

The Cat Writers' Association, Inc.
Awards Banquet
November 3, 2012



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Los Angeles, CA

Muse Medallion (cover art)

KAREN KUYKENDALL was a charter member of Cat Writers' Association. In the Winter 1994 issue of *Meow*, the CWA newsletter, President Amy Shojai asked members to submit designs for the organization's new contest award medallion. The next issue published four designs (three of them submitted by Karen Kuykendall), which were put up for a membership vote. Karen's winning image still adorns our coveted Muse Medallions. CWA awarded the first Muse to Karen Kuykendall at the banquet November 1994. She also received two years free dues.

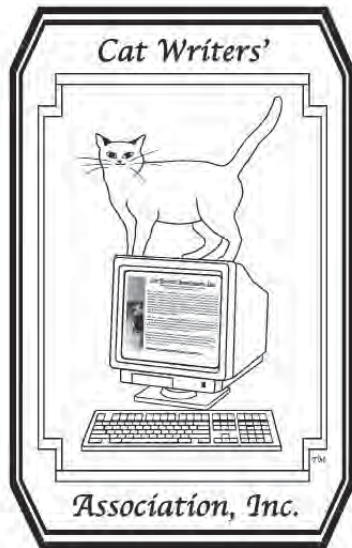
Meow recorded the historic event as follows: "I've been drawing cats since 1965," says the Casa Grande, Arizona-based artist. Her cat photos and paintings have been widely published and she is also active with the Valley Humane Society."

At the time Karen was the proud owner of 15 cats. Her name still appeared in the 1998 membership directory, although she died that year after a long battle with cancer. The KUYKENDALL IMAGE AWARD was established and first presented at the 1998 Awards Banquet to honor Karen and her work.

Karen Kuykendall was well-known for her popular, Tarot of the Cat People.

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The Cat Writers' Association, Inc. (CWA) is an international association of professional communicators who provide to the general public and to specialized audiences news, information, education and works of literary and graphic art that help describe, dramatize, explain and illuminate the myriad aspects of felines, especially domestic cats, and their place in human life and culture.

CWA members promote the best interests of all cats through a variety of media and formats, including newspapers, magazines, radio, television, websites, blogs, public relations and publicity, photojournalism, illustration, fine arts, photography, video, podcasts, speech, technical writing and more. Members strive always to observe and promote the highest standard of ethics in the generation and publication of cat information in all genres and media.



"Give me your hungry, your furry,
Your lost, strays and ferals!"

"Cat Lady of Liberty"

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**The Cat Writers' Association, Inc.
Nineteenth Annual Conference
and
Twentieth Anniversary Celebration**

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"1st Prize"

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2012 Special Awards

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

JUDGE: HELEN TUZIO is a senior associate at the Forest Hills Cat Hospital. She served as associate dean and clinical program director of the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine from 1991-2003. She is currently president of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and chairperson of the New York State Board for Veterinary Medicine. She is board certified in feline practice. She is on the Examination Development Advisory Board of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. In that capacity she contributes to the development of licensing exams for veterinarians, veterinary technicians and ABVP feline specialists. She co-authored the senior care guidelines for both the American Association of Feline Practitioners and the American Animal Hospital Association.

Winner: _____

FANCY FEAST® LOVE STORY AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: VICKIE FISHER is the president of The International Cat Association (TICA) and was a Maine Coon cat breeder for over 20 years. She is an approved all-breed judge and ring instructor. Fisher worked in executive level positions in the New Mexico state government and for the City of Albuquerque. She is president and founder of Albuquerque Kennel Kompadres, a nonprofit "friends" of the city animal shelters.

Winner: _____

FRISKIES® WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: JOHN (JACK) P. ALDRIDGE, DVM graduated from Cornell with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1971. He joined the San Francisco SPCA in 1976 where he currently serves as the director of veterinary services. His wife is also a veterinarian and recent past owner of Especially Cats Veterinary Hospital in San Francisco. The Aldridge's currently have two dogs and three cats, all strays or rescue animals from shelters. He has served for many years as vice president of the San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Aldridge's hobbies include organic vegetable gardening, mycology, writing and winemaking.

