

# **The Cat Writers' Association, Inc. Twentieth Annual Conference**

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"In the Dark"

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# 2013 Special Awards

**AAFP CAT FRIENDLY AWARD** sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners

**JUDGE: DR. LETRISSA MILLER** is an award-winning veterinarian with more than ten years' experience as a feline-only practitioner. A graduate of Oklahoma State University School of Veterinary Medicine, she also holds a master's degree in microbiology from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Oregon State University. From 2006 through 2011 she was a board member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). A founding fellow of the International Association of Cat Doctors, she became president of that organization in January 2012. Long interested in research, Dr. Miller has published several scientific papers and for many years was chair of the AAFP's research committee. In 2010 she represented the AAFP at the founding of the Cat Health Network, a joint initiative of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation, Winn Feline Foundation, and AAFP. She has also been an investigator for an FDA clinical drug trial to gain approval and labeling of a drug for use in cats. Dr. Miller owns Connecticut Feline Medicine and Surgery, a full service facility for cats.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTASHELTER.COM ADOPT-A-HOMELESS-CAT AWARD**  
sponsored by AdoptAShelter.com

**JUDGE: PATRICIA OLSON, DVM** is chief veterinary advisor of the American Humane Association. She is responsible for a large range of activities including: identifying research opportunities to advance the health and welfare of children and animals; using science to define the key elements that advance and sustain the human-animal bond; promoting and developing academic programs to enhance veterinary medical education in animal welfare; identifying strategies for research opportunities to prevent disease and injury to animals; promoting scientific discovery to advance legislative/regulatory changes for the benefit of animals; and developing strategic alliances and partnerships with organizations and institutions to promote animal health and welfare.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**CEVA ANIMAL-HUMAN BOND AWARD** sponsored by Ceva

**JUDGE: DR. CHRISTINA CHAMBREAU** is an internationally-known homeopathic veterinarian, teacher, and chair of the board and founder of the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. She is on the faculty of the National Center for Homeopathy Summer School and also teaches her own courses, and lectures at conventions, schools, clubs and to anyone who is concerned about improving the health of animals. She has written for and is quoted in many magazines.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**DR. JIM RICHARDS CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER VETERINARY ISSUES AWARD** sponsored by Cornell University's Feline Health Center

**JUDGE: RYANE ENGLAR** is a 2008 graduate of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She joined Cornell's Feline Health Center as a consultant in May 2011 and is a contributor to Cornell's monthly newsletter, *CatWatch*. Her special interests in the realm of feline medicine include pain management, pediatrics, and end-of-life palliative care. When she is not working in private practice or assisting students in clinical rotations as a Kirk Practitioner-in-Residence at Cornell University, she enjoys looking after her own two Tonkinese cats, Bailey and Nina. It is a special privilege to judge the Dr. Jim Richards Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award, because she was mentored heavily by the late Dr. Jim Richards.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_



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**FANCY FEAST® LOVE STORY AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: JOAN CARON** earned a master's degree in special education, then spent 25 years as a Marine Mammal Trainer and Curator at the Miami Seaquarium where her charges included the famous dolphin, Flipper. Now semi-retired, Joan is the co-owner of Software Mas, a company that provides medical software to Spanish-speaking physicians. She also works part-time as a pet sitter and is a member of the Cat Network, an organization devoted to TNR and cat rescues. Joan's great passion now is the care and training of her own five beloved cats, Zach, Cody, Stacey, Abby, and Bo.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRISKIES® WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: DR. CHRISTINA RIGONI** is the owner of All Cats Veterinary Clinic in Houston. She has been a professional cat breeder for over 20 years.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**HARTZ® EVERYDAY CHEWABLE VITAMIN AWARD** sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation

**JUDGE: DR. MELISSA KENNEDY**, an East Tennessee native, received all her schooling at the University of Tennessee – a DVM in 1983 and a Ph.D. in 1991. Following a residency in microbiology, became a faculty member at the UTCVM. Her research has focused on feline viruses, particularly feline coronavirus and FIP. While she doesn't own any cats, she has a special affection for them and finds it fulfilling to address some of their issues in her work.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**HARTZ® GLAMOUR-PUSS AWARD** sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation

