

# 2014 CWA Writing Competition Winners

Cat Writers' Association is proud to announce our 2014 Muse Medallion and Special Awards winners. Congratulations to all winners.

## Special Awards winners

**The AAFP Cat Friendly Award** is sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative framed certificate. This category was judged by Edy Chandler, office manager of the cat-friendly clinic, All Cats Veterinary Hospital in Houston Texas. Edy Chandler said, "What a great column!" The winner of the AAFP Cat Friendly Award is Lorie Huston for "What Would You Do to Keep Your Cat Healthy?" appearing in CATalysta Mewsings.

**The AdoptAShelter.com ADOPT A HOMELESS CAT AWARD** is sponsored by AdoptAShelter.com. The award consists of a \$500 Amazon.com Gift Card and inclusion in the AdoptAShelter.com online library.

The judge is Patricia Shea, DVM, a trained veterinary acupuncturist, practicing integrative feline medicine at CatCare, Limited, a cat-only veterinary clinic in Eugene, Oregon.

Dr. Shea's comments were: "This was a very clear...explanation. If I wanted to begin a TNR program, I would feel confident after viewing this webinar...Good attention." The winner is Nancy Peterson for the PetSmart Charities webinar, "Have a Plan! An Overview of the TNR Process."

**The CEVA Human-Animal Bond Award** is sponsored by CEVA. This award consists of \$1000 award and commemorative certificate.

The judge for this award is homeopathic veterinarian and holistic educator Dr. Christina Chambreau and author of the *Healthy Animal's Journal*.

About the entry the judge said, "I got to know Squeaky and her foibles well from the loving article. The author's explanation of Squeaky's diagnosis and treatment help us all remember that change is our only certainty. I love that the author knows Squeaky is, in many ways still with her, reminding her of the human-cat bond." The winner is Dr. Letrisa Miller for "Vets are Pet Parents Too – Squeaky's long fall" published at CatWisdom101.com.

**The DR. JIM RICHARDS CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER VETERINARY ISSUES AWARD** is sponsored by Cornell University's Feline Health Center. This award consists of \$500.

The judge was Vicki L. Thayer, DVM, is on the Board of Directors for the Contra Costa Veterinary Emergency Center, for the Academy of Feline Medicine, and a repressive and VIN "buddy" for the Veterinary Information Network (VIN).

Dr. Thayer said about the winning entry: “Jim would be very pleased and proud of the quality of entries. The winner’s topic was currently relevant, and consistently well done. It was informative, well-written and well-researched. Jim has to be smiling at this time to have such a winner shine through.” The winner is Fran Pennock Shaw for “New Frontier in Medicine”, *Cat Fancy*.

**The FANCY FEAST® LOVE STORY AWARD** is sponsored by Purina. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative award.

Dr. Karen Becnel, the judge for this category, A New Orleans veterinarian who has been practicing for the past 43 years. I owned both a small animal practice seeing dogs, cats, and exotics as well as a feline practice which opened in 1990.

About the winner Dr. Becnel said, “I was drawn to this piece because I felt it celebrated not only the love we all have for our cats and the magic bond we feel with these unique creatures , but it also celebrated the work done by so many people within the rescue community.”

The winner is: Cimeron Morrissey for “The Things We Do for (Cat) Love.”

**The FRISKIES® WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD** is sponsored by Purina. This award is for “a body of work”. The judge for Friskies Writer of the Year was Pamela Dozois, who was the Lifestyle Editor of the Santa Ynez Valley News for 14 years.

Ms. Dozois’ comments included, “The author’s column covered an array of interesting subject matter such as cats and new babies, the hazards of antifreeze, and older forgetful caretakers, all of which were very well-written and informative. Her article on the feline quality of life scale impressed me, as did her article on disaster preparedness, and a touching story on how an abandoned cat changed her life.

“I feel the author’s body of work has contributed to the health, welfare, and proper care of cats.”

Dusty Rainbolt is the 2014 Friskies Writer of the Year Award.

