

# From *Glammies* to *Jammies*



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**26th Annual  
Cat Writers' Association  
Communications Contest  
Awards Ceremony  
August 8, 2020**

**(Note: All awards presented this evening cover the contest period of January 1, 2019 — December 31, 2019.)**

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# 2019 Special Awards

*(Each Special Award is judged by a single professional who is not affiliated with either CWA or the award's sponsor.)*

## **AAFP CAT FRIENDLY PRACTICE AWARD**

This award is sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners and is presented for the entry that best educates cat owners about the benefits of going to a Cat Friendly Practice®. Appropriate topics include why it is beneficial to the cat and owner to visit a practice that is cat friendly, including, but not limited to, staff understanding of feline-friendly handling, decreased stress associated with the visit, increase in the quality of care and medicine provided, and communication to cat owners of the importance of routine veterinary care. Qualifying entries include series or single articles (traditional print or online formats) such as from columns, blogs, websites, magazines, or newsletters; books with a singular focus on the benefits of going to a cat-friendly practice; or television, radio broadcast, or video presentations. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative, framed certificate.

**JUDGE: CINDY RIGONI, DVM**

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



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Usually you  
have to  
stay home!



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## CATALYST COUNCIL CONNECT TO CARE AWARD

This award, sponsored by the CATalyst Council, celebrates both the writer and subject of a true story depicting an experience of a kitten or cat adopted from a shelter which results in a profound connection between the cat and its adoptive pet parent. The relationship described will be equally beneficial to the cat and the person; special consideration will be given to those pieces showing a positive community-wide connection involving both the shelter and a local veterinarian. The story may be written in first purr or first person if appropriate. Entries may include a single book or short story, poem, article (print or online), newsletter, editorial, blog, commercial radio/TV/ internet recording or a photograph with corresponding copy. Entries will be judged on the ability of the reader/viewer to reach the conclusion that cats are valuable members of our families, they enrich our lives, and they deserve our love and our care. This award consists of \$500 and special gift and/or appropriate acknowledgment of the story subjects.

### JUDGE: CAROL BRYANT

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



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"Gemma"



## CWA COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS NEWCOMER CAT COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

This award, sponsored by the CWA, is presented to a CWA member only; new to the organization 18 months or less, whose submitted piece best communicates on any range of cat-related topics, including, but not limited to, the feline-human bond, cat and kitten rescue, cat care and cat health issues, cat environmental enrichment, cat behavior, cat trends and more. Cats are defined in an all-inclusive manner – domestic cats, feral cats, stray, outdoor community cats, pedigree/show cats, big/jungle cats – and can be fictional or nonfictional in nature. Entries may be any communications medium, such as a single article from a blog, website, magazine, column, newspaper, or newsletter, a book, a photograph (single or series), a video, an illustration, a poem, a graphic design, or more and should represent what the new member considers their best cat-related piece that was published (no manuscripts, etc.) for the current contest period (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019). If the work portrays cats in a positive manner and is appropriate to the intended audience, it could be award-worthy. Qualified entrants must be new members of CWA, having joined the organization between June 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The winning entry must demonstrate a written/visual/audio presentation that either inspires, educates, informs, or entertains the audience (or any combination thereof). This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

**JUDGE: SCOTT S. BLACK, CPPS**

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



"I Filed Myself Under Kitty"  
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## **DR. JIM RICHARDS CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER VETERINARY ISSUES AWARD**

Sponsored by Cornell University's Feline Health Center, this award is presented for the highest-quality entry on the topic of technological advances, research, new medical developments, or innovations in feline veterinary medicine. Qualifying entries include single newspaper, magazine, or newsletter articles; columns or series of articles (print or online); blogs, a website, single books, videos, or radio/television broadcasts, designed to educate the general cat-owning public about new developments. This award consists of \$500.

**JUDGE: JENNIFER L. SCHORI, DVM**

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

## **FEAR FREE PETS AWARD**

Sponsored by Fear Free Pets, this award is for the best article (print or online), book, blog/website, TV segment, radio spot, video, column or other creative media format that best educates, promotes, or demonstrates the importance of how a cat's emotional well-being can play a role in all aspects of its life and health, including veterinary care. Topics may include how decreasing fear, anxiety, and stress is beneficial to the patient and owner both during the veterinary visit and at home, a focus on Fear Free applications pre- and post-veterinary visit, or how going to a Fear Free certified professional is beneficial to staff, patients, and clients. This award consists of \$2,000 and a one-of-a-kind commemorative award.

**JUDGE: ROBIN DOWNING, DVM**

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



## FEAR FREE CAT ENRICHMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Fear Free Pets, this award is for the article, book, blog, TV segment, radio spot, video, column or other creative media formats that best educates, promotes, or demonstrates how enrichment activities (exercise, food puzzles, scent training, etc.) can benefit a cat's emotional and physical well-being and the role that has in their overall health. This award consists of \$2,000 and a one-of-a-kind commemorative item.

### JUDGE: SAMANTHA MARTIN

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



“Winter Light”

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## GOODNEWSFORPETS.com HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND AWARD

Sponsored by goodnewsforpets.com, a digital publishing platform of Germinder + Associates, this award is presented for 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. Entries will be judged for exceptional quality and on the ability to convey this concept and connect with the reader. Qualified entries include single articles (print or online), features, columns, short stories, books, and poetry. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative certificate.

### JUDGE: CHLOE DIVITA

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

## **(NEW!) CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT GROOMING AND FELINE SKIN CARE AWARD**

This award is sponsored by International Veterinary Sciences (IVS) with support from Christopher Knight, best known for his role as Peter on the Brady Bunch, as well as Christopher Knight Brands and honors the best single entry on the topic of feline skin and coat care. Qualifying topics include, but are not limited to, coverage of home and professional grooming, hairballs, parasite control, nail care, bone and joint care, teeth and ear care, promotion of healthy skin and coat, and feline skin/coat disorders. Written and pictorial works in all media are acceptable, including articles, books, blogs, websites, online magazines, online newsletters, online columns, and videotape broadcasts. This award consists of \$500.

**JUDGE: ERIN FENSTERMAKER**

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



## **KARI WINTERS RESCUE AND REHABILITATION AWARD**

This award is sponsored by The International Cat Association (TICA), and is presented for the best single article or column (published in a newspaper, magazine, newsletter, or professional blog/website 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. Entries are judged on compelling personal accounts and the education of readers on the need for rescue. This award consists of \$500 and a plaque.

**JUDGE: JULIE LEVY, DVM**

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

## **KITTEN CARE AND RESCUE/ADOPTION AWARD**

Sponsored by the CWA, this award is presented for the best entry promoting kitten care, kitten rescue, and kitten adoption. Qualifying entries include "how to's," feral kitten rescue, early spay and neuter, orphaned kittens, and kitten adoption. Written and pictorial works in all media are acceptable, including articles, books, blogs, websites, online magazines, online newsletters, online columns, and videotape broadcasts. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: SHELLEY DELROCCO**

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



"Brulee"

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## **KUYKENDALL IMAGE AWARD**

Sponsored by the CWA, this award is presented for the outstanding “image” entry featuring cats – whether photography, illustration, drawing, painting, or graphic art. This may be a single piece or series entry, including, but not limited to, photos/artwork published in a magazine, newspaper, newsletter, book, pamphlet, calendar, poster, greeting card, or commercial online publication. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: STACY LEBARON**

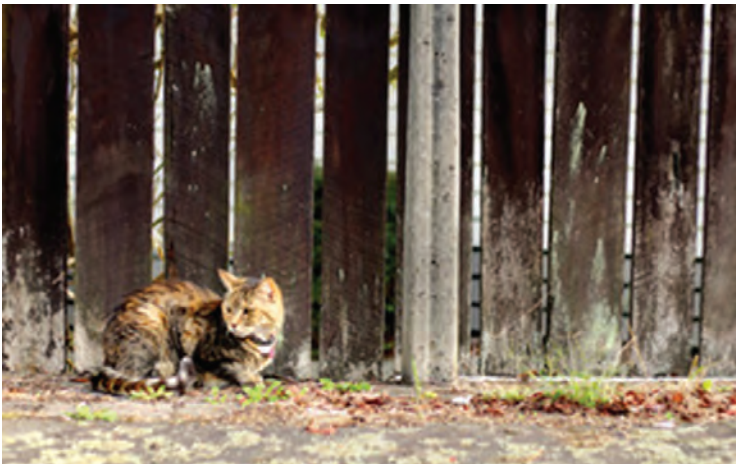
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## **LORIE HUSTON HEALTH AWARD**