**JUDGE: HEATHER ROBERTS** is the Dean of Sciences and Math at Sierra College in California. She worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health, investigating inherited feline disease and the origins of the domestic cat. She has bred and exhibited award-winning Bengals, Bombays, and Singapuras, but is currently working with Burmese. She is a TICA-approved All-Breed judge and a member of the TICA Genetics Committee.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**HARTZ® MILK REPLACEMENT FOR KITTENS AWARD** sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation

**JUDGE: KIM INNES** has been rescuing cats since her early teens from Michigan to Germany to Texas. She has specialized in rescuing feral cats for around 40 years, joining Animal Allies of Texas eight years ago where she is the Cat Coordinator and a member of the Board of Directors.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**"IN THE SPOTLIGHT" AWARD** sponsored by Jacat Cattery

**JUDGE: PAT HARDING** has been a show judge since 1963, judging for ACFA, Crown, and TICA since its inception. A licensed distinguished all-breed teaching and training judge, she also has presented at judging schools. Over the years, she has raised and shown Siamese, Oriental Shorthairs, American Shorhairs, and, since 1963, Abyssinians. Born in New York, she bought her first cat at Gimbels Department Store in 1952. Now living in Albuquerque, NM, she is president of the Enchanted Cat Club and a member of the Kennel Kompadres nonprofit organization, and Friends of the Albuquerque Animal Care Center where they sponsor the annual mayor's Dog Ball and other fund-raising events.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**KARI WINTERS RESCUE AND REHABILITATION AWARD** sponsored by The International Cat Association (TICA)

**JUDGE: JENNY SCHLUETER**, Development Director and Feral Friends TNR Program Manager for Tree House Humane Society, has consistently increased revenue for Tree House while at the same time greatly expanding shelter outreach activities using a grass roots approach which includes weekly adoption events and partnerships with local businesses and other nonprofits. An avid TNR activist, Jenny first practiced TNR in 1998 in Madrid, Spain, and she continued her work with feral cats here in Chicago by starting Tree House's Feral Friends TNR Program. Jenny has been with Tree House since November, 2003.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_



"Good Scratch on Deck Rail"

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**PRO-PLAN® PEDIGREED CATS AWARD** sponsored by Purina®

**JUDGE: CAROL BARBEE** Until retiring from breeding and showing in 2010, Carol has bred and exhibited Siamese and Cornish Rex. Over the years she has been president of the Cornish Rex Society, ACFA Cornish Rex Breed Chair, ACFA Mid Central Regional Director, and ACFA president. She currently serves as the ACFA International Division Chair, and as a member of the ACFA Genetics Committee and Judges Executive Council. She was the editor of the ACFA Yearbook for 11 years.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURINA® CAT CHOW® NUTRITION AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: DR. VICKI L. THAYER** is on the Board of Directors for the Contra Costa Veterinary Emergency Center, for the Academy of Feline Medicine, and a "VIN buddy" for the Veterinary Information Network. She graduated cum Laude in Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University and has had her own cat practice, Purrfect Practice, in Lebanon, OR since 1979. She is owned by five cats and a dog.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURINA ONE® HEALTH AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: COLLEEN MURRAY, DVM**, earned her veterinary degree at the University of Louisiana, where she worked as a primate keeper at the Audubon Zoo. She completed her internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Texas A&M and has practiced in Dallas at the Katy Trail Animal Hospital for over twenty years. She shares her home in North Dallas with several cats, an assortment of Australian and South American birds and many fish.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURINA® KITTEN CHOW® KITTEN AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: DR. DREW WEIGNER, DVM, ABVP (Feline)** has practiced veterinary medicine for more than 25 years. Graduating in 1982 from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, he established The Cat Doctor in Atlanta, GA in 1987, the first feline specialty practice in the southeastern United States, which became accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association in 1991. In 1995, he became one of the first veterinarians to become board-certified in feline practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. He served as president of the Academy of Feline Medicine in 2002 and as board director of the American Association of Feline Practitioners for several terms. He is

the author of numerous scientific and consumer articles and is sought after as an expert in feline medicine by such organizations as CNN, the Chicago Tribune, and USA Today.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**STICKY PAWS® TRAINING AWARD** sponsored by Pioneer Pets

