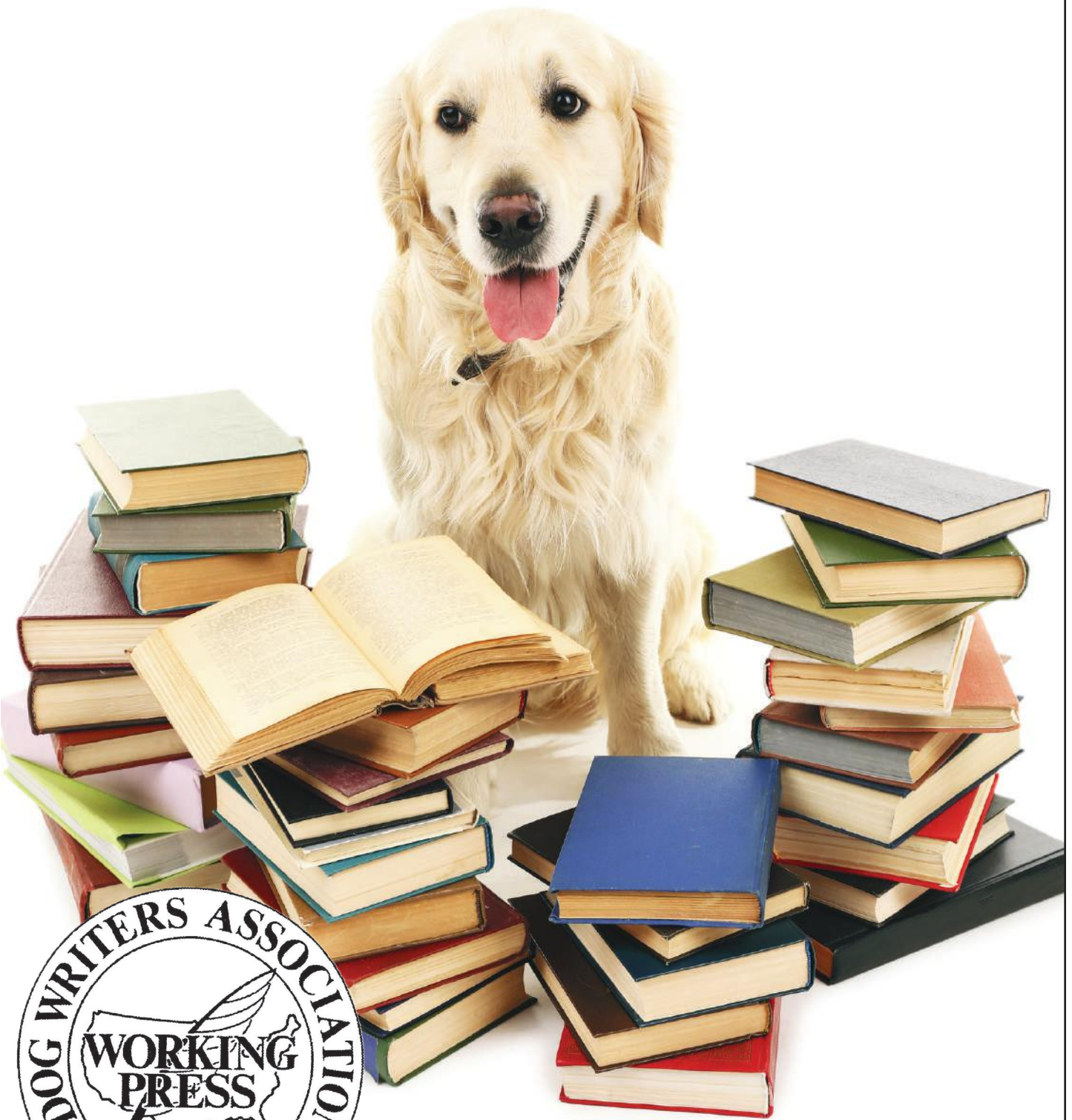


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Welcome

Dog Writers Association of America
Banquet and Awards
February 9, 2020



4:00 – 5:00 Board Meeting, Sussex Room, Second Floor

5:00 – 6:00 Registration and Cocktail Hour

6:00 – 6:15 Welcome by Carol Bryant, President of DWA

6:15 – 7:15 Dinner and Dessert

Italian Buffet

Minestrone Soup

Caesar Salad | Shaved Parmesan | Garlic Crostini

Fresh Mozzarella | Tomato | Basil Salad

Antipasto Salad

Pan Seared Chicken Marsala or Francaise

Rigatoni Primavera | Cream Sauce

Seared Salmon | Lemon Caper Sauce

Sauteed Broccoli | Oil | Garlic | Roasted Peppers

Herb and Tomato Focaccia Bread

Chef Choice of Desserts

Assorted Soda | Bottled Water | Seattle's Best Regular Coffee

Seattle's Best Decaffeinated Coffee | Tazo Tea Assortment

7:30 – 8:00.....Keynote Address by Anne Serling,
author of *As I Knew Him: My Dad, Rod Serling*

8:00 – 8:25Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Honoring Ida Estep,
DWA Legal Advisor, Past President, Animal
Advocate Presented by Dr. Joel Gavriele-Gold, DWA
Board of Governors

Distinguished Service Award
Honoring Larry and Charlene Woodward, Founders of
Dogwise, Dog Book Retailer and Publishing Company
Presented by Mara Bousun, Award-winning Journalist,
Author, Managing Editor of AKC Family Dog

DWA Junior Writer Award
Presented by Mara Bousun, Award-winning Journalist,
Author, Managing Editor of AKC Family Dog

8:25 – 8:55Keynote Address by Larry Woodward,
President and Lead Editor of Dogwise Publishing

8:55 – 9:55.....Awarding of Maxwell Medallions and Special Awards
Presented by Darlene Bryant, Banquet and Competition Chair

9:55 – 10:00Winner of 50-50 Announced
(must be present to win)

Book of the Year Announced by Carol Bryant,
President of DWA

Closing Remarks by Carol Bryant, President of DWA



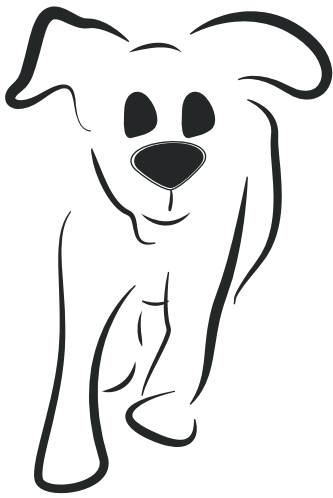
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Welcome

It's the most wonderful time of the dog writing year! Welcome to the Dog Writers Association 2020 Awards Banquet! Steeped in history, this event is a time-honored tradition that began on February 13, 1935, and continues this evening.