**The HARTZ® EVERY DAY CHEWABLE VITAMIN AWARD** is sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative plaque.

The judge was Dottie Leflamme, DVM, PhD, DACVN, nutritionist with Nestle Purina Research, and author of numerous articles on pet nutrition.

About the winning entry, Dr. Leflamme wrote, “This uniquely written and entertaining piece addresses an important but often overlooked aspect of pet care. Reminding caregivers, family and friends of older people or others that may need assistance that such help should include their pets is an important message. This article provided useful suggestions and important messages, all within a humorous presentation.”

Dusty Rainbolt is the winner for “Ask Einstein-Help, My Kitty Caretaker Is Getting Older and Forgets to Care for Me!” Catster.com.

**The Hartz® Glamour-Puss Award** is sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation and, honors the best single entry on the topic of feline skin and coat care. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative plaque.

The judge was Teresa Schroeder, a groomer of many champion Himalayans and Persian cats, who has been showing cats for more than twenty years.

The judge said about the winner, the judge said “Very well written and educational”.

The winner is Genevieve Rajewski for “Itching to Know” *Tufts Veterinary Magazine*, Summer, 2013.

**The HARTZ® MILK REPLACEMENT FOR KITTENS AWARD**, sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation, is awarded to the best single article (published in a newspaper, magazine, newsletter, or professional online venue), or single radio or television broadcast on the topic of rescuing kittens.

Mindy Bough was the judge for this category. She is vice president of operations ASPCA® Animal Poison Control Center and Client Services.

The judge said, “The author takes the reader through a progression of events that end up inspiring the reader to act. The author clearly demonstrates how one volunteer can save many feline lives and how one family of kittens can change a person’s life.”

Ms. Bough chose “How an Abandoned Cat Changed My Life” by Dusty Rainbolt. It appeared in anthology, *The Cat in the Window: And Other Stories of the Cats We Love*, Callie Smith Grant editor.

**The “IN THE SPOTLIGHT” AWARD**, sponsored by the Jacat Cattery, home of award-winning, pedigreed Japanese Bobtail Cats, is presented to the entry that best advances the protection, preservation, and promotion of pedigreed cats and/or the pedigreed cat fancy. This award consists of \$500, a certificate, and a Maneki Neko.

Melinda Cerda-Reed, breeds and shows Munchkins, Cornish Rex, Bengals and Maine Coon cats.

About the winner, Ms. Cerda-Reed said, “What a great magazine! .”

The winner is Brigitte McMinn for *Bengals Illustrated*.

**The KARI WINTERS RESCUE AND REHABILITATION AWARD**, sponsored by TICA, is awarded to the best single article or column (published in a newspaper, magazine, newsletter,

or professional online venue) or single radio or television broadcast on the rescue and rehabilitation of cats or kittens from shelters or rescue groups for the purpose of adoption to forever homes. This commemorative award consists of a \$500 and a plaque.

The judge was Ollie Davidson, Director of Programs at Tree House, who has overseen most of Tree House's programs since July of 2000.

His comments were: "Fantastic article. Makes me proud to be a cat-lover!"

The winner is Cimeron Morrissey for "The Things We Do For (Cat) Love" in *Best Friends*.

**The LITTER-LIFTER® LITTER BOX AWARENESS AWARD** is sponsored by Preferred Merchandising. It is given to the entry showing the importance of litter box awareness in regards to a cat's physical and emotional health. The award is \$750 and a commemorative item.

The judge was Mikel Delgado, a Ph.D. student at UC Berkeley studying animal cognition and behavior, and human-animal relationships.

The judge's comments included, "This article was organized and touched on all the key points for owners trying to prevent or resolve a litterbox problem. The advice was up to date and accurate and also incorporated comments from several expert voices. It also mentioned two very important considerations: ruling out a medical cause and why punishment is counter-productive."

The winner is Rebecca Sweat "Happy Tails," that appeared in *Cat Fancy*.

**The PRO PLAN® PEDIGREED CATS AWARD**, sponsored by Purina, is presented to the writer or creator of the best entry of the year that focuses on cat breeds, pedigreed cats, and professional breeder issues. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative bowl.

The judge was Marylou Anderson, an official judge for The International Cat Association.