**JUDGE: DILARA GOKSEL PARRY** grew up in Istanbul, Turkey and holds degrees in psychology and in comparative literature from Oberlin College. She has worked with animals since 1991, and was the cat behavior program coordinator at the San Francisco SPCA for over 12 years. As a certified cat behavior consultant, she has been interviewed by MSNBC.com, *Animal Sheltering* magazine, *catchannel.com*, *KittensUSA*, *The Daily Cat*, has served on the Best Friends/No More Homeless Pets forums, and written for *Maddie's Fund*. She has also been called on as an expert witness in a Massachusetts lawsuit relating to cat behavior. She shares her life in Richmond, CA with her family of humans, dogs, and cats and chickens.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**TIDY CATS® FELINE BEHAVIOR AWARD** sponsored by Purina

**JUDGE: MIKEL DELGADO** is currently a Ph.D. student at UC Berkeley where she studies animal cognition and behavior, and human-animal relationships. She has presented research on the welfare of laboratory pigeons, human attitudes about domestic cats, and emotions and decision-making in squirrels at several academic conferences. She is a former director of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants.

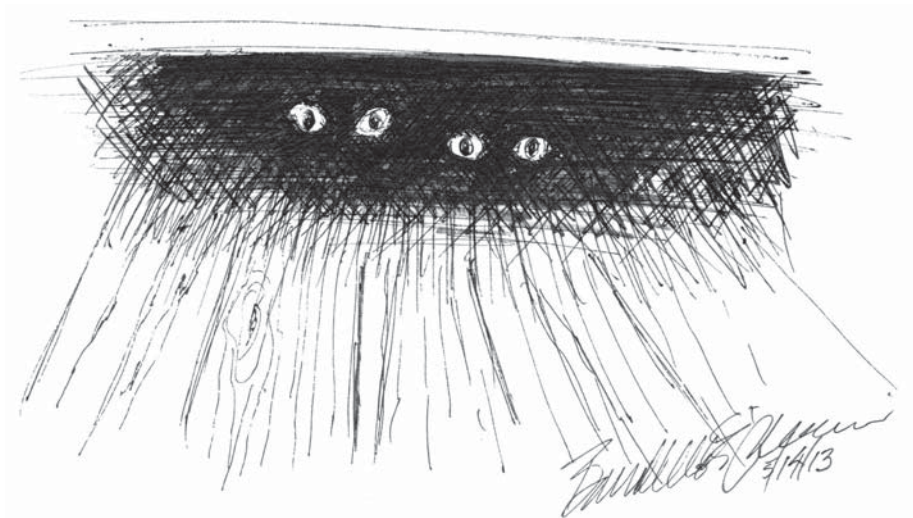
Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**WORLD'S BEST® CAT LITTER-ARY AWARD** sponsored by World's Best Cat Litter

**JUDGE: HEATHER O'STEEN** is currently the assistant executive director of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). She is responsible not only for oversight of the day-to-day operations and project timeliness of the Association, but she also supports the board and committees in all Association objectives. In addition, she is leading multiple marketing and public relations efforts as well as the management and promotion of the new Cat Friendly Practice Program.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_





"Under the Furniture"

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**SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD** sponsored by founder and past president Amy D. Shojai

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Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUDGE: RICHARD A. BYRNES** is a Connecticut painter, sculptor and printmaker. He is also an award-winning video producer, creating hundreds of instructional art videos for his two corporations, RA Byrnes Productions and Double Diamond Corporation. He is a master teacher at the Studio School of Greenwich, CT, the Center for Senior Activities in Westport, CT, conducts private lessons at his studios in Stamford, CT and in the Loire Valley of France.

Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

**CWA PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

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Winner: \_\_\_\_\_



"And the Muse Goes To..."

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# 2013 CWA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

## **I.1 Monthly Magazine – National**

Ellen Price, ed. *Pet Sitter's World*

Susan Logan, ed. *Cat Fancy*

## **I.2 Magazine Article – Health & General Care**

Dusty Rainbolt "Warning Signs"

Helen Jablonski "Healthy Teeth for Life"

Fran Pennock Shaw "No Two Alike"

Fran Pennock Shaw "Life-saving Science"

Sharon Eisen, DVM "What's Bugging Your Cat?"