Winner: _____

HARTZ® EVERYDAY CHEWABLE VITAMIN AWARD sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation

JUDGE: VICKI THAYER is a graduate of Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She has been strictly focused on feline-only practice since 1979. She opened a practice in August 1983. Hers was selected one of the top five veterinary hospitals in the San Francisco Bay area in quality and price by Consumers Checkbook from client satisfaction surveys in May, 2003. Since that time, she has been involved in relief work at cat-only veterinary hospitals, house calls, and volunteer work.

Dr. Thayer was an active board member for 20 years of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. She served as treasurer and president (1996-1998) of the Association. She was the delegate for AAFP to the American Veterinary Medical Assn. for 7 years. She has been on the board of the Winn Feline Foundation since 2008 and is currently the president of the Foundation.

Winner: _____

HARTZ® GLAMOUR-PUSS AWARD sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation

JUDGE: CHRISTINA PAWLOSKY has been a professional groomer for 30+ years. During that time she has won multiple grooming honors including being a member of the United States Groom Team for three years. She has groomed, conditioned and presented best in show winning dogs at many AKC events specializing in Poodles. She retired after winning the Oster International Invitational Tournament of Champions in 1995. She has also awarded the Cardinal Crystal Achievement Awards for Groomer of the Year, Congeniality and Judge of the Year in multiple years. She received the Groomer of the Decade award by the New England Pet Grooming Professionals in 2001 and the Barkleigh honor of Speaker of the Year in 2011. She is a Certified Master Dog Groomer and Certified Master Cat Groomer with the National Dog Groomers Association of America.

Winner: _____

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

JUDGE: MICHELLE KING'S life revolves around saving animals and changing the world "one animal at a time." As a child she tried to save all the pregnant cats dropped off along the country road where she lived in Massachusetts. She is doing the same thing now as the manager of Lucky Paws, the City of Albuquerque's retail adoption center in a mall setting. This is the first such facility in the United States.

Winner: _____

IN THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD sponsored by Jacat Cattery

JUDGE: AL WALBRUN is a long-time TICA all-breed judge.

Winner: _____

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

JUDGE: BARBARA BRUIN is the director of the Animal Welfare Department in Albuquerque, NM. She is an attorney with over twenty-five years experience in management, law and public policy holding leadership positions in federal, state and local governments. Prior to serving as director of the Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, she served on the board of directors for Animal Humane |New Mexico. Ms. Bruin lives with three handsome rescue cats, Frank, Tony and Robert.

Winner: _____



CEVA ANIMAL HEALTH HUMAN-BOND AWARD sponsored by Ceva

JUDGE: BETTY CARMACK has had a long-standing interest in the human-animal bond. She authored *Grieving the Death of a Pet* and has led a long-running pet loss support group at the San Francisco SPCA. She is a professor at the University of San Francisco and has been a speaker at previous CWA conferences.

Winner: _____

PRO-PLAN® PEDIGREED CATS AWARD sponsored by Purina®

JUDGE: PAT HARDING has been a TICA all-breed judge since 1963. She has owned and shown Abyssinians, Siamese, Oriental and American Shorthair. She is president of the Enchanted Cat Club in Albuquerque, NM and a member of Kennel Kompadres, a “friends” of the city animal shelters. She also volunteers at the Albuquerque shelter working with cats in the recovery room.

Winner: _____

PURINA® CAT CHOW® NUTRITION AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: MINDY BOUGH is the senior director of Client Services for the ASPCA Midwest Office. The Client Services Department is responsible for several programs including: the Corporate Sponsorship Program for the Animal Poison Control Center, the Pet Nutrition and Science Advisory Service, the TNR Scheduling and Information Center, and the Post-Surgical Hotline for the ASPCA Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinics. She is a Certified Veterinary Technician who publishes educational articles for veterinary technicians and the public and speaks regularly at local and national conferences.

Winner: _____

PURINA ONE® HEALTH AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: HEATHER ROBERTS currently 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 diseases 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 is also a member of the TICA Genetics Committee.

Winner: _____

PURINA® KITTEN CHOW® KITTEN AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: JOAN CARON has a Master’s Degree in Special Education. She worked 25 years at the Miami Seaquarium as a marine mammal trainer and curator. Presently she is the semi-retired co-owner of a medical software company for Spanish speaking physicians. She also works part-time as a pet sitter and is a member of the Cat Network assisting in cat rescue.