For those who are new to the event, you're in for a real treat. For repeat attendees, there's been a really big change. Most notably, we've moved 5.2 miles from New York City. Based on member feedback coupled with a desire for a more affordable ticket and location, the Holiday Inn Secaucus Meadowlands serves as the perfect host venue.

Over the past year, there have been a host of positive changes that benefit the organization: significant growth in members, streamlined membership process, social media focus and engagement, a sparkling-new speedy website built with member needs in mind, and much more.

DWAA set a new record with its 2019 Writing Competition. Almost 1,000 entries were received in both regular and special award categories, which is quite the leap from 619 entries in 2018. Dog writers are leaving an indelible pawprint in the digital space, with 239 entries in category G, Online Articles and Blog Entries, alone. A special note of gratitude to Banquet and Contest Chair, Darlene Bryant, for her dedicated efforts and vision in advancing the mission of DWAA through her dual roles.

Anyone who has an interest in creative endeavors that promote the interest of dogs is welcomed and encouraged to become a member of DWAA and compete in the annual writing competition. This includes, but is not limited to,

writers, authors, journalists, publicists, bloggers, social media influencers, photographers, illustrators, and on-air personalities. Those interested in joining DWAA are encouraged to apply through the website.

Tonight, we award Maxwell medallions in the regular categories in honor of the late Maxwell Riddle, along with over \$14,000 in special awards thanks to our generous sponsors that are featured in this program. We hear you, we see you, and we award you! It's a wonderful time to be a dog writer.

Spend some time immersing yourself in the world of dog during your stay. Iconic destinations in New York City are within a short drive from our hotel in Secaucus. Don't miss a chance to experience a Broadway play, visit Times Square and Central Park or splurge with a shopping spree at any of the boutiques. Be sure to discover the many offerings of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and the AKC Museum of the Dog, a museum of canine-related artwork located in New York City.

We strive to honor the roots of DWAA while propelling the organization into a digital, fast-paced era. If you have any suggestions or want to get more involved with DWAA, reach out to one of the members listed below. We hope you're noticing the changes and renewed efforts to drive membership while continuing to serve those who renew and partake in all of DWAA's offerings. As President of DWAA, congratulations to all!

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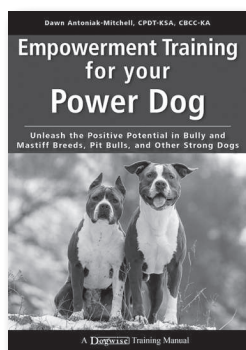
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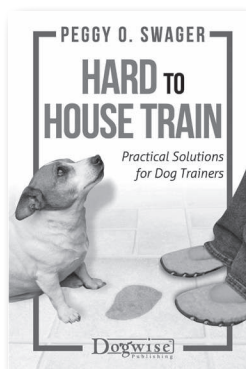
Empowerment Training for Your Power Dog

Unleash the Positive Potential in Bully and Mastiff Breeds, Pit Bulls, and Other Strong Dogs

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.

Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell is a lawyer-turned-professional-dog-trainer with a passion for helping dog owners see the world from a more canine point of view. She helps her clients understand and appreciate their dogs as amazing members of a species that started sharing their lives with humans thousands of years ago.



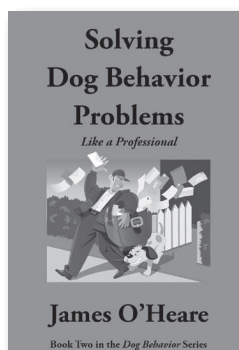
Hard to House Train

Practical Solutions for Dog Trainers

Peggy O. Swager

Hard to House Train by Peggy Swager is designed to be the go-to reference guide for trainers who encounter difficult house training cases. With in-depth information on proven techniques as well as how to deal with the underlying behavioral problems (both dog and human!) which underlie them, this book should be part of your reference library.

Peggy Swager is an animal behavioral specialist and professional dog trainer with over 20 years of experience. She has written several books and articles on dog behavior problems included fear, separation anxiety and house training. Peggy lives in Monument, Colorado, and can be reached at peggyswager.com.



Solving Dog Behavior Problems

Like A Professional

James O'Heare

Solving Dog Behavior Problems, book 2 in the Dog Behavior series, provides dog guardians the tools to solve dog behavior problems. It explains why dogs exhibit the behaviors they do and

how guardians can assess any kind of problem behavior situation and devise a plan to change the behavior like a professional would.

James O'Heare is a Doctor of Behaviorology, having earned his Doctoral Certificate in behaviorology from The International Behaviorology Institute. He has written and taught extensively on animal behavior, lectured internationally, and has been helping clients train their companion animals and resolve problem behaviors since the 1990s.



He's Only Playing!

Meeting, Greeting and Play Between Dogs. What's OK, What's Not

Sarah Whitehead

“He's Only Playing” is what people say when they have no clue what's really going on when their dog meets another dog. Whitehead highlights key body language signals and facial expressions in various contexts covering the good, the bad and the downright inappropriate in dog-to-dog interactions. Packed with great information in a easy to read format and is a great guide to what is OK and not OK in meetings, greetings and play between dogs.

Sarah Whitehead is one of the UK's top specialists in canine body language. She has studied canine communication systems for over 25 years and this beautifully produced, picture-led booklet is designed to help everyone who owns or works with dogs become even more fluent in the subtleties of dog language.

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Ida W. Estep



Ida W. Estep's career as a writer began as a columnist for Tufts Veterinary School newsletter, *Your Dog*, as well as other major dog magazines.

