

## **CWA CONTEST 2007 CERTIFICATE AND MUSE MEDALLION WINNERS**

### **I.1 MONTHLY MAGAZINES**

Judge's comments: *Cat Fancy* has a distinctly delightful voice and style. By creating a theme each month, Susan Logan ties the diverse articles together within her Editor's note. Each piece, no matter how complex the topic, is clear and easy to follow.

Muse winner: Susan Logan, editor of *Cat Fancy*

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

Judge's comments: The judges were speechless by the quality of entries.

Muse winner: Arnold Plotnick, "Dangerous Drugs," *Cat Fancy*

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

Judge comments: This entry was the cream of a very rich crop of entries.

Muse winner: Susan Ewing, "Good Kitty!" *Cats USA*

### **I.4 Magazine Article – Any Other Topic**

Judge's comments: Incredibly strong group of contenders this year. I was impressed with the wide array of topics as well as the high level of writing in the majority of pieces.

Muse Winner: Katina Antoniades, "Highlighting the Wallflowers," *Animal Sheltering*

### **I.5 Magazine Column**

Judge comment: Tough call! Susan Logan's column is designed to be newsy while Dusty Rainbolt – as Dear Hobbes – delivers cat advice with catitude.

Muse winner: Susan Logan, "Editor's Note," *Cat Fancy*

### **II.1 Newspaper Article**

Judge's comments: Truly captured a wonderful tale. Well written.

Muse winner: Kari Winters, "Wuffy the Cat Rescuing Dog," *Pets Press*

### **II.2 – Newspaper Column**

Judge's comments: I am so happy to see so many writers aiming at their local markets and offering region-specific information and news.

Muse winner: Joan Lowell Smith, "Concerning Animals," *The Star-Ledger*

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

Judge's comments: This entry has something for everyone who is interested in Burmese. There's something for first time exhibitors as well as veteran breeders. It is well written, organized and interesting. Bravo.

Muse winner: Lynn Thompson, *National Alliance of Burmese Breeders*

### **Newsletter – National Circulation**

Judge's comments: Cats love catnip and I'm sure their owners love this newsletter. Great information. Well presented!

Muse winner: Arden Moore, editor of *Catnip*

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

Judge's comments: Alley Cat Mews is an uplifting, yet realistic look at the life of the feral cat and how human begins – with the help of TNR – can make the difference between life and death. Feline Conservation Federation is an incredibly well put together publication. The content just blows me away.

Muse winner (tie): Louise Holton, editor of *Alley Cat Mews* and Mike Friese, editor of *Feline Conservation Federation*

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

Judge's comments: Lots of excellent, enlightening information here.

Muse winner: Arnold Plotnick, DVM, "Update on CRF," *Catnip*

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

Judge's comments: This writer took an interesting approach to addressing the needs of single cats.

Muse winner: Fran Pennock Shaw, "One and Only," *Catnip*

### **III. 6 – Newsletter Article – Other Topics**

Judge's comments: The author's unobtrusive voice and masterful use of expert sources combine to create a well-researched and fascinating article. A gem!

Muse winner: Kim Thornton, "Allergy-Free Cats?" *Catnip*

### **III. 7 – Newsletter Column**

Judge's comments: The quality of Arden Moore's Editor's Note sets a high standard of excellent. She explains potentially complex topics in a simple style and engaging voice. The information is practical and the writing heart warming.

Muse winner: Arden Moore, "Editor's Note," *Catnip*

#### **IV. 2 – Poem**

Judge's comments: I loved this. It captured the true essence of a stray calico's personality. Love the switched ending.

Muse winner: Susan Easterly, "Notes on Ziba," *lajoie*

#### **IV. 4 – Special Publication**

Judge's comments: Broadscope of information provided by all entries.

Muse winner: Robin Day, Indy Feral Calendar 2007

#### **IV. 5 – Opinion Piece, Essay or Editorial**

Judge's comments: Amy made me cry. I, too, revered James. He was a saint and Amy conveyed that.

Muse winner: Amy Shojai, "Dr. James R. Richards, A Lasting Legacy," [shojai.com](http://shojai.com).