Winner: _____

STICKY PAWS® TRAINING AWARD sponsored by Pioneer Pets

JUDGE: LINDA ARONSON, DVM, MA is a veterinarian with a referral behavior practice, PetShrink, in Berlin, MA. She treats dogs, cats and horses as well as working with zoo staff and veterinarians and their charges. Her particular interest is in medical causes of behavioral problems. The opportunity to bolster the human-animal bond and keep owners and their animals together is a primary motivator. Her DVM was from Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, and her BA, MA are in physiological sciences from Oxford University. She also completed post graduate studies in neurophysiology and psychophysics at Cambridge University.

Winner: _____

TIDY CATS® FELINE BEHAVIOR AWARD sponsored by Purina

JUDGE: DR. ELIZABETH GEORGES received a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Sciences from Oregon State University and subsequently her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from Colorado State University in 2010. A strong interest in international veterinary medicine and cross-cultural exchange has taken her to Costa Rica, Greece and Japan where she learned about various animal care techniques and animal care values. Liz currently works at VCA Wyoming Animal Hospital as a small animal general practitioner. She has two cats (Nomi and Stevie) who currently are both clicker trained to sit on command, however Nomi has excelled and is able to turn, wave and high five!

Winner: _____

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

JUDGE: SUZANNE DEWITT has a BA in English Literature and an Ed.M. in the History and Philosophy of Education which she used in a successful career in education. She worked for a publishing firm in Albuquerque, NM and became editor of a regional women's magazine. When she left the workforce to devote more time to volunteer pursuits, she began freelance editing work which she continues to this day.

She has enjoyed the companionship of felines for over 45 years. Inspector Lestrade, the DeWitts' beloved first Siamese, lived a great life for 21 years and set the bar high for all following cats who shared life with the DeWitts. Currently MC² and Blue Corn Maiden—a shelter tabby and a blue-point Siamese—keep life lively.

Winner: _____

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

Winner: _____

MICHAEL BRIM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD sponsored by CWA

Winner: _____

KUYKENDALL IMAGE AWARD sponsored by CWA

JUDGE: KAREN CANNON is a commercial artist based in Fort Collins, CO who specializes in feline art, small wild cats being a major focus. Her cat art is featured in magazines and sold world-wide. She will do customized paintings. Her business is called That's My Cat.

Winner: _____

CWA PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Sponsored by Cat Fanciers' Association

Winner: _____



“What? What?!?”

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2012 CWA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

I.1 Monthly Magazine

Susan Logan, ed. - *Cat Fancy*

I.2 Magazine Article – Health & General Care

Janiss Garza - "More Than Just Looking Good" – *Kittens USA*

Helen Jablonski – "Three Kitten Essentials" – *Cat Fancy*

Helen Jablonski – "Troubled by Tooth Resorption" – *Cat Fancy*

Maryann Mott – "In Their Own Time" – *Cat Fancy*

Arnold Plotnick – "More Than Bad Breath" – *Cat Fancy*

Dusty Rainbolt – "Fight the Bite" – *Cat Fancy*

Dusty Rainbolt – "A Germ-Free Zone" – *Cat Fancy*

Dusty Rainbolt – "Cat Care Basics" – *Cats USA*

Fran Pennock Shaw – "Unwelcome Passengers: Learn about the
Three Main Parasites that Bug Your Pet" – *Cat Fancy*

Fran Pennock Shaw – "The Well-Fed Kitten" – *Kittens USA*

Fran Pennock Shaw – "Silky and Soft: Learn How Diet Affects
Your Cat's Skin and Coat" – *Cat Fancy*

Debbie Swanson – "Safe Haven" – *Kittens USA*

Rebecca Sweat – "Unlocking the Code" – *Cats USA*

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I.3 Magazine Article – Behavior & Training

Arna Cohen – “Hey You, Get Off of My Cloud” – *Animal Sheltering*

Arna Cohen – “Blended Families” – *All Animals*

Andrea Dorn – “Sporting Cats” – *Cat Fancy*

Helen Jablonski – “Potty Anxiety” – *Cat Fancy*

Jacqueline Munera – “Cat Communication for Dog Trainers” –
APDT Chronicle of the Dog

Jacqueline Munera – “It Takes Two: Successful Cat and Dog
Interactions” – *APDT Chronicle of the Dog*

Jacqueline Munera – “The Cat Is Attacking the Dog!” – *APDT
Chronicle of the Dog*