Arna Cohen "Junk in the Trunk: Help Your Fat Cat Dump His  
Spare Tire"

Andrea Dorn "Harder Than it Looks"

Arnold Plotnick, DVM "Keeping Kittens Healthy"

Gary Norsworthy, DVM "A New Look at Vaccines and Sarcomas"

## **I.3 Magazine Article – Behavior & Training**

Fran Pennock Shaw "More Than Fun"

Ramona Marek "Body Talk"

Arna Cohen "Litter-ly Speaking"

Debbie Swanson "Your Cat's Amazing Senses"

Susan Ewing "The Power of Play"

Thomas Mahoney "Mysterious Slumber"

## **I.4 Magazine Article – Rescue**

Cimeron Morrissey "What's One Week? Confessions of a reluctant  
foster parent"

Jim Baker "Life in the Fast Lane"  
Jacqueline Munera "Set Up Cats in the Shelter for Success"  
Jacqueline Munera "Enrichment for Cats in the Shelter: What the heck does that actually mean?"  
Helen Jablonski "Last Chance for Love"  
Janiss Garza "TNR Super Star"  
Nancy Peterson "Better With Age"  
Nancy Peterson "Talking TNR"  
Nancy Peterson "Yes, In Our Backyard"

## **I.5 Magazine Article – Any Other Topic**

Dusty Rainbolt "Finding Your Purr-fect Love"  
Helen Jablonski "Loaded with Personality"  
Kim Thornton "A Green Solution for Cheetahs"  
Ingrid King "Healing Purrs"  
Sandy Robins "Nurture True Nature"  
Arna Cohen "Anything But Ordinary: The dazzling spectrum of feline colors and patterns"

## **I.6 Magazine Column**

Cimeron Morrissey "Cat Champions"  
Cimeron Morrissey "Foster Focus"  
Nancy Peterson "Catty Corner"  
Steve Dale "The CATalyst"

## **II.1 Newspaper Article – Health & General Care**

Fran Pennock Shaw "Just More of Me to Love?"  
Fran Pennock Shaw "Mosquitoes and Ticks and Fleas Oh My!"

## **II.2 Newspaper Article – Behavior & Training**

No Entries

## **II.3 Newspaper Article – Rescue**

No Entries



"Laughing Cat Mulan"

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## **II.4 Newspaper Article – Any Other Topic**

No Entries

## **II.5 Newspaper Column**

Marci Kladnik "Catalyst for Cats"

## **III.1 Newsletter – Breed Specific**

No Entries

## **III.2 Newsletter – National Circulation**

No Winner

### **III.3 Newsletter – Regional or Membership Circulation**

Cimeron Morrissey *Cat Tales*  
Kyle Riser *Alley Cat Mews*

### **III.4 Newsletter Article – Health & General Care**

Kim Thornton "Is It Normal Shedding or Hair Loss?"  
Arnold Plotnick, DVM "Research for Cats with CKD"

### **III.5 Newsletter Article – Behavior & Training**

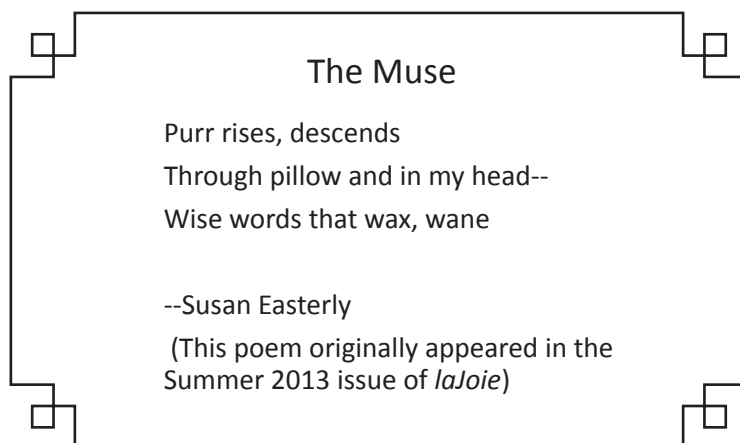
No Winner

### **III.6 Newsletter Article – Rescue**

No Winner

### **III.7 Newsletter Article – Any Other Topic**

Nancy Marano "TNR Is a Success in Albuquerque"  
Nancy Marano "Samantha Martin: The Making of an Animal Trainer"  
Allie Phillips "The Hierarchy of Anti-Cruelty Laws: Prosecuting the Abuse of Stray and Feral Cats"  
Cecelia Martinez "Life Lessons From a Feline Perspective"  
Mary Kolencik "Chestnuts Roasting at an Open Show"