This award, sponsored by the Catster/Belvoir Marketing Group, is presented for the outstanding single article, column, or blog (print or online) reporting on feline healthcare issues. Entries are judged on excellence of writing and technical accuracy; significance of the topic and public education impact on feline health are also considered. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: DR. LYNN BAHR**

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



“Dot by the Fence”  
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## **PET SITTERS INTERNATIONAL (PSI) PROFESSIONAL PET CARE AWARD**

Sponsored by Pet Sitters International, this award is presented for the entry that best educates cat owners about the benefits of using professional pet sitters. Topics may include how to find a qualified pet sitter, how to introduce your cat to a pet sitter, as well as the overall importance to a cat's physical health and emotional well-being to have professional supervision when a cat guardian must leave the cat home alone for extended periods of time. Qualifying online or print entries include newspapers, magazines, blogs, or websites. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative certificate.

### **JUDGE: JOETTE WHITE**

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



"Foster Portraits"  
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## **(NEW!) NANCY MORANO SENIOR CAT WELL-BEING AWARD**

Sponsored by Fran Pennock Shaw and Ray Shaw, this award is presented for the highest-quality entry on the topic of older, aging, and senior cats. Topics can include, but are not limited to, adoption, health, innovative and compassionate care, and senior-for-senior programs. Written and pictorial works in all media are acceptable, including articles, books, blogs, websites, online magazines, online newsletters, online columns, and videotape broadcasts. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: PETER J. WOLF**

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



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## **SLEEPYPOD® CAT SAFETY AWARD**

Sponsored by Sleepypod, this award is presented for the best entry on cat safety. The entry should take a positive approach to inform and educate the readership about feline safety issues, including, but not limited to safety in the home (such as foods and plants poisonous to cats), preparedness and training for natural disasters, moving, safe travel with cats, and general cat safety. Written, audio, and pictorial works in all mediums will be accepted, such as on-line columns or blogs, newsletter articles, photographs, radio/TV broadcasts, and videos. The winner will receive \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: BRIONY SCOTT**

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



## **PIONEER PET BEHAVIORAL TRAINING AWARD**

Sponsored by Pioneer Pet, the makers of SmartCat and Sticky Paws, this award is presented for the best article, book, video, or broadcast entry on training techniques. Entries should have a “how-to” focus. Appropriate entries are series or single articles (traditional print or online formats) such as from columns, blogs, websites, magazines, or newsletters; books with a singular focus on a particular training topic; or television, radio broadcast, or video presentations on topics such as (but not limited to) litter box training, tips and techniques for teaching cats not to scratch on furniture or other inappropriate places (focusing on providing them with alternative options to scratch on), trick training, or training cats to stay off counter-tops, tables, or other forbidden places. This award consists of \$1,000 and a commemorative certificate.

### **JUDGE: STERLING DAVIS**

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



“Joan of Arc Turns 20 in Style”

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## **WORLD'S BEST® CAT LITTER-ARY AWARD**

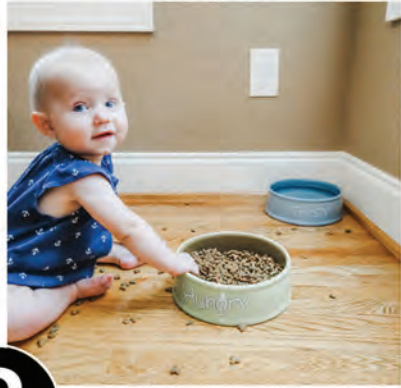
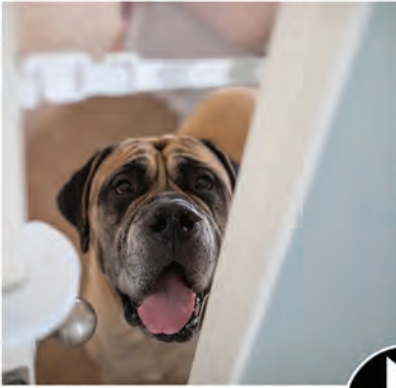
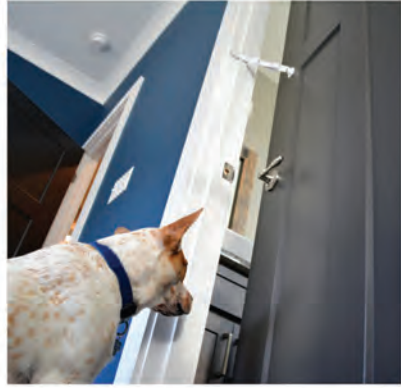
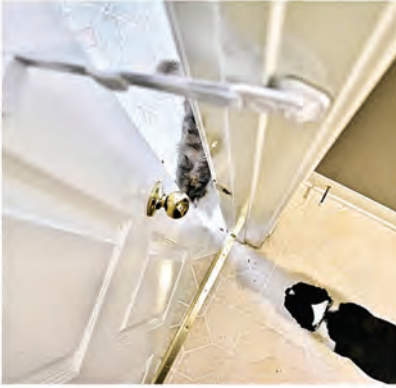
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Winner: \_\_\_\_\_



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"Pinkie"

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*The MUSE™ Medallion is awarded to the entry in each category receiving the highest average score from three independent judges. All judges are volunteers and are Professional CWA members. To become eligible for a MUSE™ Medallion, each entry listed here has received an average score of at least 90, and has been awarded a **Certificate of Excellence**.*

*CWA's MUSE™ Medallion was designed by extraordinary cat artist and founding CWA member Karen Kuykendall.*



# 2019 CWA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

*(Each entry was independently judged by 3 Professional CWA members. Winning a Certificate of Excellence means that the average of those three judges' scores for the entry is 90 or above and all Certificate of Excellence winning entries are now finalists for the MUSE™ Medallion for their Category.)*

## **A.001-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: HEALTH & GENERAL CARE**

Basedow, Kate—*Feline Physical Rehabilitation*

De Louise, Debbie—*Keeping Your Indoor Pets Safe from Household Hazards*

Lopez, Elizabeth Anderson—*CBD Oil 101*

Marton, Maggie—*Everything you Need to Know about Feline Idiopathic Cystitis*

Toney, Sandra—*Spoiling Your Cat to Good Health*



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## **A.001-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: HEALTH & GENERAL CARE**

Aurit, Anita—*The Compounding Conundrum (The Female Human Opines)*

Bahner, Sally—*May-December Cats: How to make the relationship work*

Drury, Lucy—*Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease*

Eldredge, Debra M, DVM—*Your Guide to Pain in Cats*

Elfenbein, Hanie, DVM, PhD—*7 Ways to Calm an Anxious Cat*

Fleck, Denise—*Abscesses & Your Pet Sitting Clients*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*World Veterinary Day – Value of Vaccinations*

Kelley, JaneA—*What's the Truth About Feeding Cats?*

Kelley, JaneA—*Is My Cat Too Old for Dental Disease Treatment?*

Koester, Sierra—*How Can I Manage My Cat's Chronic Pancreatitis?*

Koester, Sierra—*Is Feline Stomatitis Causing Your Cat's Mouth Pain?*

Lapierre, Melissa—*The Heartbreak of a Saddle Thrombus Blood Clot*

Mlynar, Phillip—*Grooming Your Cat — Do's, Don'ts and Disasters*

Wells, Kaitlyn—*No, You Shouldn't Just Get an Automatic Pet Feeder and Skip Town*

White, Dawn—*Why You Should Spay/Neuter Your Cat and How You can Afford It*



“One L-o-o-ong Kitty”  
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## **A.001-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: HEALTH & GENERAL CARE**