Nancy Peterson – “Kitty in Their Hands” – *Animal Sheltering*

Dusty Rainbolt – “A Behavior Masterpiece” – *Kittens USA*

Fran Pennock Shaw – “Get Up and Go” – *Cat Fancy*

I.4 Magazine Article – Rescue

Newton Holt – “Saving an Erie Number of Cats” – *Animal Sheltering*

Helen Jablonski – “Orphan Care” – *Cat Fancy*

Cimeron Morrissey – “First-Time Fostering” – *Best Friends Magazine*

I.5 Magazine Article – Any Other Topic

Eve Adamson – “Purrfect Pitch” – *Cats USA*

Carrie Allan – “Spot-Cleaning Cages” – *Animal Sheltering*

Arna Cohen – “When You’re Ready for a Mature Relationship” –
All Animals

Janiss Garza – “A Tale of Two Breeders” – *Cats USA*

Helen Jablonski – “Fabulous Feline Furniture” – *Cat Fancy*

Ingrid King – “One Happy Feline” – *Cat Fancy*

Ramona Marek – “In Good Hands” – *Cat Fancy*

Cimeron Morrissey – “Confessions of the (Not So) Crazy Cat
Ladies” – *Best Friends Magazine*

Anthony Nichols – “The Snowshoe” – *Pet Focus*

Wendy Bedwell-Wilson – “Purr Therapy” – *Cats USA*



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I.6 Magazine Column

Brad Kollus – “Wild Cat Race” – *Cat Fancy*

Cimeron Morrissey – “Foster Focus” – *Cat Fancy*

Anthony Nichols – “Showtime” – *Your Cat*

Nancy Peterson – “Kits and Pits” – *Animal Sheltering*

Sandy Robins – “Life’s Purrfect” – *Cat Fancy*

II.1 Newspaper Article – Health and General Care

No Entries

II.2 Newspaper Article – Behavior and Training

No Entries

II.3 Newspaper Article – Rescue

No Entries

II.4 Newspaper Article – Any Other Topic

No Winner

II.5 Newspaper Column

Monique Balas – “Pet Talk” – *Oregonian*

Marci Kladnik – “Pet Column” – *Santa Ynez Valley News & Santa Maria Times*

Elaine Wexler-Mitchell – “The Cat Doc” – *The Orange County Register*

Amy Shojai – “P’etiquette” – *Herald Democrat*

Nancy White – “Your Pets” – *News & Messenger*

III.1 Newsletter – Breed Specific

Brigitte McMinn – *Bengals Illustrated*

III.2 Newsletter – National Circulation

Mary Kolencik, ed. – *CatTALK*

Brigitte McMinn – *Savannahs Illustrated*

Arden Moore, ed. – *Catnip*

III.3 Newsletter – Regional or Membership Circulation

Cimeron Morrissey – *Cat Tales*

Karen Payne – *Meow*

Kelly Riser – *Alley Cat Mews*



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III.4 Newsletter Article – Health & General Care

- Carolyn Jimenez** – “Feline Diabetes Mellitus” – *CatTALK*
Mary Kolencik – “Ten Grooming Tips for All Breeds” – *CatTALK*
Arnold Plotnick – “The ABC’s of Feline Reproduction” – *Catnip*
Arnold Plotnick – “Treating Hypercalcemia” – *Catnip*
Arnold Plotnick – “Treating Bladder Stones” – *Catnip*
Arnold Plotnick – “Treating Arthritis Pain” – *Catnip*
Fran Pennock Shaw – “RNA Interference May Provide Treatment for Feline Infectious Peritonitis” – *Purina Update (Pro Club)*
Amy Shojai – “The Expanding Role of Endoscopy” – *Catnip*
Amy Shojai – “Summer Safety for Cats” – *Catnip*
Elissa Wolfson – “Feline Dermatology Updates” – *Catnip*
Elissa Wolfson – “Understanding Feline Calicivirus” – *Catnip*
Elissa Wolfson – “Update on Amoebic Corneal Infections” – *Catnip*
Elissa Wolfson – “Smokey the Survivor” – *Catnip*
Elissa Wolfson – “The Benefits of Cat-Friendly Clinics” – *Catnip*

III.5 Newsletter Article – Behavior & Training

No Entries

III.6 Newsletter Article – Rescue

- Cecelia Martinez** – “Helping Kittens in Need: Foster Volunteers Making a Difference” – *City Paws Newsletter*