About the winner, Ms. Anderson said, "This covers not only feline health issues, anatomy and physiology and behavior but also genetics, dietary, personal experiences and the sensitive subject of preparing for the death of an owner and making sure the cat(s) are going to be cared for."

The winner is Brigitte McMinn for "Bengals Illustrated".

**The PURINA® Cat Chow® Nutrition Award**, sponsored by Purina, is presented to the best column or article, blog, or book entry on the subject of feline nutrition. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative pewter bowl.

The judge was Glenn Olah, DVM, Dr. Olah is president of the Winn Feline Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the relationship between cats and humans by fostering improvements in feline health through research and education.

Dr. Olah said about the winner, “This is a well-written and informative article. The article emphasizes that not all raw diets are created equal. It provides a good list of sources for people who want to learn more regarding raw diets. The author suggested people interested in feeding their cats raw diets should consult with a veterinary nutritionist and do their homework.”

The winner is Fran Pennock Shaw for “Raw Intelligence,” appearing in *Cats USA*.

**The Purina® One® Health Award**, sponsored by Purina, is presented to the outstanding single article or blog reporting on feline health issues. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative pewter bowl.

The judge for this category was Elizabeth Colleran, DVM. Dr. Colleran is veterinarian at Chico Hospital for Cats in Chico, California, and spokesperson for the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) initiative, Cat Friendly Practice.

Of the winner, Dr. Colleran said, “When we talk about “grabbing” the reader, we aren’t grabbing at the brain, we are grabbing at the heart. This story takes the reader, fully engaged with a shared story, to a new place of knowledge. It is told with compassion and accuracy, sometimes not seen together.”

Ramona Marek is the winner for “Faint Heart,” published in *Animal Wellness*.

**The Purina® Kitten Chow® Kitten Award**, sponsored by Purina, is presented to the author of the outstanding entry on caring for kittens. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative pewter bowl.

The judge, Drew Weigner, DVM, established The Cat Doctor (Atlanta), the first feline specialty practice in the southeastern U.S. in 1987. He has served as president of the Academy of Feline Medicine and as a board director of the American Association of Feline Practitioners.

Dr. Weigner said about the winner, “This well-written article covers a subject that is unfamiliar to most readers with clarity and diligence. The introduction, while light-hearted, draws you in to a fairly technical subject that never gets bogged down by jargon. It’s well researched and employs relevant quotes seamlessly, while never losing sight of its audience. It’s informative and interesting and strikes that rare balance between technical explanation and genuine understanding.”

The winner is Helen Jablonski for “Orphan Care,” *Kittens 101*, 2015.

**The STICKY PAWS® TRAINING AWARD**, sponsored by Pioneer Pets/Sticky Paws®, is presented for the best article or tape entry on training techniques. This award consists of \$1000 and a commemorative certificate.

The judge was Linda Aronson, DVM, MA. She runs Petshrink, a veterinary practice focusing on behavioral problems in horses, dogs and cats in Berlin, Massachusetts.

The judge's comments included, "While written for a knowledgeable audience, I appreciated the clarity of writing, the inclusion of how-to videos and additional resources. The ideas are practical, relatively easy to implement and should help save many cats' lives and promote bonds with the new owners."

The Sticky Paws Training Award goes to Jacqueline Munera for "Training for cats in the shelter: Part 4" published in *The ADPT Chronicle of the Dog*.

**The TIDY CATS® FELINE BEHAVIOR AWARD**, sponsored by Purina, is presented for the best entry on the subject of feline behavior. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative pewter bowl.

The judge for the Tidy Cats Feline Behavior Award is Paula Garber. She is a Certified Animal Training and Enrichment Professional and Feline Training and Behavior Specialist, and is the owner and operator of Lifeline Cat Behavior Solutions in Westchester County, New York.

"This outstanding article approaches a common pet ownership situation in an inclusive way, taking into account the needs of all involved—cats, dogs and humans. The author writes from a place of experience and quickly establishes common ground with her reader. She discusses a controversial topic in an objective, informative and unemotional manner that is sure to appeal to readers regardless of their opinion on the subject."