Aurit, Anita—*Jasmine's Journey*

Barnes, Deborah—*Super Bowls for a Happy and Healthy Cat!*

Brovelli-O'Brien, Christine—*5 Fun New Things to Do with Your Cat*

Eldredge, Debra M., DVM—*Handling Trichobezoars*

Lapierre, Melissa—*Dispelling Myths about a Cat's Primordial Pouch*

Lapierre, Melissa—*Does My Pet Need to See a Veterinary Cardiologist?*

Marek, Ramona—*Does This Belly Pouch Make Me Look Fat?*

Romberg ("Katniss, Cat Reporter"), Rachele—*Meet JOSEPHINE, the Cat with a JEKYLL AND HYDE Personality*

Romberg ("Katniss, Cat Reporter"), Rachele—*My Interview with WOLFIE the SMILING WERECAT*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Aging Gracefully*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Kidney Care*

## **A.002-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: BEHAVIOR/TRAINING/ ENRICHMENT**

Nakchbendi, Yasaar —*How to make an enrichment Christmas Tree for your cat's delight*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*How Honeysuckle can tickle your cat's funny bone*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Train your cat to stay off countertops with clicker training*



"Forest Turns 14"  
© Tracy Ahrens



*"Backyard Visitor"*  
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## **A.002-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: BEHAVIOR/TRAINING/ ENRICHMENT**

Bahner, Sally—*How to keep your cat calm around house guests*

Basedow, Kate—*Managing Rival Cats*

Brovelli-O'Brien, Christine—*Cat Aggression: How to Calm Them Down*

Garza, Janiss—*Do You Walk Your Cat? How to Protect Your Feline Friend from Outdoor Risks*

Garza, Janiss—*3 Easy Tricks to Teach Your Cat*

Kelley, JaneA—*How Should I Introduce a Shy Cat?*

Kelley, JaneA—*How Can You Win Back a Cat's Trust?*

Koski, Marci L.—*Playing with your cat? Choose the right toy!*

Marek, Ramona—*Understanding Cat Behavior*

Toney, Sandra—*Kitten School: Tips for Kitten Socialization*

## **A.002-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: BEHAVIOR/TRAINING/ ENRICHMENT**

Basedow, Kate—*Temperament for Therapy Cats*

Brovelli-O'Brien, Christine—*Does My Cat Recognize Their Name?*

Kentfield, Lisa, DVM—*How To Get Your Cat to the Vet: 4 Easy Steps*

Kladnik, Marci—*Living With a Fraidy Cat: Tips From the Field*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Happy Cat Habitat*

## **A.003-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: LIFESTYLE**

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Catifying Your Home*

Marton, Maggie—*The Ultimate Guide to Raising a Zero-Waste Cat*

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## **A.003-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: LIFESTYLE**

Barnes, Deborah—*Zee and His Senior Cat Wellness Veterinary Emergency*

Barnes, Deborah—*Cat Allergies? Don't Despair – 10 Tips to Manage the Symptoms for Adopt a Shelter Cat Month*

Holton, Louise—*Help the whole family during kitten season*

Lapierre, Melissa—*First Felines: A History of Cats in the White House*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*The truth about Cat World Domination and how to achieve it*

## **A.003-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: LIFESTYLE**

Marek, Ramona—*A Fabulous Feline Artist*

Mlynar, Phillip—*It's Game On at the Catcade*



"Jazmine in the Bushes"

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"Truffle's Eyes"

## **A.004-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: FELINE-HUMAN BOND**

Banks, T.J.—*Cats' Kingdom*

Banks, T.J.—*Scrabble*

Banks, T.J.—*The Once and Future Emrys*

Barnes, Deborah—*The Spirit of a Callie Cat Christmas*

Barnes, Deborah—*A Red Robe Memory for Zoey's 11th Birthday*

Chauncey, Sarah—*When Your Pet is Critically Ill: Seven Ways to Navigate Uncertainty*

Dawson, Marjorie—*The Beginner's Guide to Taking Great Photos of Your Cat*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*National Pralines Day*

Hersch, Casey—*Yochabel's Wisdom*

Kern, Katherine—*Imperfectly perfect ... together: The power of one cat's love*

Reeder, Jen—*The Adventures of Hercules*

## **A.004-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: FELINE-HUMAN BOND**

Barnes, Deborah—*It's Jazmine's 6th Birthday, but She's the Gift to Me!*

Chauncey, Sarah—*My Cat's Death Broke My Brain*

Chauncey, Sarah—*A Cat by Any Other Name*

Doherty, Christy—*AsTar's Legacy*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*National Kids and Pets Day*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Fragments*

Kelley, JaneA—*Honoring the Bond Program Provides Support for Grieving Pet Guardians*

Schroeder, Laurie Mason—*Homeless man tries desperately to find shelter for his cat during heat wave*

Sylvester, Aparahita—*Polly's Song*

White, Dawn—*It's Lexy's 9th Gotcha Day!*

## **A.004-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: FELINE-HUMAN BOND**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Saving shadow from a ruptured bladder*

Barnes, Deborah—*When Not a Hug is a Hug for Hug Your Cat Day!*

Brovelli-O'Brien, Christine—*Adopting an Adult Cat: What You Need to Know*

Camp, Deborah—*And Then There Were None*

Dorn, Andrea—*Full Heart*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Happy Birthday Truffle*

Peterson, Tori—*The Stupid Party Trick: Why I Trick Train Cats*



*"Rainbow Kitten"*  
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## **A.005-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: VETERINARY MEDICINE & RESEARCH**

Rainbolt, Dusty—*Reducing Stress in Feline Patients*

Zinck, Iris—*Allergic to Cats?*

Zinck, Iris—*Can Kitty's Teeth Be Saved?*

## **A.005-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: VETERINARY MEDICINE & RESEARCH**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Temperature scanning microchips for fear free examinations*

Eldredge, Debra M., DVM—*Emerging Cancer Option*

Eldredge, Debra M., DVM—*Are Titers The Answer?*

Lopez, Elizabeth Anderson—*Not So Traditional Treatments*

Niesman, Ingrid R.—*A report from the Winn Feline Symposium on FIP, Part One: The Viral Menace*

Niesman, Ingrid R.—*A report from the Winn Feline Symposium on FIP, Part Two: The Cats and Their Humans who Fight this Battle*

## **A.005-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: VETERINARY MEDICINE & RESEARCH**

Kladnik, Marci—*Smokey, Cured of FIP and Living to Meow About It!*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Pain Gains*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Rough Side of the Tongue*

## **A.006-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: HUMOR & ENTERTAINMENT**

Kern, Katherine—*There's an app for that*

Kern, Katherine—*You know you're a cat person when ...*

## **A.006-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: HUMOR & ENTERTAINMENT**

Barnes, Deborah—*What's Your Cattism Count? Our 20 Favorites in the Ultimate Reference Guide for Cat Lovers*



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## **A.006-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: HUMOR & ENTERTAINMENT**

Camp, Deborah—*A cat with a cheating heart?*

Garza, Janiss—*10 Reasons Why Cats Make Great Holiday Buddies*

Kern, Katherine—*What do your cats see?*

Leaverton, Michael—*It's Me, the Cat: Stella Talks Fireworks*

Leaverton, Michael—*It's Me, the Cat: Stella's Thoughts on Motherhood*

Nolan, Allia Zobel—*Confessions of a Cat Codependent*

Willett, Susan—*Haiku by Cat: Now / Cat Rules of Ownership*

Willett, Susan—*Haiku by Cat: Intend*

Willett, Susan—*Haiku by Cat: Understand*

## **A.007-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Dermer, Erica—*Felines at Work*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Trapping a Mother Cat Using Her Kittens*

Schroeder, Laurie Mason—*Kitten season opens for Lehigh Valley's feral-cat catchers*

White, Dawn—*Women's Animal Center – America's First Animal Shelter*

White, Dawn—*Seven Ways to Help a Shelter Cat Without Adopting*

## **A.007-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Basedow, Kate—*Helping Stray Cats With Kittens*

Golon, Caroline—*Volunteer, Foster, Save a Life*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Stray and Feral Cats and TNR*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*How One Man Became the Most Beloved Cat Whisperer on Campus*

Reeder, Jen—*Delaware is now the first and only no-kill state for shelter animals in the US*

White, Dawn—*A Shelter Cat Could Change Your Life: Adopt-A-Cat Month*



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## **A.007-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Bays, Danielle Jo—*High intensity, high impact – Lifesaving potential of trap-neuter-return is greater than you may realize*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Old is Gold*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Million Cat March*

