

2013 Special Awards Recipients

CWA wishes to thank all the committee members and judges who sacrificed their time to make this competition possible. We also owe a big thank you to all of our sponsors who make these awards possible. Congratulations to all of our 2013 Special Awards Recipients recipients!

1) **AAFP Cat Friendly Award**. Sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) it is presented to the entry that best educates cat owners about the benefits of going to a Cat Friendly Practice. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative framed certificate.

The winner of the AAFP Cat Friendly Award is **Dusty Rainbolt** for “Cat Carrier” published at AdoptAShelter.com .

2) **The AdoptAShelter.com ADOPT A HOMELESS CAT AWARD**, sponsored by AdoptAShelter.com, is presented to the entry that best describes the plight of homeless or feral cats and/or the joy of cat adoption and/or improving the quality of life of cats in a shelter environment. The award consists of \$500 and inclusion in the AdoptAShelter.com online library.

The winner is **Allie Phillips** for “The Hierarchy of Anti-Cruelty Laws: Prosecuting the Abuse of Stray and Feral Cats”. Tales of Justice, National District Attorneys Association’s Nation Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse, Vol. 2, Number 3, 2013.

3) **The CEVA Human-Animal Bond Award**, sponsored by CEVA, is presented to the entry that best reflects and promotes the strengthening of the human-animal bond, highlighting the bond between a cat and owner, as well as their relationship with their veterinarian as another direct caregiver. This award consists of \$1000 award and commemorative certificate.

The winner is **Cimeron Morrisey** for “What’s One Week? Confessions of a Reluctant Foster Parent” Cat Fancy, October, 2012.

4) **The Dr. Jim Richards Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award**, sponsored by Cornell University’s Feline Health Center, is presented to the highest-quality entry on the topic of technological advances, research, new medical developments, or innovations in feline veterinary medicine. This award consists of \$500.

The winner is **Fran Pennock Shaw** for “Life-Saving Science, Cat Fancy, January, 2013.

5) **The Fancy Feast® Love Story Award**, sponsored by Purina, is presented to the entrant whose work best captures the magic of the loving relationship between cats and their owners. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative award.

The winner is: **Patricia Barey** for Julia’s Cats: Julia Child’s Life in the Company of Cats.

6) **The Friskies® Writer of the Year Award**, sponsored by Purina, is for the writer who has done the most during the contest year to promote the welfare, health, and proper care of cats,

which includes providing sensory stimulation to keep cats healthy and happy. This award is for “a body of work” and can include different publications during the contest period. This award consists of \$500 and a cat figurine.

Deborah Barnes is the 2013 Friskies Writer of the Year Award.

7) **The Hartz® Every Day Chewable Vitamin Award**, sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation, is given to the highest-quality entry on the topic of older cats. This award consists of \$1000 and a commemorative plaque.

The winner is **Nancy Peterson** for “Better with Age: Finding Homes for Adult and Senior Cats.”

8) **The Hartz® Glamour-Puss Award**, sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation, honors the best single entry on the topic of feline skin and coat care. This award consists of \$1000 and a commemorative plaque.

Helen Jablonski is the winner for “Tame the Claws.” Cat Fancy, November, 2012.

9) **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. This award consists of \$1000 and a commemorative plaque.

Cimeron Morrissey is the winner for “What’s One Week? Confessions of a Reluctant Foster Parent”. October 2012 Cat Fancy.

10) 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.

The winner is **Teresa Keiger** for the brochure, “CFA-We’re Waiting for You”.

11) 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 winner is **Cimeron Morrissey** for “What’s One Week?: Confessions of a Reluctant Foster Parent” Cat Fancy, October, 2012.

12) **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 including (but not limited to) health, care, nutrition, and showing cats. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative bowl.

The winner is **Andrea Dorn** for “Harder Than It Looks”. CATCHANNEL.COM.

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

The winner is **Fran Pennock Shaw** for “No Two Alike,” Cat Fancy, September, 2013.

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

Helen Jablonski is the winner for “Healthy Teeth for Life,” Cat Fancy, February, 2013.

15) **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 winner is **Helen Jablonski** for “Loaded with Personality,” Cat Fancy, February, 2013.

16) **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 Sticky Paws Training Award goes to **Jacqueline Munera** for “Foundation Behaviors Are Going to the Cats!” published in The ADPT Chronicle of the Dog, July/August, 2012.

17) **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 winner is **Jacqueline Munera** for “Set up Cats in the Shelter for Success”, The ADPT Chronicle of the Dog, Spring, 2013.

18) **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 winner is **Shirley Rousseau Murphy** for Cats Bearing Gifts, HarperCollins, 2012.

19) **The SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD**, sponsored by 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. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

The winner is **Darlene Arden** and nominated by Layla Morgan Wilde.

20) **The Michael Brim Distinguished Service Award**, sponsored by CWA, 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. 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).

The winner is **Nancy Marano**.

21) **The KUYKENDALL 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 winning entry is "Spirit" by **Cori Solomon**.

22) **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 "Best of the Best" requires no additional copies be submitted of entries. Muse Medallion™ winners shall be automatically entered and considered for the honor. This award consists of \$250 and a commemorative item.

The winner is **Bernadette Kazmarski** for her artwork "Cats After Van Gogh".

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