Immediately upon joining DWAA in 1995, she was named Legal Advisor and has served in that position ever since. Ida has served on the DWAA Board of Governors, as Vice-President and two terms as President.

As DWAA attorney, she has reviewed documents, negotiated contracts, settled internal and external disputes, and worked with state law enforcement which led to a conviction insuring that embezzled funds were restored to DWAA.

Ida worked tirelessly with county and state officials to replace an unheated, ramshackle local county animal control facility with an up to date, humane shelter.

She has continued with her major involvement in dog rescue, founding a non-profit rescue group, rescuing and fostering multiple dogs, especially her beloved blue tick and red tick coonhounds.

Presented this 9th day of February, 2020 in New York City

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ANNE SERLING

Originally from southern California, Anne Serling now lives in upstate New York preferring a small town and the change of seasons. Anne, a former early childhood teacher, is the author of *AS I KNEW HIM: My Dad Rod Serling* which won the The Killer Nashville Silver Falchion Award for best memoir/ Biography in 2015. The adaptations she wrote of two of her father's teleplays appear in the anthology *The Twilight Zone: The Original Stories*. She has had poetry published in *The Cornell Daily Sun and Visions*; articles in *Salon.com*, *The Huffington Post*, and literary journals (*The Write Place at the Right Time* and *Foundling*). Anne has appeared on several radio shows which include George Noory--Coast to Coast and NPR'S Snap Judgment. Currently she is at work on a novel: *AFTERSHOCKS*.



LARRY WOODWARD

Larry Woodward is President and Lead Editor for Dogwise, based in Wenatchee, Washington. Giving up a career in banking, he and his wife Charlene founded the Dogwise in 1988 with an initial focus on selling books to participants and attendees of dog shows in the Pacific Northwest. Pleasantly surprised by the response, they spent the first few years in the business building up a large inventory of books from the major dog book publishers of that era and learning what dog enthusiasts wanted to read. Over time they added a mail order catalog and eventually a web site to sell books to a larger market than they could reach through dog shows. Dogwise Publishing was started in 2002 and ever since Larry has focused on working with authors, many of them first time authors but long time experts, to produce books to meet the needs of dog professionals and dog enthusiasts, in par-



ticular books on training, behavior and health care. Larry's biggest goal now is to work less and delegate more to enjoy more time with his two grandchildren, play tennis and travel.

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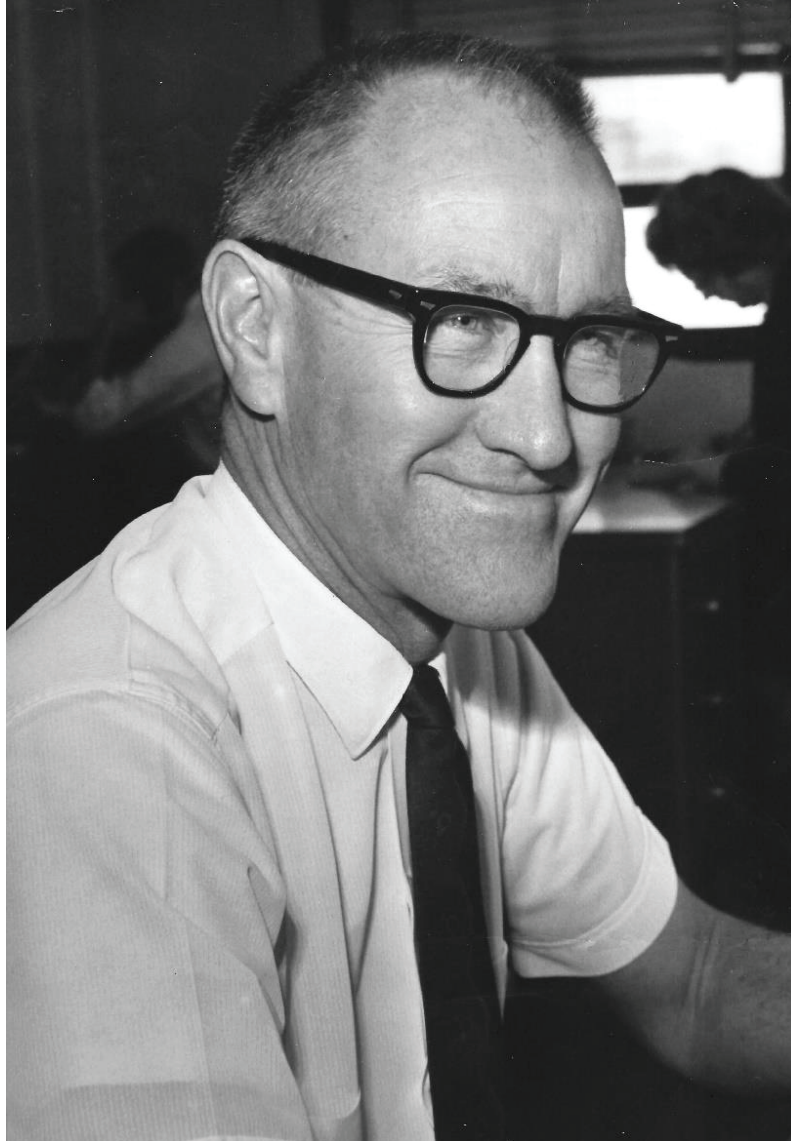


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“Steve” appreciated good writing. There is no doubt that he would have extended congratulations to all of this year’s nominees.