## **A.008-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: PRODUCT REVIEW**

Loehner, Rachel—*We bought a Litter-Robot. Was it worth it?*

Loehner, Rachel—*SureFeed Microchip Pet Feeder Review*

## **A.008-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: PRODUCT REVIEW**

Bangs, BJ—*5 Best Cat Water Fountain Options to Browse Through*

Bangs, BJ—*5 Best Cat Puzzles Your Feline Will Absolutely Love (Healthy Benefits Included)*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Dealing with Tear Stains in Persian Cats*

White, Dawn—*Boxiecat The Healthier Clay Litter*

White, Dawn—*The Spacious and Comfy Cabrio Multi-Functional Cat Carrier by Catit*

## **A.010-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: PEDIGREED CATS**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Siberian Cat Breed Analysis*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Understanding and Caring for the Eyes of a Persian Cat*

Keiger, Teresa—*Pay It Forward*



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## **A.010-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: PEDIGREED CATS**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Siamese Cats For Individuals With Autism*

Bahner, Sally—*Want a Pedigree Cat? Here's What to Know*

Basedow, Kate—*Caring for Your Sphynx Cat*

Coughlan, Laurie—*Establishing a Good Relationship With Your Veterinarian*

Dow, Leah K.—*Impressions on Our First Show Season*

Koester, Sierra—*Korat: The Good Luck Cat!*

## **A.010-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: PEDIGREED CATS**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Siamese kittens are born pure white*

## **A.011-L WRITTEN ARTICLE: OTHER**

Barnes, Deborah—*Me and My Shadow – An Unexpected Black Cat Rescue Story*

Dawson, Marjorie—*How to Succeed with Your Cat Close-Up Photography*

Marton, Maggie—*How to Dispose of Cat Litter: The Ultimate Guide to Eco-Friendly Pet Waste Management*



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## **A.011-M WRITTEN ARTICLE: OTHER**

Bahner, Sally—*Home for the holidays – with your cat*

Dawson, Marjorie—*Cat Photos for Beginner DSLR Users*

Garza, Janiss—*When Cats Are Distressed: How to Help Them Recover*

Mlynar, Phillip—*What Does Green Actually Mean?*

Mlynar, Phillip—*How to Navigate a Natural Disaster With Your Cat*

Romberg (“Katniss, Cat Reporter”), Rachele—*IN MEOWMORIUM: Famous Internet Cats We Lost in 2019*

Toney, Sandra—*Fur-Real: A Cat Hair’s Purpose*

Toney, Sandra—*Cat Got Your Tongue?*

Wells, Kaitlyn—*What to Buy to Keep Pets From Destroying Your Stuff*

Wells, Kaitlyn—*Want to Gift Someone a Pet? Here’s What to Do First*

## **A.011-S WRITTEN ARTICLE: OTHER**

Camp, Deborah—*The mysterious world of the unseen*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*How to Be Safe Around Trippy Cats*

## **B.1 POETRY**

Atteberry, Zachariah—*Treasured Forever: Every Cat Deserves A Name*

Hunt, Mollie—*STRAY POEMS*

Willett, Susan—*FurEver*

Willett, Susan—*Haiku by Cat: Mistake*

Willett, Susan—*Cat Dreams*



## C.1 SHORT STORY/FLASH FICTION

Blue, Janet Buickerood—*The Adventures of Periwinkle & Stinky Part I: Leapin' Lizards*

De Louise, Debbie—*Sneaky's Christmas Mystery*

## D.1 CALENDARS

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Remembering Earl Grey*

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Cats of the World Weekly Planner 2020*

Keiger, Teresa—*CFA Ambassador Cats 2020 Calendar*

Nichols, Karen—*Cat Scouts 2020 Calendar: The Golden Years*

## E.1 PERIODICAL/NATIONAL CIRCULATION PUBLICATIONS

Foley, Cynthia and Debra Eldredge DVM—*Cat Watch*

Grelyak, Alana—*CATalyst*

Keiger, Teresa—*Cat Talk Magazine (Aug., Oct., and Dec. 2019)*

Shirreffs, Annie Butler—*Catster magazine*

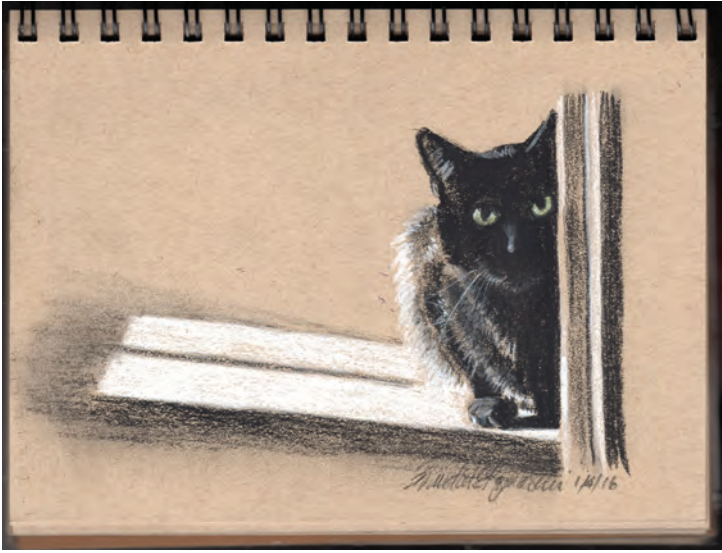
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## **F.1 BOOKS: FICTION – MYSTERY**

Cangany, James (writing as J.C. Kenney)—*A Literal Mess*

Craft, Michael—*ChoirMaster: A Mister Puss Mystery*

Faber, Elaine—*Black Cat and the Secret in Dewey’s Diary*

Hunt, Mollie—*Cat Noel: A Crazy Cat Lady Cozy Christmas Novella*

Hunt, Mollie—*Cosmic Cat: A Crazy Cat Lady Cozy Mystery #6*

Morgan, Cassandra—*Dorothy Claes and the Blood of the Tsar*

Murphy, Shirley Rousseau—*Cat Chase the Moon*

Reilly, Linda—*Claws of Action*

Watkins, Eileen—*Gone, Kitty, Gone (A Cat Groomer Mystery, Book 4)*

## **F.2 BOOKS: FICTION – SCI-FI/FANTASY**

Hunt, Mollie—*Cat Summer*

## **F.3 BOOKS: FICTION – OTHER**

Ward, Sandi—*What Holds Us Together*

## **F.4 BOOKS: NONFICTION – HEALTH & BEHAVIOR**

Shojai, Amy—*Does My Cat Hate Me? Improve Behavior, Boost Health, and Mend your Bond with Environmental Enrichment (A Quick-Tips Guide Book 5)*

## **F.5 BOOKS: NONFICTION – RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Bays Danielle Jo (with Karen Little, Bryan Kortis and Susan Richmond)—*Return-to-Field Handbook*

Zwemke, Siri—*Rescue Meez*



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## F.6 BOOKS: NONFICTION – OTHER

Alford, Leah T.—*Catwoods: Stories and Studies of Our Feline Companions*

Gavan, Peggy—*The Cat Men of Gotham: Tales of Feline Friendships in Old New York*

Rainbolt, Dusty—*Finding Your Lost Cat: The Practical Cat-Specific Guide for your Happy Reunion*

Sollée, Kristen—*Cat Call: Reclaiming the Feral Feminine*

Thompson, Lynn Maria—*The Feline CEO: How Following a Cat's Lead Can Make You a Better Business Leader*

## F.7 BOOKS: FOR CHILDREN – PICTURE

Donald, Rhonda Lucas—*Fiona Finds Love*

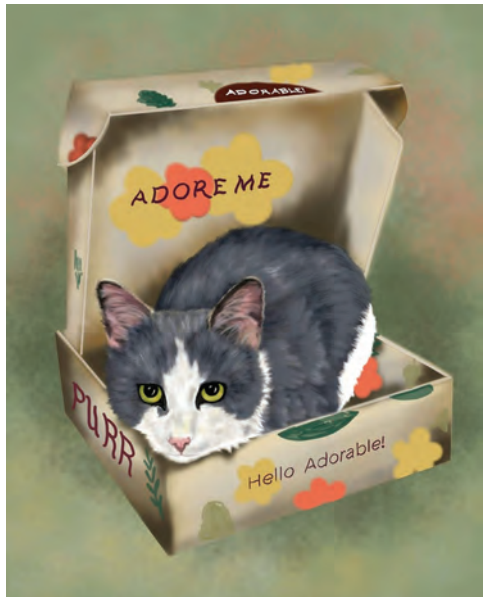
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Lombardo, Constance—*Everybody Says Meow*