III.7 Newsletter Article – Any Other Topic

- Joan Miller** – “Feral Cat Trap, Neuter, Return” – *CatTALK*
Joan Miller – “High Quality, High Volume, Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services” – *CatTALK*
Arden Moore – “High-Tech Cat Products” – *Catnip*
Melanie Morgan – “The Rise of the Smoke Egyptian Mau” – *CatTALK*
Ann Segrest – “CFA’s Veterans” – *CatTALK*
Barbara Stretton – “The CWA Conference Comforts a Grieving Heart” – *Meow*

III.8 Newsletter Column

Lyn Garson – “Technically Speaking” – *Our Companions News*

Lauri Henry – “Excruciatingly Correct Exhibitor Manners” - *CatTALK*

Arden Moore – “Editor’s Note” – *Catnip*

Dusty Rainbolt – “Product Reviews” – *Catnip*

IV.1 Short Story

Catherine Holm – “Kali’s Will” – Catherine Holm, pub.

Lyn McConchie “The Domen” – *Penumbra ezine*

Mary Turzillo – “Purple” – *Aoife’s Kiss*

IV.2 Poem

Bernadette Kazmarski – “The Gift of a Morning” –
www.thecreativecat.net

IV.3 Humor

Arna Cohen – “Adventures in Catsterland” – *All Animals*

Allia Zobel Nolan – “Hi, I’m Allia...and I’m cat-co-dependent” –
Meow

Lisa-Maria Padilla – “A Bird in the Mouth” – *CatTALK*

Lisa-Maria Padilla – “In Nearly Living Color” – *CatTALK*

Lisa-Maria Padilla – “A Danish Sort of Christmas” – *CatTALK*

Dusty Rainbolt – “Houston, We Have a Problem” –
adoptashelter.com

IV.4 Brochure, Pamphlet, Short Publication

Lynn Thompson – “Bad Kitty!” – www.oldmaidcatlady.com

IV.5 Annual or Long Publication

Brigitte McMinn – *TICA Yearbook*

IV.6 Opinion Piece, Essay or Editorial

Dusty Rainbolt – “A Grief Observed” – www.adoptashelter.com



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IV.7 PR / Humane Education / Press Kits

No Entries

V.1 Fiction

Carole Nelson Douglas – *Cat in a Golden Vendetta* – Claire Eddy, ed. -
Forge Books

Shirley Rousseau Murphy – *Cat Telling Tales* – HarperCollins/
Morrow Avon

V.2 For Children

Lisa Fleming – *Cat and Crow: An Amazing Friendship* – Sandra Yeyati, ed. – Collage Books

Tony LoPresti – *My Cat* - Vivian Zobel, ed. – 4RV Publishing

Priscilla (P.I.) Maltbie – *Bambino and Mr. Twain* – Randi Rivers, ed. – Charlesbridge Publishing

Dian Curtis Regan – *The Snow Blew Inn* – Holiday House

Joanne Rocklin – *The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook* – Amulet Books/Abrams

Barbara Stretton – *The Case of the Lurking Lion* – RiverCat Press

Valerie Veltre - *Moo Kitty Finds a Home* – Pam Haines, ed. – Squidy Press

V.3 Health & General Care

No Winner

V.4 Behavior & Training

No Entries

V.5 Gift

Christine Davis – *Forever Paws* – Lighthearted Press

Sandy Robins – *For the Love of Cats* – Don Gulbrandsen, ed. – Triumph Books



from *I'd Rather be a Cat: The Official "Better Than Dogs" Cat Book*

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V.6 Poetry

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No Entries

V.7 Other

Jeanne Adlon & Susan Logan – Cat Calls – Joanne Abrams, ed. – Square One Publishers

Susan Bulanda – Faithful Friends: Holocaust Survivors Stories and the Pets Who Gave Them Comfort, Suffered Alongside Them and Waited for Their Return – Christina Slike, ed.– Cladach Publishing

Allie Phillips – Defending the Defenseless: A Guide to Protecting and Advocating for Pets – Bowen & Littlefield

VI.1 Video, DVD or TV Production

Allie Phillips – King Street Cats' What about Me?™ Adoption Campaign – Allie Phillips

VI.2 Broadcast, Audio - Any Format

Kristen Levine – Bring Out the Inner Kitty in Your Cat – Radio Beastro

Allie Phillips – Pets that Pass On / What Pets Teach Us – Part 1. – What Pets Teach Us, Part 2, Energy Healing for Pets – All Paws Pet Talk Radio

Sandy Robins – Pawsitively Pets Radio: The True Nature of Cats, Learning about Cat Behavior from the Experts, Catributor Matilda the Algonquin Cat Reports from New York – Gary W. Keith, Producer – High 4 Productions

The Cat Called...

by Betsy Stowe

AWC! AWC!

who is that? what is that noise you are making?

i have not heard that word before.