**AND NOW FOR THE FINALISTS
IN THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL CATEGORIES:**

Regular Categories

A. Newspaper Articles and Columns

1. ARTICLE – HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ “Brachycephalic Dogs” by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ “Heartworm Q & A” by Joanne Anderson

2. ARTICLE – BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ “D-Day Paradogs” by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ “OMG, Burns!” by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ “Working Dogs: Lives Depend On Them” by Christy Powers
- ☐ “Earning the Trick Dog Title” by Sue Ewing

3. ARTICLE – RESCUE

- ☐ “A New Breed of Police Dog: Graduation Ceremony in Ferris Highlights Rescued Pitbulls’ Rising Role” by Marc Ramirez

- ☐ “Model Behavior” by Mary Tan
- ☐ “The Business of Saving Lives” by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ “A Decade of Lifesaving: FOTAS Celebrates 10 Years of Service” by Pam Gleason

4. ARTICLE – ART OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ “Want Your Dog to Win at Westminster?” by Kim Kavin

B. Magazines

5. SINGLE, RELATED, OR ALL-BREED

- ☐ Dogster Magazine by Melissa Kauffman and Annie Butler Shirreffs
- ☐ AKC Family Dog Magazine by Mara Bovsun
- ☐ Terrier Group Magazine by Melanie Feldges

All regular category finalists receive a certificate.
Winners in the regular categories receive a Maxwell medallion and pin.

6. ANNUAL, SPECIAL INTEREST, OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT

- ☐ The Chronicle of the Dog by Devon Hubbard Sorlie and Chris Guzicki
- ☐ Puppies Annual Magazine by Melissa Kauffman and Annie Butler Shirreffs

C. Magazine Articles

7. ARTICLE— HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ "How to Cope with a Serious Diagnosis/10 Tips for Navigating Tough Decisions About Your Dog" by Karen Fine
- ☐ "Great Dane Puppies Contribute to Chagas Disease Awareness" by Caroline Coile
- ☐ "Hearing With Their Hearts" by Jen Reeder
- ☐ "CBD Oil & Anxiety" by Elizabeth Lopez
- ☐ "Therapy Dogs: Bringing Comfort and Germs?" by CJ Puotinen

8. ARTICLE— BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ "How Dangerous is This Dog" by Melissa McMath Hatfield
- ☐ "Canine Cognitive Dysfunction: Caring for Dogs with Advanced Dementia" by Melissa McMath Hatfield
- ☐ "The Beast at the End of the Leash" by Teoti Anderson
- ☐ "Separation Anxiety vs Isolation Distress" by Melissa McMath Hatfield
- ☐ "Male Marking Mishaps" by Peggy Swager
- ☐ "Survival of the ...Friendliest?" by Sue Copeland

9. ARTICLE – RESCUE

- ☐ "The Healing Power of Faith: A Very Special Therapy Dog Helps One Child At A Time" by Kristin Avery
- ☐ "The Central Illinois Eight" by Mary Price and Annalyn Paz
- ☐ "The Gray Face with a Gentle Heart of Gold – Saving A Senior in Kauai" by Christy Doherty
- ☐ "She Makes Waves" by Penny Leigh
- ☐ "Explore the Flip Side — Adopt An Adult" by Elizabeth Lopez

10. ARTICLE— BREED

- ☐ "Saving A Vulnerable Breed" by Joanne Moxham
- ☐ "Lean on Me" by Mara Bovsun
- ☐ "Dynamic Duo: Trevor and Tennille" by Jen Reeder
- ☐ "Ears — To Crop or Not to Crop" by Suzanne Smith
- ☐ "Zachary Tinkle's Pug: His Most Furbulous Supporter" by Lauren Darr

11. ARTICLE/COLUMN – ART OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ "Pets Are the Best Medicine" by Jen Reeder
- ☐ "Overcoming Disabilities at Dog Shows" by Suzanne Smith
- ☐ "Dance of the Sugar Plum Furies" by Elaine Gewirtz
- ☐ "AKC Program Helps Fund Purchase of Patrol Dogs" by Penny Leigh
- ☐ "Calling 911 Canine Style" by Elaine Gewirtz
- ☐ "Maud Earl, First Lady of Dog Painting" by Lisa Peterson

D. Canine or All-Animal Newspapers or Newsletters

12. CANINE OR ALL-ANIMAL NEWSPAPERS OR NEWSLETTERS

- ☐ GRRAND GRROWL (Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs) by Devon Hubbard Sorlie
- ☐ Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine DogWatch Newsletter by Cynthia Foley and Debra M. Eldredge, DVM
- ☐ Discoveries Newsletter by Sharon Albright and Melissa Smallwood

E. Canine or All-Animal Newspapers or Newsletters Articles

13. ARTICLE – ANY TOPIC

- ☐ "Make Weight Loss Happen" by Kate Basedow
- ☐ "Understanding Addison's Disease" by Deb M. Eldredge, DVM

F. Online

14. BLOG OR WEBSITE

- ☐ Boogie The Pug by Candy Godoy
- ☐ Fidose of Reality by Carol Bryant
- ☐ Stumps and Rumps by Megan Mullins
- ☐ Noses & Toes Pet Photography by Angela Schneider
- ☐ The Website of the Animal Medical Center by Andrew Weatherhead
- ☐ A Dog Walks Into a Bar by Bryn Nowell

15. ONLINE MAGAZINE OR ONLINE NEWSLETTER

- ☐ Speaking of Dogs Newsletter by Lorraine Houston, Nancy Foran, and Cathy Vandergeest
- ☐ For Active Dogs! Newsletter by Chris Zink
- ☐ The MayFlyer Newsletter by Michaelann Cox Mako

G. Online Articles or Blog Entries

16. ARTICLE OR BLOG – HEALTH OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ “When Is It Time To Put Your Dog Down?” by Julie Buzby
- ☐ “Caring for a Deaf Blind Dog” by Melissa Shapiro
- ☐ “Reflections from a House Call Veterinarian” by Melissa Shapiro
- ☐ “My Dog Wasn’t Eating: How a Team Effort Saved His Life” by Susan Willett
- ☐ “Can Dogs Eat Chocolate?” by Julie Buzby and Jenise Carl

17. ARTICLE OR BLOG – BEHAVIOR OR TRAINING

- ☐ “Paws of War: Dogs Who Help Military Veterans With PTSD” by Jillian Blume
- ☐ “How to Help a Dog That’s Missed Early Socialization” by Jason Nicholas
- ☐ “Stress-Free Vet Visits: A Calmer Pet at the Vet” by Amanda Reeves
- ☐ “8 Easy Fixes For A Fear Free Veterinary Visit For Dogs” by Carol Bryant
- ☐ “Alert Barking: The Dog Equivalent to “Get Off My Lawn!” by Cathy Madson
- ☐ “Why Dogs Sit on Your Feet? Dog Behavior Explained!” by Denise Fleck