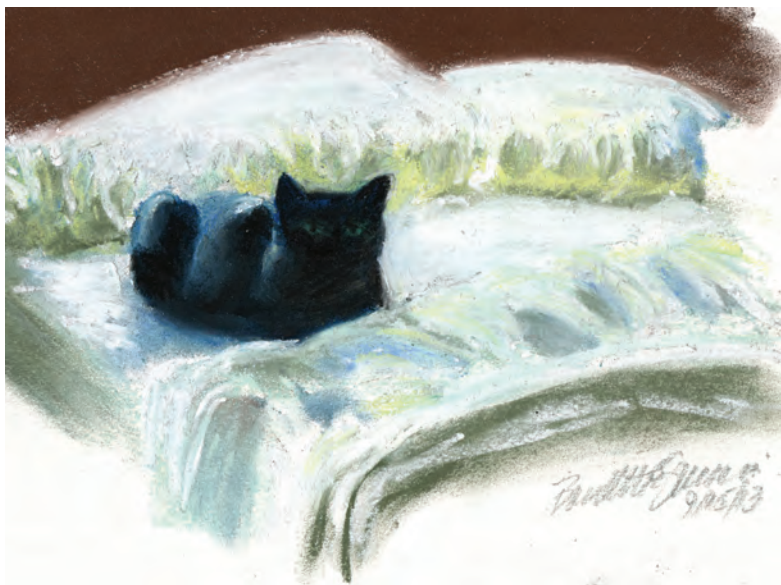
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Rowland, Carol—*Feline Park Inspector: What is Christmas with Boo the Deaf Kitty*

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## **F.9 BOOKS: POEMS/GIFTS/OTHER**

Jones, Lindsi—*Cats in Bow Ties: Photographs and Rescue Stories of Shelter Cats with Style*

Shojai, Amy—*Cat Life: Celebrating the History, Culture and Love of the Cat*

## **F.10 BOOKS: ANTHOLOGIES**

Praytor, Robin—*FROM A CAT'S VIEW VOL. II*

## **G.1-S VIDEO OR TELEVISION PRODUCTION – HEALTH/BEHAVIOR**

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Clicker Training for Your Multi-Cat Household*

## **G.2-M VIDEO OR TELEVISION PRODUCTION – LIFESTYLE**

Lowbeer, Carol—*Peaches & Paprika's 3rd Annual Rainbow Memorial Show: Video honoring Blogger & Peaches & Paprika's Facebook Friends who crossed the bridge*

## **G.2-S VIDEO OR TELEVISION PRODUCTION – LIFESTYLE**

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*A Lifetime of Purr Love*

## **G.3-S VIDEO OR TELEVISION PRODUCTION – HUMOR/ENTERTAINMENT**

Lowbeer, Carol—*Bloggers' Patriotic Slideshow*

## **G.4-L VIDEO OR TELEVISION PRODUCTION – RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Traster, Tina—*Catnip Nation*



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## **H.1 AUDIO/BROADCAST – ANY FORMAT**

Vitale, Kristyn, and Tori Peterson—*CatSci Podcast: Everyday Enrichment, Spice Up Your Cat’s Life*

## **I.1 BLOG/WEBSITE: GENERAL**

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*The Creative Cat*

## **I.2 BLOG/WEBSITE: EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIVE**

Gregg, Paula Ann—*Sweet Purrfections*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Chirpy Cats blog – Helping cats live enriched lives with their people*

Thornton, Kim Campbell—*Fear Free Happy Homes Blog*

## **I.3 BLOG/WEBSITE: RESCUE / ADVOCACY**

White, Dawn—*Lola The Rescued Cat*



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## I.4 BLOG/WEBSITE: HUMOR / ENTERTAINMENT

Barbero, Kerry—*Noir Kitty Mews blog/website*

De Louise, Debbie—*Sneaky the Library Cat's Blog*

Doute, Suzanne—*The Island Cats*

Garza, Janiss—*SparkleCat, Featuring Summer, Therapy Cat and Kitty on the Go*

Kern, Katherine—*Momma Kat and Her Bear Cat*

Loehner, Rachel—*Three Chatty Cats Blog*

Lowbeer, Carol—*Peaches and Paprika Blog*

### J.1 COLUMN/SERIES

Benjamin, Kate—*Feline Design Column in Catster Magazine*

Garson, Lyn T, CVT, CCRP—*Technically Speaking*

Jackson, Candilee—*What You Don't Know About....*

Kelley, JaneA—*It Takes a Community*



Stropole, Ann—*Nature vs. Nurture (Parts 1-3)*

White, Dawn—*Rescue Stories*

White, Dawn—*Lola on the Road*

White, Dawn—*Getting Your Cat to the Vet*

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## **K.1 SOCIAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE: HEALTH & GENERAL**

Rainbolt, Dusty—*Jeffy's Daily Mews*

## **K.2 SOCIAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE: BEHAVIOR & TRAINING**

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Catio Lifestyle and Enrichment Cativities*

## **K.3 SOCIAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE: LIFESTYLE**

Aurit, Anita—*Instagram Images*

## **K.4 SOCIAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE: RESCUE & ADVOCACY**

Grelyak, Alana, with Shannon Gonzalez—*Tree House Humane Society Instagram*

Holton, Louise—*Alley Cat Rescue Instagram and Facebook*

## **K.5 SOCIAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE: HUMOR & ENTERTAINMENT**

Garland, Beverly—*YouTube Channel: I Love to Draw Cats*

Loehner, Rachel—*Three Chatty Cats Instagram Profile*

Lowbeer, Carol—*Peaches and Paprika Facebook Page*

White, Dawn—*Lola The Rescued Cat*



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## L.1 PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE IMAGE

Barnes, Deborah—*Rolz the Cat Struggles to Stay Awake for Sunday Selfie!*

Barnes, Deborah—*Sunshine and Jazmine go Paw and Paw*

Booras, Christine—*Master of Selective Listening*

Booras, Christine—*I See Into Your Soul*

Dawson, Marjorie—*Chenzou at the Cat Cafe*

Dawson, Marjorie—*Love at the Cat Café*

Dawson, Marjorie—*Dot Roars*

Grelyak, Alana—*Community Cat, West Side of Chicago*

Grelyak, Alana—*Cleopatra, Queen of Tree House*

Loehner, Rachel—*Cuddle Buddies*

Loehner, Rachel—*The Sneeze*

Loehner, Rachel—*I'll be good...*

Lowbeer, Carol—*Paprika's Hug Your Cat Day*

White, Dawn—*Special Needs Shelter Cat With her Nip Nanner*

White, Dawn—*Kitten in a Cat Cafe*

Willett, Susan—*Paperwork*



“The Tragedy of Overpopulation”  
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## L.2 PHOTOGRAPHY: SERIES

Jones, Lindsy—*Cats in Bow Ties: Photographs and Rescue Stories of Shelter Cats with Style*

## L.3 PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

Keiger, Teresa—*September Back-to-School*

Keiger, Teresa—*Cat Talk – December 2019 cover*

Keiger, Teresa—*Cat Talk – October 2019 cover*

Lowbeer, Carol—*National Rose Month*

Nichols, Karen—*Cat Scouts 2020 Calendar: The Golden Years*

Willett, Susan—*Pause*

## L.4 CARTOON

Bullington, Barbara—*Cat-urday Night Fever dancing cat gif*

Piro, Stephanie—*9 Lives*

Piro, Stephanie—*Cat Decorations*

Piro, Stephanie—*Red Riding Hood*

Piro, Stephanie—*Don't Pet Me*

Piro, Stephanie—*Ignoring Cat*

Piro, Stephanie—*Documentaries*

## L.5 ILLUSTRATION (SINGLE)

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*The Other Side of the Glass*