The winner is Jacqueline Munera for "Dogs and Declawed Cats: Extra Caution Required", *The ADPT Chronicle of the Dog*.

**The World's Best Cat Litter-ary Award**, sponsored by World's Best Cat Litter®, is presented for the outstanding novel, short story, poem, or radio/television dramatic script which portrays cats and cat ownership in a positive way. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative pewter bowl.

The judge was Cindy Rigoni, D.V.M. Dr. Rigoni opened the fifth cats-only veterinary practice in the U.S. in 1984. She still owns and runs All Cat Veterinary Clinic in Houston. In the late 1970s began breeding and showing Cornish Rex. She received degrees in Animal Science, Horticulture and Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State in Ames. She's an avid reader, consuming 1500 words per minute. Dr. Rigoni is also a CFA master clerk.

The judge commented, "I absolutely loved this book!"

The winner is Belea T. Keeney for *Tiger Whisperer*.

**The SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD**, sponsored by CWA Founder and Past President Amy D. Shojai, recognizes the CWA member who has offered guidance, encouraging counsel, support, or other help that has had a direct and positive influence on another's writing/publishing success. The recipient shall exemplify the highest ideals of the CWA vision, that is, to promote communal support, networking, and mutual respect between colleagues. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

Dusty Rainbolt, the submitter said: “Lorie Huston is the epitome of a mentor. Mentoring to her is so second-nature, she probably doesn’t even know she’s doing it.

“I’m not nominating her because she’s an excellent president and good leader. I’m nominating her because she’s so willing to share her advanced veterinary knowledge...with everyone. On many occasions I’ve written very technical health or nutrition articles. When I come across a fact I’m not certain about or an issue I don’t understand I can call her. She works odd hours, so frequently she’s not home, but she always returns my call, often as she’s running out the door to go to work.

“She usually responds with the comforting words, “Well, Dusty...” I know one reason why she’s such a great vet. That calming voice. When I’m on a drop deadline and totally lost “Well, Dusty” is music to my ears.

“Recently I received an assignment for very technical and detailed feline health article with a three week turnaround. I was having difficulty contacting the primary source, so I called Lorie. She pointed me to several reference articles on the subject and then offered to fact check the article before I turned it in. She has done this on several occasions. In many ways her sharing nature reminds me of Jim Richards. (I can’t think of higher praise.)

“I know I’m not the only one she’s helped. Several CWA members have mentioned how freely Lorie shares her knowledge. Lorie Huston is so humble; I’m sure she thinks what she does is no big deal. I can assure you, Lorie Huston’s help is as big a deal as Rhode Island’s Big Blue Bug. Thanks for everything.”

**The MICHAEL BRIM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** is sponsored by CWA.

This award honors extraordinary achievement and communications excellence. It recognizes the person who, by word, deed, public communication, and professional excellence, best promotes the ideals, mission, and best interest of the Cat Writers Association. Nominees can include, but are not limited to, writers, editors, or publicists whose published work or actions have had a significant impact on improving the quality of life of cats, educating the public, promoting responsible cat breeding and ownership, and/or facilitating the professional growth of cat writers. The honoree shall receive \$500 and his or her name engraved on a permanent commemorative plaque (at the offices of the Cat Fanciers’ Association Foundation).

Nancy Marano said about the winner: “Who do you call when the job is tough and needs immediate attention? Who do you call when chaos reigns and you need a firm, gentle hand to calm the situation? Who do you call when you are exasperated and need a laugh? The answer is simple-you call Su Ewing.

“Su has demonstrated a deep commitment to CWA. She served as CWA Treasurer for four years. Following her stint as treasurer, she served as CWA President for five and a half years. Su has also served as VP of DWAA for the past two years. The year she is the CWA conference co-chair and has continued to make sure people coming to the conference have an enjoyable and educational experience.

“She has handled all these jobs with grace under pressure. Her leadership is quiet and effective. She attends to the sponsor’s needs, gets people to work together, and has shown a willingness to take on difficult jobs when no one else stepped up to do them. She has a pleasant way of dealing with sponsor requests and member questions. I’ve had the pleasure of working with her for many years during her presidency. She has always helped me find solutions and calmed my frazzled nerves. Her engaging sense of humor makes what she does seem easy because we all know it is not. She managed to keep CWA moving forward under some difficult circumstances. Being able to do all of this and her day job too, makes her the best type of leader.