18. ARTICLE OR BLOG – RESCUE

- ☐ “Rainbow Bridge: Losing the Loves of Our Lives” by Angela Schneider
- ☐ “7 Helpful Tips for Bringing a Stray Puppy or New Dog Into Your Home: The Story of Jake the Hound” by Julie Buzby and Jenise Carl
- ☐ “How Not to Adopt a Dog: Removing Barriers to Pet Adoption” by Maggie Marton
- ☐ “Cocker Spaniels Are Like Potato Chips, You Can’t Have Just One” by Carol Bryant

19. ARTICLE OR BLOG – ANY OTHER TOPIC

- ☐ “Your First 30 Days After Adopting a Puppy” by Debora Lichtenberg
- ☐ “The Amazing Story of a Secret Service Dog Trainer” by Jillian Blume
- ☐ “The Best Pet Subscription Boxes” by Kaitlyn Wells
- ☐ “English Springer Spaniel Dog Trials” by Kate Haglin

H. Graphics

20. SINGLE PHOTO

- ☐ 2019 Westminster Kennel Club by Olga Forlicz
- ☐ Gratitude by Jeanne Taylor
- ☐ My Happy Place by Angela Schneider

21. SERIES PHOTOS

- ☐ Things We’ll Remember by Gene Maddox
- ☐ Topaz Cockers Trick Dog Stories by Debra Lampert-Rudman
- ☐ Summer Sea Dreamscape by Emma Kesler

22. SINGLE ILLUSTRATION OR PAINTING

- ☐ A Merrier Terrier Christmas by Melanie Feldges
- ☐ Agility Welsh Terrier by Emma Kesler
- ☐ Bonny Gets a Puppy by Kelly Boyer
- ☐ Welsh Terrier Record Holders Official Crest by Emma Kesler, Marika Kesler, Denise Yates

23. SERIES OF ILLUSTRATIONS OR PAINTINGS

- ☐ Sydney Tours Eufaula by Kay Whaley and Kathy Hamrick
- ☐ Paw Prints Infographics: Soak Up the Sun, Walk This Way, Full Circle by Kate McCroary

- ☐ Weaver the Diabetic-Alert Retriever by Billie Holladay Skelley and James Paul Skelley
- ☐ Color Me Canine by Sandy Mesmer

24. POSTERS, CALENDARS, BROCHURES OR PAMPHLETS

- ☐ Sunnybank Home of Lad 2019-2020 16-Month Calendar by Kathryn George
- ☐ Bernese Mountain Dog Calendar 2020 by Dr. Bernd Guenter
- ☐ The National Dog Show: A Thanksgiving Tradition by Steve Griffith and Kathy Carson
- ☐ Portuguese Water Dog 2020 by Jane Harding

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

25. HUMOR

- ☐ "Extreme Mouse-Induced Hysteria" by Elizabeth Jarrell
- ☐ "A Mostly True Apology Letter To My Dog" by Kristin Avery
- ☐ "7 Things I've Googled Since I Got a Puppy" by Amy Tokic

26. POETRY

- ☐ "Connection" by Kara Graves
- ☐ "Haiku by Dog: Yearning" by Susan Willett

27. SHORT FICTION

- ☐ "Same Time Next Year, A Cocker Spaniel Mystery" by Carol Bryant
- ☐ "Charlie At The End" by Frances Pauli
- ☐ "Hope's Haven" by Dorothy Wills-Raftery
- ☐ "Finding the Perfect Sandy" by Amy Hempe

28. ESSAYS/EDITORIALS

- ☐ "Magazine Story" by Janine Latus and Keith Lanpher
- ☐ "The Sound of Home" by Susan Willett
- ☐ "What's Wrong With Your Dog?" by Susan Willett
- ☐ "A Magical Moment" by Marci Kladnik
- ☐ "I Taught an Old Dog New Tricks" by Jen Reeder

J. Other Media

29. VIDEO, DVD, OR TV BROADCASTS

- ☐ "Fit For Life Videos" by Chris Zink and Gayle Watkins
- ☐ "Teach the Leash: Loose Leash Walking" by Pam Dennison
- ☐ "Sarah & Domino" by Carol Novello, David Whitman, Doug Scott

30. RADIO, PODCAST, OR OTHER AUDIO

- ☐ "Using Food Therapy To Help Your Dog Live a Healthier Life With Dr. Judy Morgan" by Tori Mistick
- ☐ "The Buzby Dog Podcast at ToeGrips.com" by Julie Buzby
- ☐ "Lost Dog Recovery" by Molly Sumridge
- ☐ The Sibe Vibe "Caring For A Senior Dog" Part 2 by Dorothy Wills-Raftery and Robert Forto

K. Club Publications (National, Regional or Local)

31. MAGAZINE FORMAT

- ☐ The Australian Shepherd Journal by Kathleen Glaes and Leslie Ziesing
- ☐ Illustrated Standard of The Bernese Mountain Dog by Frandel Ellen Flake-Brown
- ☐ The Courier by Susan Myrick and Team Courier
- ☐ The Spotter by Katherine Szomoru and Jennifer Cramer

32. NEWSLETTER FORMAT

- ☐ Search and Rescue Dog News by Norman Snelling and Sue Wolff
- ☐ Basenji Club of America Bulletin Board by Suzanne La Croix and Mary Ellen Chaffin

L. Club Publication Articles

33. ARTICLE – ANY TOPIC

- ☐ "The Most Important Registration" by Caroline Coile
- ☐ "Topaz Cockers Trick Dog Stories" by Debra Lampert-Rudman

- ☐ "On The Road Again!" by Caroline Coile
- ☐ "Advocacy" by CathieJo Jacobson
- ☐ "Florence Nightingale, I'm Not" by Elizabeth Jarrell

34. REGULAR COLUMN OR SERIES

- ☐ "Taurine Testing Yields Some Surprises" by June Greig
- ☐ "Gracie Beats the Odds" by June Greig
- ☐ "Low Platelet Counts" by Elaine Mitchell, Jody Sutton, Barbara Magera
- ☐ "The Ancient, Ubiquitous, and Sinister Tick, Parts 1 and 2" by Nancy Melone