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## L.6 ILLUSTRATIONS (SERIES)

Bullington, Barbara—*Paper doll cat care kit*

Chua, Charlene—*#UNOVember: A Celebration of Life in 30 Pictures*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Klepto Cat Book Covers 33–40*

## L.7 GRAPHIC DESIGN

Barnes, Deborah—*Respect Your Cat Day – An Ode to the Obvious*

Barnes, Deborah—*2019 CWA 25th Anniversary and Awards Banquet Marketing and Graphic Design Promotions*

Barnes, Deborah—*Cat Allergies? Don't Despair – 10 Tips to Manage the Symptoms for Adopt a Shelter Cat Month*

Keiger, Teresa—*Proper Caregiving For Your Cat*

Keiger, Teresa—*CFA Cat Show Guide*

Keiger, Teresa—*CFA International Show branding and materials (Flyer, Poster, Tickets, Show Guide)*

Keiger, Teresa—*Welcoming Your New Kitten or Cat Home*

Nakchbendi, Yasaar—*Cats of The World Weekly Planner Artwork*

Nichols, Karen—*Evacuation Safety for Felines and their Families Infographic*

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## **M.1 FINE ART**

Garland, Beverly—*“Thomas” – 9” x 12” colored pencil on paper (commissioned portrait)*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Stained Glass Feline Family  
Commissioned Portrait*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Commissioned Portrait Trio, Lucy, Ethel  
and Bubb*

Kazmarski, Bernadette—*Mimi in the Formal Garden  
Commissioned Painting*



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## **SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD**

Sponsored by the CWA in honor of CWA co-founder and Past President, Amy D. Shojai, this award 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. Qualifying mentor experiences are limited to those occurring within the past three contest periods (approximately the last three years). The recipient shall exemplify the highest ideals of the CWA vision, that is, to promote communal support, networking, and mutual respect among colleagues. The honoree shall receive \$500 and a commemorative item.

### **JUDGE: CWA COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

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

## **MICHAEL BRIM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Sponsored by the 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).

### **JUDGE: CWA COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

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

## CWA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Sponsored by the CWA Council of Directors, this award is presented to the best entry among all MUSE™ Medallion winners in the Regular Contest Categories. It is the "Best of the Best." All MUSE™ Medallion winners are automatically entered and considered for this special honor. This award consists of \$500 and a commemorative item.

### JUDGE: CWA PRESIDENT DEB BARNES

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



"Sleeping Beauty"

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# In Memoriam



*Nancy was a longtime member of CWA and DWAA and passed away recently due to an infection unrelated to Covid-19. She lived in Albuquerque NM with her older sister Norma. Nancy was in her late 70s.*

*Nancy was an animal advocate, award-winning editor, and journalist, multi-talented volunteer, and an incredible friend. She joined CWA in 1997 and DWAA in 1998. She was CWA vice president from 2003 through 2007, expanding the role of the office by voluntarily becoming co-chair of the annual conference. She served as CWA's Contest chairperson two different times, for several years each time! She also won CWA's Shojai Mentor Award in 2006 and the Michael Brim Distinguished Service Award in 2013.*

*As editor-in-chief of "PETroglyphs," a regional animal welfare magazine in New Mexico, Nancy consistently drew attention to improving the lives of all animals -- not just cats and dogs, and not just in New Mexico. When she retired, Nancy continued to write.*

*She was the most cheerful, upbeat, and supportive person I ever met. Despite years of pain and repeated hospitalizations for surgeries on her back, legs, and arms, Nancy faced every situation with good humor and patience. She loved a good laugh. She loved her pets. She loved all of us.*

*In her memory, my husband and I plan to rename the CWA special award we are sponsoring: the Nancy Marano Senior Cat Well-Being Award. I think she'd like that.*





# Special Awards Judges



**LYNN BAHR, DVM** is a 1991 graduate from the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine. She credits a special grey and white ball of kitten fluff to lead her down the path of a career in feline medicine and behavior. Helping to strengthen the human-animal bond is her life's mission and guiding force and her areas of interest and special care for felines include health and wellness,

environmental enrichment, hospice, and ending the practice of declawing. Dr. Bahr is currently the CEO of Dezi & Roo, a company that designs, manufactures and sells enrichment products that enhance the lives of cats their owners. Dr. Bahr was the recipient of the 2018 Pet Age Woman of Influence Award and serves on the Board of Director of Pandemonium Aviaries, Fear Free Advisory Board, and Society of Veterinary Medical Ethics. She is on the Cat Committee of the Pet Professional Guild, and a consultant for several world-class pet product manufacturing companies.

**SCOTT BLACK, CPPS**, PSI 2010 Pet Sitter of the Year, Owner, Founder, CEO, and Top dog at Personal Touch Pet Sitting.

Scott chose to reinvent himself after the last job he held in corporate America. Shortly after 9/11 and a sabbatical from the 9-5 world, he knew it was time to take a step back and reassess. Scott did just that.

During that sabbatical a Dalmatian puppy named Domino came into his life. She was the best gift he could have gotten at that time. Domino was his inspiration for starting Personal Touch Pet



Sitting in Kingwood, TX in 2005. From there on in he was spot on his way to a successful career in the professional pet care industry.

Celebrating his 15th year in business, and a 15 year card carrying member of Pet Sitters International, the world's leading association for professional pet sitters and dog walkers, Scott always leads by example. As a professional pet care provider credentials are a must. Scott is insured and bonded, maintains a clear criminal background history as well as his certificate of training in Pet First Aid and CPR. Continuing education is also very important to Scott both as a pet business owner and pet parent. He renews his certification as a Certified Professional Pet Sitter through Pet Sitters International.

Scott's business model has changed numerous times. Working as a solo sitter, to having help, and now back to working solo. The one thing that has never changed in the past 15 years is his commitment to providing the best quality care and customer service to his more than 150 active clients.

Scott and his husband share their home with their four dogs, Bucky, Chato, Hannah and Leo, and their kitty Bo.



**CAROL BRYANT** “A dog lover of the highest order” is how Gayle King introduced Carol Bryant, when she appeared with her Cocker Spaniel on Oprah Radio’s Gayle King show to dish dogs. Carol created and owns the trademark, My Heart Beats Dog® and lives that mantra. She is the founder of Fidose of Reality, President of the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA), and the 2020 DWAA winner for Best Dog Blog.

**STERLING DAVIS**, Sterling “TrapKing”

Davis is a well-traveled, ex-military, music and cat enthusiast who has always loved entertaining and interacting with people. Since childhood, he was also the only guy in his neighborhood that loved cats. One day, while taking a break from the rap group he was performing with, Sterling saw a posting for a job cleaning litter boxes at his local shelter. He needed something to do to pass the time so he applied for the job.



He started cleaning litter boxes and loved working with cats so much, he was promoted to an outreach position where he could focus on trap-neuter-return (TNR), the only way to humanely control cat overpopulation. It was at that point he decided to give up his successful music career and focus on his passion for cats.

In 2017, he started his own nonprofit, Trapking Humane Cat Solutions, where he focuses on educating, assisting, and doing TNR and community cat management. Davis’ mission is to change the stereotypes of not only men in cat rescue, but also bridge the gap in communication between black communities and predominantly white animal welfare organizations. He lives and breathes his motto, you don’t lose cool points for compassion.

Today Davis is a sought-after speaker all over the world, speaking at events like Cat Con, Cat Camp, Meow DC and fundraising events for small rescues and shelters across the United States. Sterling hopes to one day travel the country in a recreational vehicle, teaching animal advocates in communities of all sizes how to care for their community cats.



**SHELLEY DELROCCO**, feline behavioral expert, is co-founder of Pet Tree Houses. Shelley believes in doing everything possible to enrich the lives of cats by understanding and reducing captive stress. Her company, founded in 2008 has received world-wide acclaim for their unique indoor feline habitats, also setting the Guinness World Record for the tallest cat tree in 2014. Her greatest reward for creating

these Trees is hearing the feedback and seeing the pictures of clients' cats and how happy they are. Shelley has eight rescue cats and is active in her local community's rescues and shelters and is a strong advocate and participant of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).