### **III.8 Newsletter Column**

Lauri Henry "Excruciatingly Correct"  
Lyn Garson "Technically Speaking"  
Nancy Marano "Cat Chat"

### **IV.1 Short Story**

Beverly Freed "A Cat Out of Time"

### **IV.2 Poem**

Susan Easterly "B. Notes"  
Betsy Stowe "Empty Nest"

### **IV.3 Humor**

Lisa-Maria Padilla "A New Wool Toy"  
Lisa-Maria Padilla "Abyssinian Corporate Promotional Service"

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

No Winner

### **IV.5 Annual or Long Publication**

No Winner

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

Marci Kladnik "What Should You Believe About Feral Cats?"  
Marci Kladnik "Your Cat, Your Responsibility"  
Bernadette Kazmarski "My First Litter"

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

No Entries

### **V.1 Books – Fiction**

David Michie *The Dalai Lama's Cat*  
Dusty Rainbolt *Death Under the Crescent Moon*  
Shirley Rousseau Murphy *Cat Bearing Gifts*

## **V.2 Books – For Children**

No Winner

## **V.3 Books – Health & General Care**

No Entries

## **V.4 Books – Behavior & Training**

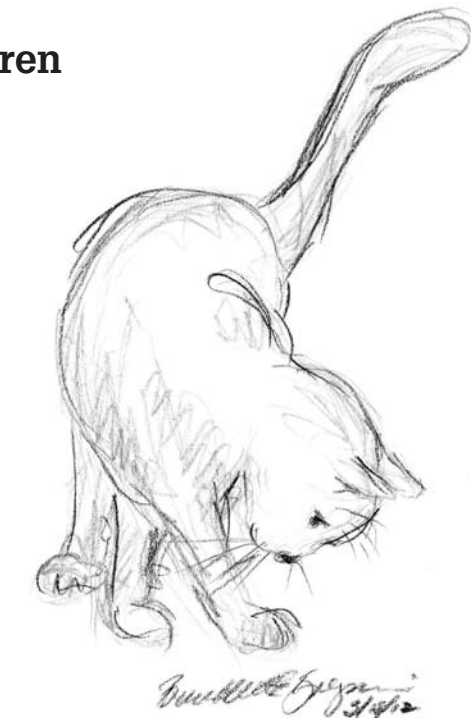
Amy Shojai *ComPETability: Solving Behavior problems in Your Multi-Cat Household*

## **V.5 Books – Gift**

No Entries

## **V.6 Books – Poetry**

No Entries



"The Toy Dance"

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## **V.7 Books – Other**

Patricia Barey *Julia's Cats: Julia Child's Life in the Company of Cats*  
Catherine Holm *Driving with Cats: Ours for a Short Time*

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

No Entries

## **VI.2 Broadcast, Audio – Any Format**

No Winner

## **VII.1 Online Magazine, Newsletter**

No Winner

## **VII.2 Website**

No Winner



### **VII.3 Online Article – Health & General Care**

Dusty Rainbolt "Have a Little Heart(worm)"  
Dusty Rainbolt "Grayson the Great"  
Dusty Rainbolt "Jabba the Cat"  
Ingrid King "Finding a Cat-friendly Vet"  
Ingrid King "A Team Approach to Caring for Cats With Cancer"  
Sandy Robins "Dealing with Post-Holiday Cat Stress"  
JaneA Kelley "8 Ways to Make Your Senior Cat's Golden Years Comfortable"  
Marci Kladnik "Cat Math: 10 Reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Cat Now"