“Su Ewing’s writing accomplishments are many. She has written 11 dog books. She also wrote “CATS! Train Your Owner!: 50 Feline Training Flash Cards” which won the CWA Muse Medallion and President’s Award. For the last 13 years she has written a bi-weekly pet column for the Post-Journal in Jamestown, NY. She has made the lives of cats and dogs better by informing her readers on how animals should be cared for and treated.

“I can think of no better candidate for the Michael Brim Distinguished Service Award. Her work for CWA and animals more than qualifies her for this award.”

**The KUYENDALL IMAGE AWARD** is sponsored by CWA, and is presented to the outstanding “image” entry featuring cats – whether photography, illustration, or graphic art. This award consists of \$250 and a commemorative item.

The entries for this award were judged by Ruth (Sassy) McClure, an award-winning artist and photographer. She has a longstanding reputation in the north Texas art community for her stained glass, jewelry, metal sculptures and graphic designs. She’s the owner of Enigma Studio in Dallas.

The judge’s comments: “This artist’s work beautifully represented the author’s story. Her cats’ expressions were lovely, the drawings of the long, long tail captured the essence of the story.”

The winning entry is the children’s book, “CougongongMongongMingongMan” by Terri Kelleher.

**The CWA PRESIDENT’S AWARD**, sponsored by the Cat Fanciers’ Association, is presented to the best entry among all Muse Medallion™ winners in the regular contest categories. This award consists of \$250 and a commemorative item.

About the winner President Dusty Rainbolt said, “How do you judge the “best” between so many different types of entries? How do you compare an excellent health book to an excellent membership newsletter or an excellent editorial? Poems, articles, books and videos?”

“I contacted Vicki Fisher, president of TICA and asked how she picks the best household pet cat.

“She answered, “All things being equal, I pick the prettiest and happiest cat. One that is beautiful and makes me and the audience happy. In your case, I would suggest picking the writing that affects you the most deeply – happy or sad.

“This has been a year of loss for me, my dad, my two heart cats, Zeki and then Lorie. There was one entry that was sent to me, shortly after it was released. It made me laugh. Over and over again, and it never got old. The humans occupying this entry, were goofy and maybe even a little dumb, but the cat shone like a star. And while its main purpose was to entertain, there was also that nod to rescue and encouraging people to adopt homeless cats.

“My Best of Show and the winner of the 2014 President’s Award is Alana Grelyak’s video, CHATastrophe.”

## **2014 CWA COMMUNICATION CONTEST WINNERS**

### I.1 Monthly Magazine: National

\*Susan Logan, Editor, “*Cat Fancy*”

### I.2 Magazine Article: Health & General Care

\*Arnold Plotnick, DVM, “Change of Heart” *Cat Fancy*

Bernadette Kazmarski, “Tail Vaccines for Cats Could Save Lives” *Pittsburgh PetConnections*

Fran Pennock Shaw, “A Glimmer of Hope” *Cat Fancy*

Fran Pennock Shaw, “A New Frontier in Medicine” *Cat Fancy*

Fran Pennock Shaw, “Raw Intelligence” *Cats USA 2014*

Dusty Rainbolt, “Cat Bathroom Basics” *Ready, Set, Rescue 2014*

Dusty Rainbolt, “Hunters by Nature” *Cat Fancy*

Genevieve Rajewski, “Itching to Know” *Tufts Veterinary Medicine*

Ingrid King, “Feline Medicine Goes High-Tech” *Cat Fancy*

Ingrid King, “It’s In the Will” *Cat Fancy*

Ramona Marek, “Faint Heart” *Animal Wellness*

Helen Jablonski, “Orphan Care” *Kittens 101 2015*

Deborah Barnes, “Don’t Delay” *Cats Fancy*

Rebecca Sweat, “Happy Tails” *Cat Fancy*

### I.3 Magazine Article: Behavior & Training

\*Maryjean Ballner, “Winning the Affection of the Scaredy Cat” *Pet Sitter’s WORLD*