For more information about Shelley, please visit [www.pettreehouses.com](http://www.pettreehouses.com)

**CHLOE DIVITA**, aka The Speech Choreographer, is a Performance Coach who has coached hundreds of speakers from speaking newbies to industry vets from Olympians to Hollywood Screenwriters from Founders of billion dollar corporations to NFL Referees. As the former COE (Chief of Everything) of BlogPaws, she brings 8+ years of digital and influencer marketing experience to help people communicate their content to their audience. And, as Head Performance Coach for TEDxCambridge, she helps leaders choreograph their message into a performance that everyone remembers.





**ROBIN DOWNING, DVM, MS,  
DAIPM, DACVSMR, CVPP, CCRP**

Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management. She has received many regional, national, and international awards, including the Excellence in Veterinary Medicine Award in 2001 from the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Dr. Downing is an internationally sought-after speaker on topics

including pain management, physical rehabilitation, physical medicine, hospice/end-of-life care, anaesthesia related topics, and overcoming compliance obstacles/issues in veterinary medicine.

In 2016 she completed her Master of Science degree in Clinical Bioethics, and is now working on her Doctorate in Clinical Bioethics.

**FELISSA ELFENBEIN** lives with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Penny in the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Felissa can often be found with a bathtub full of newborn kittens that need a quiet space to nurse from their momma and grow. She is the Social Media, Influencer, and Affiliate Manager for Icelandic+, a pet treat company based out of Iceland.



**ERIN FENSTERMAKER** is a business consultant specializing in the pet industry. She holds two Bachelor's degrees and an MBA from Southern Methodist University, and is a certified dog trainer. Erin combined her lifelong passion for animals and experience in working closely

with business owners when she formally opened her consulting practice in 2013. Today she works with many pet businesses as a contract COO, assisting them in their use of metrics and financial reporting, developing company policies and advising on business strategy. Erin focuses much of her energy on the dog walking and pet sitting industry, regularly writing for the National Association of Professional Pet Sitter magazine, and counting some of the largest local businesses in that industry as her clients. Erin is the owner of two energetic cats, Pippi and Finn. She is active in the local Dallas shelter and rescue community, regularly volunteering her time in addition to fostering both cats and dogs. To learn more about Erin, visit her website at <http://www.erinfenstermaker.com>



**STACY LEBARON** has been involved in animal welfare for over 20 years. She spent 16 years as president of the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society and currently hosts the Community Cats Podcast (CCP), interviewing cat welfare experts and others involved in helping cats around the country and the world.

Since starting CCP in 2016, Stacy has recorded over 330 episodes and published an equal number of blog posts. CCP has assisted over 100 community cat groups around the country through its fundraising mentorship and matching grants program. CCP also holds two virtual conferences annually, plus other online training opportunities.

An expert in her field, Stacy provides consulting services to individuals and groups looking to improve effectiveness and efficiency. She also volunteers in an advisory capacity with the shelter medicine committee at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and has served on the board of several animal welfare groups. She currently serves as

administrative trustee for the LeBaron Foundation and facilitates two Massachusetts coalitions. She has also spoken at HSUS's Animal Care Expo and at the New England Federation of Humane Societies conference.

A graduate of Vassar College, Stacy lives in Vermont with her husband, daughter, son, and one cat.



**JULIE LEVY, DVM** is a professor of shelter medicine at the University of Florida. Her research and clinical interests center on the health and welfare of animals in shelters, feline infectious diseases, and humane alternatives for cat population control. She is the founder of Operation Catnip, a

university-based community cat trap-neuter-return program that has spayed, neutered, and vaccinated more than 60,000 cats in Gainesville, Florida since 1998. Dr. Levy joined Dr. Cynda Crawford to found Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the College of Veterinary Medicine, an educational and discovery initiative with a global impact on the care of homeless animals. In 2014, she joined Dr. Kate Hurley to launch the Million Cat Challenge, a shelter-based campaign to save a million cats in shelters across North America. For the past two years, Dr. Levy has worked with animal shelters to better understand diagnosis, management, and outcomes in FeLV+ shelter cats.

**SAMANTHA MARTIN** is an expert animal trainer and the Chief Human Officer for the Amazing Acro-Cats, featuring the Rock Cats band. She and her troupe of former shelter cats and strays entertain audiences all over the country with their feline show that also helps raise money for non-profit feline groups in the cities they visit.





**CINDY RIGONI, DVM** owns and runs All Cat Veterinary Clinic in Houston, TX, which she opened in 1984 as only the fifth cats-only veterinary practice in the U.S. In the late 1970s, Dr. Rigoni started breeding and showing Cornish Rex. She's an avid reader, consuming 1500 words per minute. She's also a Cat Fanciers'

Association (CFA) master clerk.

### **JENNIFER SCHORI, DVM**

graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. She practiced small animal medicine on the East Coast for 25 years and has been working in veterinary publishing for over 20 years. In 2015, she earned a Master of Science in Learning Technologies from Drexel

University and continues to use that training in her ongoing efforts to create quality continuing education for veterinarians through her work with Brief Media, publisher of Clinician's Brief. Dr. Schori currently resides in Washington with her dog-centric English husband (who has lovingly dubbed her "The Crazy Cat Lady"), 2 teenage children, Jack Russell (Biscuit), and two cats (Cosmos and [Inspector] Clouseau).



**BRIONY SCOTT** is the owner of a successful pet sitting company here in The Woodlands, TX. I also have become a certified cat behaviorist and am continuing my education and knowledge in this field. I have 20 pet sitting employees and train them on all things cat (my manager does all



things dog) so that we can provide the best service possible to our kitty (and dog) clients. I run a small rescue as well, focusing mainly on the high maintenance pure bred Himalayans as well as rabbits. At the moment, I live with 8 feline friends in my home, and 2 feline friends in my office. All of my kitties are rescues.

**JOETTE WHITE** Park Cities Pet Sitter opened almost 30 years ago, in 1992. In 1996, Joette White began working for the company as a pet sitter, and then in 2000, she purchased the company from the original owner. Naturally driven to provide superior



customer service, Joette focused on making Park Cities Pet Sitter the best pet care company in the Metroplex. Part of those efforts include a strong servant leadership philosophy, which essentially means taking great care of her employees and helping them be successful in their jobs. This philosophy has been as important to the company's long term success as taking care of clients and their pets.

Joette has served on the Board of The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters, helping to educate others in the industry about best practices. Her company has won a multitude of local awards including Angie's List Super Service Award for 5 consecutive years, "Best of Dallas" by D Magazine, and "Best of's" from WFAA Channel 8, Dallas Voice, and The Dallas Observer. Park Cities Pet Sitter was also awarded the prestigious NAPPS' 2017 Business of the Year—this is a national award given to a pet sitting company that demonstrates outstanding business practices and vision in maintaining and growing their business.

Currently Joette serves as the Vice President of the Zoo Crew Booster Club at JL Long Middle School. Zoo Crew helps middle school youth develop their leadership skills, while furthering their science education by working with a variety of animals living on the school campus.

Joette is married and is a mother to two young boys. Animals

have always been a huge part of her life. In addition to “herding” the three Park Cities Pet Sitter office cats (Carl, Kruger and Henry), Joette also has a sweet rescue dog named Phyllis and a short-haired rabbit named Toofus at her home. She strongly believes in giving back to her church and community, and does so by working with local shelters, as well as through education, training, and fund raising activities.



**PETER WOLF** is a research and policy analyst for Best Friends Animal Society. Peter’s role involves the analysis of science and public policy related to community cat issues, a topic he’s been researching and writing about since 2010 through his blog, Vox Felina. His writing

is published regularly on the Best Friends blog, in letters to editor, and in peer-reviewed research articles. Peter holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and master’s degree in industrial design. His professional/industry experience has focused on the acquisition, analysis, and synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data.

# Contributing Artists & Photographers



**TRACY AHRENS** of Illinois has been a journalist and editor for newspapers, magazines and websites for over 25 years. She is also an artist and author of eight books, including four children's books (three she also illustrated). As of 2020, Tracy had won 66 writing awards statewide, locally and nationally. She has three senior cats (Joan of Arc, 20; Captain Jack Sparrow, 17; and Forest, 14) and one senior dog, Angel, 14.