### **VII.4 Online Article – Behavior & Training**

Dusty Rainbolt "Cat Carrier"  
Angie Bailey "6 Ways to Prepare Your Cat for a New Baby"  
Sandy Robins "Ask the Cat Expert: Morning Mealtime Behavior"

### **VII.5 Online Article – Rescue**

Cimeron Morrissey "Project Bay Cat Helps San Francisco Bay's Rock-Dwelling Kitties"  
JaneA Kelley "You've Probably Adopted a Cat; Has a Cat Ever Adopted You?"  
JaneA Kelley "Sara Goldenthal Turns Fearful Cats into Adoptable Pets"  
Stacey Ritz "A Bit of Hope"  
Elizabeth Jarrell "Thinking Inside the Box"

### **VII.6 Online Article – Any Other Topic**

Dusty Rainbolt "Kitten Typos & Other Hazards of Being a Cat Writer"  
Angie Bailey "5 Ways to Help Your Kids Cope with the Death of a Family Pet"  
Angie Bailey "I Don't Care What You Say: Cat Guys Make the Best Husbands"  
Deborah Barnes "Kizmet the Rescue Kitten Gets a New Home" (series)

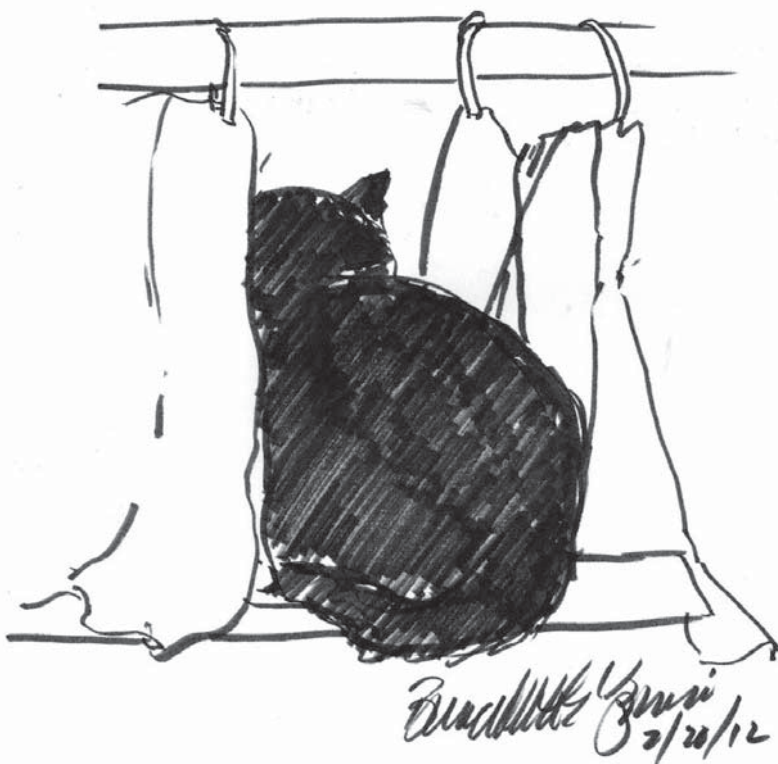
Christine Michaels "Lion King and the Circle of Love"  
Sandy Robins "Paws for a Cause: Feral Cats"  
JaneA Kelley "Blogger Peter Wolf Traps and Neuters Feral Cat Myths"  
Stephanie Harwin "A 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party to Remember for Wolfie the Cat"  
Nancy Boyd "How to Build a Feral Cat Shelter"

## VII.7 Online Column

Angie Bailey "Kids, Cats, Chaos!"  
Amy Shojai "Kitty's Corner"

## VII.8 Blog: Educational

JaneA Kelley "Paws and Effect" – [www.paws-and-effect.com](http://www.paws-and-effect.com)



"Through the Curtains"

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## **VII.9 Blog: Entertainment**

Bernadette Kazmarski "The Creative Cat" – [www.thecreativecat.net](http://www.thecreativecat.net)

## **VIII.1 Black & White Photograph (Single)**

Layla Morgan Wilde "Snow Cat"

## **VIII.2 Black & White Photography (Series)**

Debbie Glovatsky "Kitty Love for Our US Marines"

## **VIII.3 Color Photograph (Single)**

Lisa Richman "Beautiful Dreamer"