IT IS I, LITTLE KIT. AWC!

i have been searching for someone.

i am lost. i am lonely. i am confused.

THEN YOU HAVE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

but where am i?

YOU ARE HOME. WE HAVE FOUND EACH OTHER.

but i need help.

I WILL HELP YOU. LOOK IN THIS WINDOW.

but i see nothing. i see only myself.

BUT YOU ARE ALL YOU NEED. AWC!

i see you, too. i even see the word you say.

but it is backwards. c-w-a. what does that mean?

IT MEANS MENTOR.

NOW LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOW.

oh, it's beautiful! you are right! i am home!

will you stay with me?

FOR AS LONG AS YOU NEED ME.

VII.1 Online Magazine, Newsletter

No Winner

VII.2 Website

Ingrid King – www.consciouscat.net

VII.3 Online Article – Health & General Care

Ingrid King – “Stomatitis: Painful for Cats, Frustrating for Guardians and Veterinarians” – www.consciouscat.net

Ingrid King – “High-tech Medicine for Your Cat: MRI’s” – www.consciouscat.net

Kristen Levine – “The Fat Cat’s Guide to Getting Fit” – www.petside.com

Kristen Levine – “Go Green with Your Litter” – www.petside.com

Amy Shojai – “10 Tips to Keep Your Cat’s Brain Forever Young” – www.vetstreet.com

Amy Shojai – “Pet Health: How to Keep Pets Safe through the Cold” – www.huffingtonpost.com

Debbie Swanson – “Feline Stomatitis” – www.petfinder.com

VII.4 Online Article – Behavior & Training

Ingrid King – “Redirected Aggression: When Good Cats Attack” – www.consciouscat.net

Marilyn Krieger – “Zen of Cat Greeting” – www.petside.com

Arden Moore – “How Can I Tell If My Cats Are Just Playing or Actually Fighting?” – www.vetstreet.com

Arden Moore – “4 Games that Tap into Your Cat’s Animal Instincts” – www.vetstreet.com

Sandy Robins – “Ask the Cat Expert: Answers behind Crazy Cat Behaviors” – www.pawnation.com

Sandy Robins – “Making Pet Introductions Easier with Tricks” – www.pawnation.com

Amy Shojai – “Applause for Claws: 7 Scratch-Training Tips” – www.vetstreet.com

Amy Shojai – “Help! My Pet Hates My Boy Friend” – www.pawnation.com

Layla Morgan Wilde – “Cats Are Hardwired to Hunt in 6 Steps” – www.catwisdom101.com

VII.5 Online Article – Rescue

Deborah Barnes – “The Japan Disasters and the Surviving Cats” –
www.zeezoey.com/blog

Deborah Barnes – “Mainstreaming Feral Cats” –
www.zeezoey.com/blog

Christine Church – “Toto the Tornado Kitten” –
www.examiner.com

Jane Denny – “What Do You Do When You Inherit +/- 18 Cats” –
www.care2.com

Bernadette Kazmarski – “An Angel Named Penny” –
www.thecreativecat.net

Bernadette Kazmarski – “The Tails of Nine Orphaned Kittens” –
www.lifewithcats.tv

Robin Olson – “It Had to Be You” – <http://coveredincathair.com>

Stacey Ritz – “The Journey from Rescue to Adoption” –
www.examiner.com

Stacey Ritz – “Seniors to Seniors Programs Bringing Joy to Pets
and Humans” – www.examiner.com

Stacey Ritz – “Holding onto Hope” – www.examiner.com

VII.6 Online Article – Any Other Topic

Sally Bahner – “Feral Cat Colony Weathers Irene” – *Branford Eagle*
(www.newhavenindependent.org)