Jacqueline Munera, “Training for Cats in the Shelter: Part Three” *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog*

Jacqueline Munera, “Training for Cats in the Shelter: Part Four” *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog*

Jacqueline Munera, “Dogs and Declawed Cats: Extra Caution Required” *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog*

Helen Jablonski, “Solve Litterbox Issues For Good” *CATS USA 2014*

### I.4 Magazine Article: Rescue/Advocacy

\*Nancy Peterson, “The Challenges of a Rural TNR Project” *Animal Sheltering*

Bernadette Kazmarski, “The Invisible Cat” *Pittsburgh PetConnections*

Kate Hurley, DVM and James Hettinger, “For Community Cats, A Change Is Gonna Come/Putting it

Into Practice” *Animal Sheltering Magazine*

Cimeron Morrissey, “Pure Joy” *Cat Fancy*

Cimeron Morrissey, "The Quiet Living Legend" *Cat Fancy*  
Cimeron Morrissey, "Setting the Records Straight" *Cat Fancy*  
Cimeron Morrissey, "Up to the Challenge" *Cat Fancy*  
Cimeron Morrissey, "the things we do for (cat) love" (*all lowercase*) *Cat Fancy*

#### I.5 Magazine Article: Any Other Topic

\*Kim Campbell Thornton, "Protecting Jaguars" *CATS USA 2014*  
\*Marci Kladnik, "Kittens Gone Wild! The Feral Cat Challenge" *Pet Sitter's WORLD*  
Stacy Hackett, "Around the World With 18 Breeds" *CATS USA 2014*  
Bernadette Kazmarski, "Never Enough Time, But Enough Time to Love" *Pittsburgh PetConnections*  
Jim Baker, "Free to Good Home" *Animal Sheltering*  
Jen Reeder, "How Cats Broke the Internet" *Modern Cat*  
Sandy Robins, "How Smart is Your Cat?" *CATS USA 2014*  
Audrey Pavia, "Black Magic" *Cat Fancy*

#### I.6 Magazine Column

\*Cimeron Morrissey, "Cat Champions" *Cat Fancy*  
Nancy Peterson, "Catty Corner" *Animal Sheltering*  
Sandy Robins, "Life's Purrfect" *Cat Fancy*

#### II.1 Newspaper Article: Health & General Care

\*Fran Pennock Shaw "Heartworm disease in cats on the rise" *Intelligencer Journal-Lancaster New Era*

#### II.2 Newspaper Article: Behavior & Training

no entries

#### II.3 Newspaper Article: Rescue/Advocacy

no entries

#### II.4 Newspaper Article: Any Other Topic

no winner

#### II.5 Newspaper Column

\*Amy Shojai "P'etiquette" *Herald Democrat*

#### III.1 Newsletter: Breed Specific

\*Brigitte McMinn, Editor, *Bengals Illustrated*  
Brigitte McMinn, Editor, *Savannahs Illustrated*

#### III.2 Newsletter: National Circulation

\*Cimeron Morrissey, *Cat Tales*

III.3 Newsletter: Regional or Membership Circulation Advocacy  
combined with III.2