M. Club Special Publication

35. CLUB SPECIAL PUBLICATION

- ☐ Basenji Club of America 2018 Yearbook by Mary Ellen Chaffin and Suzane La Croix

N. Books

36. SINGLE, RELATED, OR ALL-BREED

- ☐ Hard to House Train – Practical Solutions for Dog Trainers by Peggy Swager
- ☐ Empowerment Training for Your Power Dog by Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell
- ☐ Color Me Canine (Toy Group) A Coloring Book for Dog Lovers of All Ages by Sandy Mesmer

37. RESCUE OR ADOPTION

- ☐ Rehoming Love, Tail Thumping Adventures of Happily Adopted Canines by Kate Kuligowski
- ☐ Ouzo the Greek by Lisa Edwards
- ☐ Second-Chance Dogs: True Stories of the Dogs We Rescue and the Dogs Who Rescue Us by Callie Smith Grant
- ☐ Tabouli: The Story of a Heart-Driven Diabetes Alert Dog by Matt Pelicano

38. TRAINING OR SPORTS

- ☐ Tricks In The City: For Daring Dogs and Humans That Love Them by Sassafras Lowrey

- ☐ Play Your Way to Good Manners by Mary Kate Naito and Sarah Westcott
- ☐ Dog Training Diaries: Proven Expert Tips & Harmony with Your Dog by Tom Shelby

39. BEHAVIOR, HEALTH, OR GENERAL CARE

- ☐ The Allergic Pet by Deva Khalsa
- ☐ 101 Essential Tips: Dog Behavior & Training by Jason Nicholas
- ☐ Tabouli: The Story of a Heart-Driven Diabetes Alert Dog by Matt Pelicano
- ☐ The Dog Safety Bible by Denise Fleck and Robert Semrow

40. HUMAN ANIMAL BOND

- ☐ Depression Hates a Moving Target: How Running with My Dog Brought Me Back from the Brink by Nita Sweeney
- ☐ The Rescuers: Incredible Stories of Life-Saving Dogs by Laura Greaves

41. REFERENCE

- ☐ Solving Dog Behavior Problems Like A Professional by James O'Heare
- ☐ Dog Breeds Pet Fashion Illustration Encyclopedia: Volume 5 Sporting Breeds by Lauren Darr
- ☐ He's Only Playing! Meeting, Greeting and Play Between Dogs. What's Ok, What's Not by Sarah Whitehead

42. FICTION, YOUNG ADULT OR HUMOR

- ☐ A Borrowing Of Bones by Paula Munier
- ☐ Decoded Dog by Dianne Janczewski
- ☐ On Scent by Cherie O'Boyle

43. CHILDREN

- ☐ The Duchess and Guy: A Rescue-to-Royalty Puppy Love Story by Nancy Furstinger
- ☐ Amazing Dogs with Amazing Jobs by Laura Greaves
- ☐ Weaver the Diabetic-Alert Retriever by Billie Holladay Skelley and James Paul Skelley

Special Award Finalists

AKC Club Publication Excellence Award

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club, this award is for the best article in a national, regional or local AKC club publication in magazine or newsletter format. The award consists of a plaque and a \$500 cash grant.



- ☐ NewfTide by Annalyn Paz
- ☐ The Ancient, Ubiquitous and Sinister Tick, Parts 1 and 2 by Nancy Melone
- ☐ The Australian Shepherd Journal Breed Standard Column Club Publication, Magazine by Matt Mullin

- ☐ "The Most Important Registration" by Caroline Coile
- ☐ "Why Every Day Should Be Chip Your Pet Day" by Denise Fleck

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.



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.



- ☐ "Chipping IN: NJ STRAYS Make Microchipping Accessible as Part of Their No-Kill Vision" by Lisa Begin-Kruysman

- ☐ "My Dog Wasn't Eating: How a Team Effort Saved His Life" by Susan Willett
- ☐ "5 Questions Every Cat or Dog Owner Should Ask Their Vet" by Kaitlyn Wells
- ☐ "Laws for Paws Should Give You Pause" by Elizabeth Anderson Lopez

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.



- ☐ "How Little Therapy Dogs Help Veterans, Children With Special Needs" by Bev Thompson
- ☐ "Teach Your Dog Ten Tricks" by Caroline Coile
- ☐ "These AKC Trick Dog Performers Know the Benefits of Trick Training" by Stephanie Gibeault

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

- ☐ "Lean on Me" by Mara Bovsun
- ☐ "Bright Spots" by Elaine Gewirtz

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. Congratulations to The American Legion as it Celebrates its 100 Years Anniversary. The award consists of a \$350 cash grant.



American Legion Brick Memorial Post 348

- ☐ "D-Day Paradogs" by Joanne Anderson
- ☐ "The Lieutenant Who Had A Hundred Dogs" by Dusty Rainbolt
- ☐ "A Borrowing Of Bones" by Paula Munier

The Dogster Health & Wellness Award

This award recognizes the article/column that did the best to promote home-care health awareness — identifying health and wellness best practices that dog owners can carry out at home for the dogs they love. Dogster helps dogs by helping dog owners and wants to recognize an outstanding written piece that does the same. \$500 cash grant.



- ☐ "Clipped Your Dog's Toenail Too Short? Here Are Sure-Fire Tips on How to Stop a Dog's Nail From Bleeding" by Julie Buzby and Jenise Carl
- ☐ "CBD Oil & Anxiety" by Elizabeth Anderson Lopez

- ☐ "Make Weight Loss Happen"
by Kate Eldredge Basedow

- ☐ "Don't Leave Me: Why, When, and How to Take
Pets to the Back" by Amy Shojai

The DOGTV Canine Enrichment Award

Sponsored by DOGTV, this award recognizes the best article in print or digital, including blog posts, that discusses canine enrichment and its role to improve a dog's physical and mental health. The award consists of a \$500 cash grant.