Angie Bailey – “Cosmic Love” – www.catladyland.net

Angie Bailey – “Fanglish: The Secret World of
Cat Slang” – www.catladyland.net

Helen Jablonski – “City Kitty – the Cat Flat” –
www.catchannel.com

Bernadette Kazmarski – “Litter-ary Cats:
T. S. Eliot” – www.thecreativecat.net

Bernadette Kazmarski – “The Alchemy
of Love” – www.thecreativecat.net

Bernadette Kazmarski – “What’s the
Matter?” – www.thecreativecat.net



Bernadette Kazmarski – “Photographs and Memories” –
www.thecreativecat.net

Bernadette Kazmarski – “A Therapy Cat for Visitors as Much as Residents” – www.thecreativecat.net

JaneA Kelley – “I Went on a Weekend Road Trip and I Came Home with a Cat” – www.catster.com

Marilyn Krieger – “6 Tips to Adopting a Shelter Cat” –
www.catchannel.com

Arden Moore – “Small Apartment, Big Ideas” –
www.vetstreet.com

Arden Moore – “Vetstreet’s Insider’s Guide to Cat Shows” –
www.vetstreet.com

Sandy Robins – “Men Are Cat People, Too” –
www.pawnation.com

Amy Shojai – “Kitty Falls – How Cats Land on Their Feet” –
PawNation.com

Amy Shojai – “Cats throughout History: Tales of Good, Bad and Just Plain Kooky Feline Legends” – www.vetstreet.com

Lynn Thompson – “The Final Act of Love” –
<http://oldmaidcatlady.blogspot.com>

VII.7 Online Column

Angie Bailey – “Feline Wisdom” – <http://edgemagazine.net>

Marilyn Krieger – “Catchannel.com Behavior Column” –
www.catchannel.com

Arden Moore – “Paws Up for Pets” – *The Coastal Star* (online edition)

Dusty Rainbolt – “Ask Einstein” – www.adoptashelter.com

Layla Morgan Wilde – “Mondays with Merlin: Mewsings of an Old Meezer” – www.catwisdom101.com

VII.7 Blog: Educational

Robin Olson – “Covereincathair” – <http://coveredincathair.com>

VII.8 – Blog: Entertainment

No winner

VIII.1 Black & White Photograph (Single)

Bernadette Kazmarski – “Mimi in the Mirror” –
www.thecreativecat.net

Layla Morgan Wilde – “Portrait of Gris Gris” – Catwisdom101.com

VIII.2 Black & White Photography (Series)

No Winner

VIII.3 Color Photograph (Single)

Lyn Garson – “Olivia” – *Our Companions*

Janiss Garza – “Bathroom Counter Basking” – Fitcat
Enterprises, Inc.

Janiss Garza – “Thru the Doorway” – Fitcat Enterprises, Inc.

Bernadette Kazmarski – “Parsley Eyes” –
www.thecreativecat.net

Marci Kladnik – “The Tragedy of Overpopulation” –
Catalyst for Cats, Inc.

Mary Kolencik – “Deb and Bo, the Bombay” – *CatTALK*

Betsy Stowe – “Bigfoot Summer” – Vinnie Vidi Vici

Nancy White – “Special People/Pets” – *News & Messenger*

Layla Morgan Wilde – “Friend or Foe?” –
www.catwisdom101.com

VIII.4 Color Photograph (Series)

Doug Bolton – “CFA National Show” - *CatTALK*

Janiss Garza – “Sparkle the Cat 2012 Wall Calendar” – Fitcat
Enterprises, Inc.

Brigitte McMinn – “Bengals Illustrated Calendar” – Award
Winning Publications

Brigitte McMinn – “Savannahs Illustrated Calendar” – Award
Winning Publications

Brigitte McMinn – “Ragdolls Illustrated Calendar” – Award
Winning Publications



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VIII.5 Cartoon

Bernadette Kazmarski – "Being Used as a Fort" –

www.thecreativecat.net

Stephanie Piro – "Cat Christmas" – King Features"

Stephanie Piro – "Woof!" – King Features"

Stephanie Piro – "Furry Alarm" – King Features

VIII.6 Illustration (Single)

Bernadette Kazmarski – "Purple Cats, Red Blanket notecards" –

Bernadette Kazmarski - www.thecreativecat.net

VIII.7 Illustration (Series)

Jane Denny – "The Twelve Cats of Christmas" – www.zazzle.com

Bernadette Kazmarski – "Daily Sketches" –

www.thecreativecat.net

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