#### **V. 1 – Books - Fiction**

Judge's comment: A real pager-turner! Kept my interest.

Muse winner: Carole N. Douglas, *Cat in a Quicksilver Caper*

#### **V. 2 – Books For Children**

Judge's comments: I found "M is for Meow" to be a superior book both in written text and beautiful artwork.

**Muse winner:** Helen Wilbur, *M is for Meow*

#### **V.3 – Books - Health and General Care**

Judge's comments: Young felines will be treated to this informative book.

Muse winner: Sandy Meyer, *Complete Care Made Easy – Kittens: A Guide to Caring for Your Kitten*

#### **V. 4 – Books - Training and Behavior**

Judge's comments: I love when writers combine their adventures with practical research to create a finished project. I liked the range of answers from serious to fun.

Muse winner: Arden Moore, *The Cat Behavior Answer Book*

### **V. 5 – Gift Book**

Judge's comments: Bravo! The vignettes and photos capture the individuality and pathos of our shadow feline citizens. Beautifully written – cast of cats reads like a Tolstoy novel – more tragic because the ferals' struggles are ubiquitous.

Muse winner: Knox and Sara Neeley, *Urban Tails*

### **V.6 – Other Books**

Judge's comments: From the book, *Ghost Cats* by Dusty Rainbolt, it is reassuring to make the realization that yes, there is another aspect to the world we live in. The other side for many of us is held dear and near to each of our souls, giving us the hope that yes, life does go on, although possibly not in the physical plane, but on the spiritual and energetic.

Muse winner: Dusty Rainbolt, *Ghost Cats: Human Encounters with Feline Spirits*

### **VI. 2 – Radio or Other Audio Presentation**

Judge's comments: I'd sure like to see Steve Dale's Pet Minute on every radio station in the country. Brief enough so listeners won't tune out, and as info-packed as possible. Big purrs to Steve!

Muse winner: Steve Dale, "The Pet Minute," Black Dog Radio Productions

### **VI. 3 – Online Magazine or Newsletter**

Judge's comments: A very comprehensive site on cats.

Muse winner: Mary Anne Miller, [www.felinexpress.com](http://www.felinexpress.com).

### **VI. 4 – Online Article**

Judge's comments: Top contenders too close to call – great submissions!

Muse winner (tie): Arden Moore, "Henry: The Feline Pen Pal," Animal Radio.com and Steve Dale, "How Long Has This Been Going On? Our Pets Paid a Price for Months, Even Years," [www.stevedalepetworld.com](http://www.stevedalepetworld.com)

### **VI. 5 – Online Column**

Judge's comments: The columnist's sweet, genuine concern about animals and people was evident, and her voice was easy to identify.

Muse winner: Amy Shojai, "Cat Chow: Ask a Mentor," Cat Chow Emotional Health

**VII. 1 – Black and White Photograph (single)**

Judge's comment: Sweet and warm.

Muse winner: Audrey Pavia, "Brothers," *Catnip*

**VII. 2 – Black and white photograph (series)**

Judge's comments: The pick of the litter in this category.

Muse winner: Sandra Toney, "Simply Shorthaired," *I Love Cats*

**VII. 3 – Color photograph (single)**

Judge's comments: A tough field but two won my heart by a whisker.

Muse winner (tie): Betsy Stowe, "Waiting for 5:00," *CFA Fanc-e-Mews*  
Ryan Hutchinson, "Chewy – Mr. June," *Bide Awhile Shelter*

**VII. 4 – Color photograph (series)**

Judge's comments: These are the cutest kittens I have ever seen. This photography captures the essences of baby kittens.

Muse winner: Weems Hutto, Orphan Basics, *Cat Fancy*

**VII.5 Cartoon**

Judge's comments: This cat definitely lives up to the name, Crazy Johnny. Excellent depiction of cat and human emotions.

Muse winner: Jane Denny, The Pride Cartoon episodes, The Pride Cartoon website

**VII. 6 – Illustration**

Judge's comments: Her cats show great personality.

Muse winner: Stephanie Piro, *Paws for Thoughts*