- ☐ "What Tricks Can I Train My Dog? (12 Fun Dog Tricks to Try Next)" by Caitlin Crittenden
- ☐ "The Big Book of Tricks for the Best Dog Ever" by Larry Kay and Chris Perondi
- ☐ "Puppy Meets World" by Elaine Gewirtz

Dr. Harvey's Canine Health Award

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- ☐ "7 Signs Your Dog Is in Pain" by Julie Buzby
- ☐ "The Misery Dog" by Gene Maddox

The Fidose of Reality Dog Blogger Award

Sponsored by Darlene and Carol Bryant on behalf of FidoseofReality.com, this award is given to a non-corporate dog blogger. Composing a quality dog product or service review is an art. The winning dog blog post exemplifies the elements of a solid dog product or service review that goes above and beyond the basics. Entries will be judged on writing style, grammar, punctuation, imagery/video, and the overall way the review is presented. The award consists of a \$300 cash prize and a trophy.



- ☐ "CBD Oil for Dogs: Worth the Hype?" by Maggie Marton
- ☐ "Searching for How to Cut Your Black Dog's Nails? I Was Too Until I Tried This" by Jenise Carl
- ☐ "The Ultimate Dog Walking Shoes" by Emma Kesler

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.

- ☐ "How Not to Adopt a Dog: Removing Barriers to Pet Adoption" by Maggie Marton

- ☐ “Woman Delivers Dog 1300 Miles Home To Find Owner No Longer Wants Her”
by Mary Schwager
- ☐ “#RememberMe Thursday: Writing to Save Lives” by Dorothy Wills-Raftery

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.



- ☐ “Make Your Pet’s Last Vet Visit as Free of Fear as His First” by Linda Rehkopf

- ☐ “Model Behavior” by Mary Tan
- ☐ “Cooperative Care: Seven Steps to Stress-Free Husbandry” by Deborah Ann Jones

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



- ☐ “You’re Lucky You’re Cute” by Sydney Bleicher
- ☐ “8 Easy Fixes For A Fear Free Veterinary Visit For Dogs” by Carol Bryant
- ☐ “TRICKS IN THE CITY: For Daring Dogs and Humans That Love Them” by Sassafras Lowrey

The Good News For Pets Award

Sponsored by GoodNewsForPets.com in celebration of the digital platform’s 20th anniversary, 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 \$500 grant.



- ☐ "The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Tragedy and Hope" by Paula Fitzsimmons
- ☐ "Kim and Brian and Lana" by Carol Novello, David Whitman, and David Scott
- ☐ "Sarah & Domino" by Carol Novello, David Whitman, and David Scott

The Grey Muzzle Award

Sponsored by The Grey Muzzle Organization, this award goes to the best article, book, blog, TV segment, radio spot, video, column or other creative media format that best educates, promotes, or demonstrates to the public the plight of at-risk senior dogs. This may include stories about special programs at a rescue or shelter that enable older best friends to retain their homes or find new forever homes, seniors for seniors programs, medical victories, hospice care for homeless dogs or other ways in which communities and/or individuals are helping to make sure no old dog dies alone or afraid. The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and a commemorative plaque.



- ☐ "Speaking of Dogs" by Lorraine Houston, Nancy Foran, and Cathy Vandergeest
- ☐ "The Gray Face with a Gentle Heart of Gold – Saving A Senior in Kauai" by Christy Doherty
- ☐ "Jasper's Story, from Sad to Glad (Senior Dog, Extreme Rescue)" by Ted Slupik and Gail Diedrichsen
- ☐ The Sibe Vibe "Caring For A Senior Dog" Part 1 by Dorothy Wills-Raferly and Robert Forto

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.



- ☐ "Paws of War: Dogs Who Help Military Veterans With PTSD" by Jillian Blume
- ☐ "She Said Yes to the Dress...and The Dog" by Mary Schwager
- ☐ "The Healing Power of Faith: A Very Special Therapy Dog Helps One Child At A Time" by Kristin Avery

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.

- ☐ "Lifeline" by Debra Lampert-Rudman
- ☐ "Dinky Inky The Stinky Pug" by Lauren Darr
- ☐ "The Fast Track to Dog Show Success" by Sandy Weaver
- ☐ "Connection" by Kara Graves

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: \$1,000 cash grant, DWAA Maxwell Medallion, and lapel pin.

Exciting news: Because we had an influx of entries last year thanks to DWAA's Young Writers on the Web program, this year we are awarding FOUR awards by age group. Each winner will receive \$250 for each age grouping:

- Category One: Ages 7-9
- Category Two: Ages 10-12
- Category Three: Ages 13-14
- Category Four: Ages 15-17

AGES 7-9:

- ☐ "Aussieca vs. Corgiland" by Theo Bernstein

AGES 10-12:

- ☐ "A Promise Unbroken" by Jason Kimberly
- "Atlas to Mars" by Nikolas Klimenko

AGES 13-14:

- ☐ "Chain Reaction" by Kathryn Prerost
- "English Springer Spaniel Dog Trials" by Kate Haglin

AGES 15-17

- ☐ "The Pooch Project" by Kendle Frank
- "The Stray" by Conal Gallant
- ☐ "Soaring" by Isabel Tagtow
- "Changing Teenage Loves One Dog At a Time" by Kendle Frank

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.



- ☐ "How Much Should I Pay My Pet Sitter?" by Melissa Smith
- ☐ "Choosing Safe, Reliable Pet Care" by Melissa Shapiro

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.



- ☐ “Shamaron – Dog Devoted” by Tammie Rogers
- ☐ “The Rescuers: Incredible Stories of Life-Saving Dogs” by Laura Greaves
- ☐ “Tabouli: The Story of a Heart-Driven Diabetes Alert Dog” by Matt Pelicano
- ☐ “What’s Wrong With Your Dog?” by Susan Willett

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.



- ☐ “Keeping Your Senior Dog Safe on Planes & in Airports” by Denise Fleck
- ☐ “Pets and Hurricanes: 10 Things You Need to Know Before Evacuating With Pets” by Julie Buzby
- ☐ “Heatstroke Dangers: Pet First Aid for Hot Weather Play & Travel” by Amy Shojai

The Vet Candy Award

The Vet Candy Award will be presented to the writer with the most inspiring story about a veterinarian or veterinary professional in a newsletter, magazine, or blog post format. The award consists of \$300 and a plaque.