BJ Bangs "Baby Kitty Lenny"

Marci Kladnik "Ready to Strike"

Debbie Glovatsky "Waffles is More Than Half in the Bag"

Larry Johnson "Looking at You"

## **VIII.4 Color Photograph (Series)**

Layla Morgan Wilde "The Fog Comes in on Little Cat Feet"

Robin Olson "George and Oh Yeah Others"

Debbie Glovatsky "Cat-in-the-Bag Recipe"

## **VIII.5 Cartoon**

Stephanie Piro "Mistake"

Stephanie Piro "Quiet"

Stephanie Piro "Volunteer"

Stephanie Piro "Foster Mom"

## **VIII.6 Illustration (Single)**

No Winner

## **VIII.7 Illustration (Series)**

Bernadette Kazmarski "Cats After Van Gogh"

Bernadette Kazmarski "Cranberry Goes to the Block Party"



"Lil Bub"

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## Contributing Artists, Poets & Photographers

**SUSAN EASTERLY** is an award-winning writer and author of *Your Older Cat* and *The Guide to Handraising Kittens*. She is currently poetry contributing editor of *laJoie*, a quarterly publication dedicated to promoting appreciation for all beings. A longtime professional member of CWA, she shares her home in Newberg, OR, with three feline muses.

**DEBBIE GLOVATSKY** is the creative mind behind the award-winning cat blog, GLOGIRLY.com known for its visual storytelling, beautiful photography and laugh-out-loud humor. She is also the designer of the new CWA logo

**BERNADETTE KAZMARSKI** works under the supervision of her cats in her home office and studio, painting animals and nature, writing fiction and poetry and providing commercial print, web and logo design and illustrations as well as photographing events, and writing articles and publicity. She is the publisher of *The Creative Cat* ([www.thecreativecat.net](http://www.thecreativecat.net)) featuring daily photos and sketches of her cats and daily articles on diverse entertaining and educational topics concerning cats, pets, nature and artwork.

**MARCI KLADNIK** sits on the board of Catalyst for Cats, Inc. in Santa Barbara, CA, a feral TNR group. She is a Muse-winning photographer and a cat columnist for three local papers, Catster.com and other web-based outlets. While she doesn't profess to being an artist, she does have a BA in the subject and loves to do an occasional sketch. She prefers to write about felines, including a children's book series she's working on about her Scottie and the feral kittens the dog helps foster.

**LISA RICHMAN** is an award-winning director of film and video, author, animal advocate and owner of pet blog, *A Tonk's Tale*.

**CORI SOLOMON'S** interest in animals began in the 1980s with the purchase of two Salukis. Having been an art major, she put her creative side on hold until the death of her sister in 2001 when she discovered artistic expression and experimentation through drawing and painting animals. This event also brought cats into Cori's life, as she chose to care for her sister's two. Already an award-winning animal artist, friends suggested that her experiences breeding, training and her overall love

for animals was a natural segue into writing about them. Cori donates a percentage from art sales to various animal charities and her writing has informed the public on the vital role dogs and cats play in our lives.

**MARGIE YEE WEBB** is the author/photographer of *Cat Mulan's Mindful Musings: Insight and Inspiration for a Wonderful Life*, a gift book with photographs of her cat, Mulan, with words of wisdom and humor. She is an editor for the upcoming *Not Your Mother's Book . . . On Cats*, an anthology of entertaining and hilarious cat stories from Publishing Syndicate. Additionally, Margie is one of the producers of FEMME: Women Healing the World, an inspirational documentary featuring interviews with 100 influential women from around the world who are actively transforming and healing global society. Her website is <http://www.catmulan.com/>.

**LAYLA MORGAN WILDE** is a CWA Muse Medallion winner for both color and black and white categories. She is a holistic cat behaviorist and founder and editor of the premier online magazine Cat Wisdom 101.com. Layla is a contributor at Petfinder.com, Pet360.com, Catster.com, Boomer Muse, Nordic Spotlight and World's Best Cat Litter blog. Her feline fine art photography at Etsy.com benefits the A.S.P.C.A. Layla lives in Westchester County, N.Y. with four photogenic cats.



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