### III.4 Newsletter Article: Health & General Care

\*Fran Pennock Shaw, "Pursuing a Cure for Breast Cancer" *Cat Watch*

\*Arnold Plotnick, "Blood Test to Detect Cancer" *catnip*

Arnold Plotnick, "Double Whammy!" *catnip*

Arnold Plotnick, "Cryptococcosis in Cats" *catnip*

Arnold Plotnick, "Hypertension in Cats" *catnip*

Arnold Plotnick, "Heart Disease or Not?" *catnip*

Arnold Plotnick, "New Advances in Treating FIP" *catnip*

Kim Campbell Thornton, "Hospice Care for Cats" *catnip*

Kim Campbell Thornton, "Holiday Hazards Can Tempt the Curious" *Cat Watch*

Kim Campbell Thornton, "A Simple Way to Check the Ears" *Cat Watch*

Elissa Wolfson, "The Coat Tells the Tale" *Cat Watch*

Elissa Wolfson, "Be on the Lookout for Nail Injuries" *Cat Watch*

### III.5 Newsletter Article: Behavior & Training

\*Kim Campbell Thornton, "Fearful Cats Can Go on the Attack" *Cat Watch*

Kim Campbell Thornton, "Appealing to the Heart of a Hunter" *Cat Watch*

### III.6 Newsletter Article: Rescue/Advocacy

\*Kim Campbell Thornton, "Kitten Nurseries Save Lives" *Catnip*

Nancy Marano, "Albuquerque's Community Cat Program" *Petroglyphs*

### III.7 Newsletter Article: Any Other Topic

\*Nancy Marano, "Cat Colors and Stereotypes" *Petroglyphs*

Lee Wardlaw, "Eight Things I've Learned from My Cats about Writing Haiku" *Meow*

### III.8 Newsletter Column Topic

\*Lyn Garson, CVT, "Technically Speaking" *OurCompanions.org*

### IV.1 Short Story

no winner

### IV.2 Poem

\*Bernadette Kazmarski, "Once" *thecreativecat.net*

Carole Nelson Douglas, "Feline Domestic" 2013 CWA Conference Program

Linda Mohr, "Untitled Haiku" *nlapw.org*

Andrea Dorn, "Once a Cat" *Meow*

Andrea Dorn, "Lady Butterfly" *Meow*

### IV.3 Humor

no winner

### IV.4 Brochure, Pamphlet, or Short Publication

\*Teresa Keiger, "CFA World Show Ad" *The Detroit News*

#### IV.5 Annual or Long Publication

\*Susan Logan, Editor, *Kittens 101 2015*  
Brigitte McMinn, Editor, *Ragdoll Illustrated Calendar*  
Bernadette Kazmarski, *12 Sketches of Cats*

#### IV.6 Opinion Piece, Essay, or Editorial

\*Janiss Garza, "Cats Do Not Equal Children" *CatChannel*  
Janiss Garza, "Soul Cat" *CatChannel*  
Deborah Barnes, "The Many Shades of a Crazy Cat Lady" *Zee & Zoey's Chronicle Connection*  
Amy Shojai, "Cats Under Attack! TNR, TB, Toxo and Talkback" *AmyShojai.com*  
JaneA Kelley, "I Think Mandatory Spay/Neuter Laws Do More Harm Than Good" *catster.com*  
JaneA Kelley, "9 Reasons I'm Adopting Special-Needs Cats from Now On" *catster.com*  
Dusty Rainbolt, "When is it Time to Say Goodbye to Your Cat?" *catster.com*

#### IV.7 PR / Humane Education / Press Kits

no entries

#### V.1 Books: Fiction

\*Clea Simon, *Panthers Play for Keeps*  
\*Catherine Holm, *The Great Purr*  
Amy Shojai, *Hide and Seek*  
Belea T. Keeney, *The Tiger Whisperer*  
Linda Stewart, *The Great Catsby*

#### V.2 Books: For Children

no winner

#### V.3 Books: Health & General Care

no entries

#### V.4 Books: Behavior & Training

no entries

#### V.5 Books: Gift

\*Angie Bailey, *whiskerslist (all lowercase)*  
Bernadette Kazmarski, *feline style sampler (all lowercase)*

#### V.6 Books: Poetry

no entries

#### V.7 Books: Other

\*Bryan Kortis, *Community TNR, Tactics and Tools* for PetSmart Charities

#### VI.1 Video, DVD or TV Production

\*Alana Grelyak, "CHATastrophe" *catcatastrophes.com*

VI.2 Broadcast, Audio – Any Format Advocacy  
no winners

VII.1 Online Magazine or Newsletter  
\*Vicky Walker, Editor, *Catster*

VII.2 Online Article: Health & General Care

\*Dusty Rainbolt, “The Feline Quality of Life Scale” *catster.com*  
Lorie Huston, “Seven Common Pet Parasite Myths Busted” *pet-health-care-gazette.com*  
Ingrid King, “The Feline Health Care Crisis” *The Conscious Cat*  
Sandy Robins, “How to Form a Lifelong Bond with Your Cat” *pawnation.com*  
Sandy Robins, “What You Need to Know to Keep Your Cat Healthy” *momtastic.com*  
Sandy Robins, “Summer Cat Concerns” on *pawnation.com*  
Letrisa Miller, DVM, “Senior Cat Dental Health” *catwisdom101.com*  
Letrisa Miller, DVM, “Squeaky’s Long Fall” *catwisdom101.com*