- ☐ “Reflections from a House Call Veterinarian” by Melissa Shapiro
- ☐ “I Just Want a Friend” by Elizabeth Jarrell

The Pet Candy Award

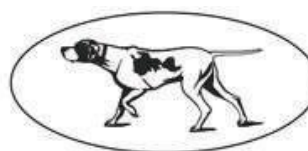
The Pet Candy Award will be presented to the writer with the most inspiring story about a pet lover in a newsletter, magazine, or blog post format. The story must be about anyone other than the author. The award consists of \$300 and a plaque.



- ☐ “The Amazing Story of a Secret Service Dog Trainer” by Jillian Blume
- ☐ “Service Dog Helps 7-Year-Old Boy Prepare For His 10th Surgery” by Jen Reeder
- ☐ “Reaching RACH: The First Rally Champion Reflects on How He Got Here” by Miranda Carney

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.



**THE WESTMINSTER
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DWAA Distinguished Service Award



☑ *Larry and Charlene Woodward*

Charlene and Larry Woodward founded Dogwise, a dog book retailer and publishing company in 1988. Actually, Charlene was the one who came up with the idea and got the ball rolling - Larry was recruited to do the accounting and bookkeeping. Like many businesses, there was no firm master plan, just a desire to sell books to whoever wanted to buy them.

After testing several markets, an acquaintance mentioned to Charlene that dog people were crazy about books, and if you set up a booth at a dog show you might find a good response. So, having never attended a dog show and with very limited knowledge about dogs, they found themselves selling books at a large show near Seattle. Luckily attendees were pleased to have a book seller at the show, and being dog people, they were more than ready to tell them what books they should carry.

Being good listeners, the next couple years were spent building up a large inventory of books and setting up shop almost every weekend at dog shows throughout the Northwest. Over time they added a mail order catalog operation and eventually a web site

to sell books to a larger market than they could reach through dog shows.

Dogwise Publishing was founded in 2002 - another venture with no master plan - with the initial effort focused on keeping books in print that other publishers had dropped which appealed to show people and trainers. The first few projects went well and so they decided to expand the publishing business by working with authors to develop books on subjects such as aggressive behavior, body language, and new training protocols that were of interest to professional trainers and dog enthusiasts. They have had the opportunity to work on book projects with many of the leading experts in the dog world such as Turid Rugaas, Pat Miller, Jean Donaldson, Terry Ryan and Patricia McConnell.

Dogwise continues to operate a retail book business selling a wide range of titles online above and beyond what it publishes. Their son Nate runs the daily operations of the business. Charlene, who focused on marketing and developing publishing projects, is now spending most of her time teaching swimming lessons, hiking, skiing and trying to keep up with two grandchildren. Larry has not been able to totally shake his accounting tasks, so he still puts in time at the office along with his editing responsibilities but is much happier when playing tennis or travelling with Charlene. They both want to express their appreciation to all of you who write about dogs - they recognize without your efforts there would be no Dogwise!

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- 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 Judges

Thank you for volunteering your time, support, and talents to make this year's competition a success. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to volunteer as judges. Without each of you, there would be no writing competition.

This is a great opportunity for writers to showcase their talents and for others to discover what is being created. This develops confidence in both members and non-members to take their journey further while rewarding a job well done.

We are honored to have each of you.

Adria Henderson
Aimee Gertsch
Amy Hempe
Amy Tokic
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Sherry Warshauer
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Susan Bulanda
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Susan Metzger
Susan Willett
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Therese Backowski
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2020 Writing Competition

2020 WRITING COMPETITION UPDATES

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A panel of three judges scores each entry. Judges consist of DWAA members and non-members who are professional writers and editors. Judges' scores determine the nominees and winners. Judges may enter the competition, but will not judge entries in categories they enter.

Judges' decisions are final. A list of judges will be posted in October, 2020.

Nominees will be announced via DWAA's website and social media properties (i.e. Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook) on Monday, December 7, 2020. Winners will be announced the evening of Sunday, February 14, 2021 at the DWAA Awards Banquet.

Nominees in the regular category receive certificates. Winners of regular categories receive the DWAA Maxwell Medallion, named in honor of the late Maxwell Riddle. Winners of special categories receive awards as listed on the DWAA's website.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to all writers, editors, publishers, photographers, artists and others whose work falls into the designated competition categories.
- Members and non-members may apply.



- Competition is open to all eligible writers worldwide.
- Discounted member entry fees are available to members in good standing as of May 1, 2020.
- Only original work published between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020 will be accepted.
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Merrie Meyers, Ruff Drafts editor

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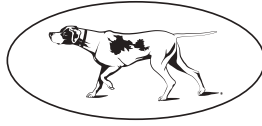
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Dog Writers Association of America

Membership Application

The Dog Writers Association of America is a professional organization for writers, photographers, illustrators and others involved in creative endeavors that promote the interests of dogs. Members share tips on markets, resources, technology and ask/answer one another's questions on writing and selling their work. DWAA also sponsors an annual contest.

Please complete this application in its entirety.

1. Fill in the following:

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

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2. Are you a (check all that apply):

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4. Please answer the following questions:

Is your work primarily about dogs? Occasionally about dogs? Or _____

Do you work on a freelance basis or do you work for a company or organization? If so, what is the name of the company or organization? _____

How often is your work published? _____

How long have you been doing this work? _____

What other work about dogs have you done? Use the back of this page if you need more room:

Do you belong to any other dog organizations? Use the back of this page if you need more room:

5. Feel free to attach a resume or additional information to this form.



Dog Writers Association of America

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6. Two DWAA members must sponsor your membership application. If you do not know current members, please contact the DWAA secretary for assistance.

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Kristin Avery
DWAA Secretary
PO Box 7052
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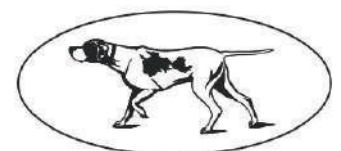


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