VII.3 Online Article: Behavior & Training

\*Marilyn Krieger, “What Do You Do When Your Cat Shows Signs of Senility?” *catster.com*  
Marilyn Krieger, “Why do Cats Purr? Some of the Reasons Might Surprise You” *catster.com*  
Marilyn Krieger, “How to Stop Litterbox Problems Before They Begin” *catster.com*  
Marilyn Krieger, “I’m Willing to Bet Your Cat Hates Her Litter Box – Here’s Why” *catster.com*  
Nancy Peterson, “It’s National Answer Your Cat’s Questions Day” *catster.com*  
Amy Shojai, “Why Cats Hate Halloween Costumes and How to Get Your Cat to Tolerate One” *catster.com*

VII.4 Online Article: Rescue/Advocacy

\*Janiss Garza, “10 Signs of Cat Hoarding” *CatChannel*  
Dusty Rainbolt, “9 Reasons Why Yours Should Become a Cat Foster Family” *catster.com*  
Jen Reeder “Celebrating National Pet Week With Jake” *Huffington Post*  
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Dusty Rainbolt, “The History of Cat Litter and Litter Boxes” *CatWisdom101.com*  
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Elyse Orecchio, “Cats, Kids, Reading = Enrichment, Adoptions, Compassion” *aspcapro.org*

VII.6 Online Column

\*Dr. Marty Becker, Kim Campbell Thornton & Mikkel Becker “Pet Connection” *uexpress.com*  
Dusty Rainbolt, “Ask Einstein” *catster.com*  
Keith Bowers, “Cat Dandy” *catster.com*

VIII.1 – Blog: Health & General Care (URL plus 3 blog posts)  
no entries

VIII.2 – Blog: Behavior & Training (URL plus 3 blog posts)  
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VIII.3 – Blog: Rescue/Advocacy (URL plus 3 blog posts) Advocacy  
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VIII.4 – Blog: Entertainment (URL plus 3 blog posts)  
\*Lisa Richman, “A Tonk’s Tail Blog”

VIII.5 – Blog: Any Other Topic (URL plus 3 blog posts)  
\*Alana Grelyak, “The Cat in the Fridge”  
\*Janiss Garza, “Sparkle the Designer Cat “  
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Amy Shojai, “Bling, Bitches & Blood”  
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VIII.6 Website  
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IX.1 Black & White Photograph (Single)  
\*Debbie Glovatsky, “I’m Innocent”

IX.2 Black & White Photography (Series)  
\*Debbie Glovatsky, “As Moody as B & W”

IX.3 Color Photograph (Single)  
\*Bernadette Kazmarski, “Frankencat and Old Grand Dad”

IX.4 Color Photograph (Series)  
\*Jerry Thornton, “Protecting the Jaguars”

IX.5 Photographic Art  
\*Janiss Garza, “Tortie”  
Lisa Richman, “Monday Mathematics”

IX.6 Cartoon  
\*Stephanie Piro, “Favorites”  
Stephanie Piro, “Litter Boxes”  
Stephanie Piro, “Peace on Earth”  
Stephanie Piro, “Rainbow Bridge”  
Stephanie Piro, “House Cat”  
Stephanie Piro, “Endorsements ”

Bernadette Kazmarski, "Purring Points"  
Bernadette Kazmarski, "Saturday Morning"

IX.7 Illustration (Single)

\*Dawn Secord, "Mr. Knuckles"

\*Cori Solomon, "Kissin' Cousins"

Cori Solomon, "Milly"

Bernadette Kazmarski, "The TNR Story"

IX.8 Illustration (Series) Website

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