**DEBORAH BARNES** is the author of the award-winning book, *Makin' Biscuits - Weird Cat Habits and the Even Weirder Habits of the Humans Who Love Them*, as well as *Purr Prints of the Heart – A Cat's Tale of Life, Death, and Beyond*, and *The Chronicles of Zee & Zoey – A Journey of the Extraordinarily Ordinary*. She is the President of the Cat Writers' Association

and was awarded 2013 Writer of the Year by Friskies Purina. She is also the Secretary of the nonprofit, Pawsitively Humane, Inc. of Miami, Florida, cat mom to eight fabulous felines, and founder of Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day, an internationally renowned day devoted to celebrating the memory of those pets loved and lost on August 28 each year.



**MARJORIE DAWSON** is a pet photography blogger who encourages every cat lover to take better pictures through DashKitten.com. She is addicted to learning more about her DSLR and smartphone cameras. When she is not chasing her cats around the house for portraits and action shots, she teaches

literacy to the adults who have grown up disadvantaged by the rapid move into the digital age.



**DEBBIE DE LOUISE** is an award-winning author and a reference librarian at a public library. She is a member of Sisters-in-Crime, International Thriller Writers, Long Island Authors Group, and the Cat Writers' Association. Her novels include the four books of the Cobble Cove mystery series: *A Stone's Throw*, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, *Written in Stone*, and *Love on the Rocks*. Debbie

has also written a standalone mystery, *Reason to Die*, a romantic comedy novella, *When Jack Trumps Ace*, a paranormal romance, *Cloudy Rainbow*, and a psychological mystery, *Sea Scope*. She lives on Long Island with her husband, daughter, and three cats.



**PAULA GREGG** is the voice behind Truffle and Brulee on Sweet Purrfections. She earned a Ph.D. in Secondary Mathematics Education and spent 40+ years in education and government. Paula is the owner, author, & photographer for Sweet Purrfections, LLC. She's published several articles and full-color weekly planners about cats. Paula was a pet influencer with BlogPaws

and Chewy.com for 8 years. Paula is currently serving as the Vice President and a Professional Member of the Cat Writers' Association (CWA) and an Associate Member of the United Silver and Golden Fanciers (USGF) Club. Certificates of Excellence from BlogPaws for Best Written Post: Sponsored and Certificates of Excellence from the Cat Writer's Association for articles, the Sweet Purrfections blog, and the Blogging Cats Weekly Planner. Paula was the recipient of the Pet Sitters' International Professional Pet Care Award (2018).



**ALANA GRELYAK** is a writer, actress, and musician and is the founder of Catharsis Creative LLC, a company dedicated to creating content of all kinds. She is best known for her script writing and acting in the *CATastrophes Web Series*, with over 123,000 subscribers and 37 million views on YouTube. Her blog project CatInTheFridge.com won best blog from the 2014 Cat Writer's Association Awards and her script for

"CHATastrophe" won the President's Award the same year. Her writing has been published in numerous local and national publications since 2005 and she currently has three books available. She is a 2020 Council Member of the Cat Writer's Association and has served as a

CWA MUSE™ Medallion judge three years in a row. She holds a Master's Degree in Piano Performance from UW- Madison, the 2015 Golden Kitty Award from CatVidFest, and a YouTube Silver Play Button. She is currently working on a new YouTube project called Cat In The Fridge Films.

Alana often donates her time to animal rescue causes, frequently fostering homeless kittens and speaking and writing on the topics of adoption and rescue. She was last seen as a speaker at The ACATemy 2020 where she gave a talk entitled "Personify the Pets: Focused Humor Saves Lives." Alana was previously the Manager of Marketing and Community Relations at Tree House Humane Society and is now the Associate Director of Content at PAWS Chicago. She lives in Chicago, IL.



Under the supervision of her rescue and foster cats **BERNADETTE E KAZMARSKI** is author of the award-winning daily blog The Creative Cat featuring stories on feline and pet health, welfare, adoption and rescue plus humor, photography and fine art. She works at home as a self-employed commercial artist and writer, graphic designer and illustrator, and is also a fine artist creating over 100 commissioned portraits of pets and their people as well as landscape and wildlife artwork.



**BIANCA LUNDIEN KENNEDY** is a well published photographer who specializes in feline photography. She has thrived in this niche for cat lovers for over a decade, working in editorial photography, veterinary photography, cat show photography, shelter cat photography, and cat and owner portraiture. She started her own cat photography e-commerce business,

ShutterKitten, in 2007 in Chicago, later relocating to San Diego in 2010. You can view more of her work at [www.shutterkitten.com](http://www.shutterkitten.com) . Bianca has been a professional member of CWA since 2011.



**MARCI KLADNIK** is an award-winning writer and photographer. She has won multiple MUSE™ Medallions and Certificates of Excellence from CWA, the 2016 Kari Winters Rescue and Rehabilitation Award, and was a finalist for a Maxwell from the Dog Writers Association of America. For seven years she wrote a newspaper column about feral cats while sitting on the board of Catalyst for Cats, Inc. Her work has been

published in books and magazines, and she continues to write for various online and print publications. Her two new children's books, *Maggie Adopts a Kitten (It really happened!)* and *Maggie and Barney and the Allergic Photographer (It really happened!)*, were published in 2020. Marci served as president of CWA for four years. She lives in the tiny town of Los Alamos, CA, with her dog and three cats.



**ALLIA ZOBEL NOLAN** is an internationally published author of 150+ children's and adult books. Her titles range from the Divine to the feline and include such varied titles as *Whatever Is Lovely: A 90-Day Devotional Journal*, (Harper Christian), *Cat*

*Confessions: A Kitty-Come-Clean Tell-All Book*, (Harvest House), *The Joy of Being Fifty+* (Workman Publishing, illustrated by New Yorker cartoonist, Roz Chast), and more. A former Reader's Digest Children's Publishing senior editor, she collaborated with the Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop to publish *Laugh Out Loud* with 40 funny EBWW humorists. The title won a 2019 Humor Indie Award. The second version of her devotional *THE WORRYWART'S PRAYER BOOK: 40 Help Me Get a Grip, God Meditations and Prayers* was released in 2019. Her latest title, *WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU; A BOOK ABOUT ACCEPTANCE* won a 2020 Children's Picture Book Indie Award. Kregel Publishers will put out her new book, *GOD MADE US JUST RIGHT* in 2021.



**STEPHANIE PIRO** is an award-winning cartoonist, illustrator and designer. She is one of King Features' team of women cartoonists, "Six Chix", now in its 20th year of syndication. She has won multiple MUSE™ medallions and Certificates of Excellence from the Cat Writers' Association and has been nominated for the National Cartoonists' Society's Reuben Award in the Single

Panel Newspaper division for her single panel “Far Game.” Stephanie lives in New Hampshire with her husband and three cats.



**CAROL ROWLAND** has always had two passions, artwork and cats. Though skilled in many mediums she has discovered the flexibility in digital art using it to illustrate children’s books, coloring books and various publications.



“Bombay Blues”

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# Virtual Awards Ceremony Credits

**DEB BARNES** - Producer, Scripting, Graphic and Theme Design – From Glammie to Jammies, Editing, Marketing, Social Media, Tabby's Place Fundraising Coordinator, and Sponsor Relations

**PAULA GREGG** – MUSE™ Medallion Scripting, Layout, and Editing

**AMY SHOJAI & ALANA GRELYAK** – Musical Score

**JANEA KELLEY** – Executive Director and Behind the Scenes Virtual Ceremony Coordinator

**LYNN THOMPSON** – Special Awards Scripting, Layout, Video Editing, and Special Awards Judge Relations

**ROBBI HESS** – Media Relations

**RUTH E. THALER-CARTER** – Certificate of Excellence Slide Preparation

**CAROL LOWBEER** – Pre-Show Video Presentation and Certificate of Excellence Relations

**MARCI KLADNIK** – Graphic Design/Program Guide, Award Shipping Coordination

**RAMONA MAREK** – Editing and Administrative Support

**BONNIE KOENIG** – Technical Support and Outreach Relations

**WENDY CHRISTENSEN** – General Administration and Contest Coordination



# Musical Credits

## FIRST BREAK

*Strays*, from STRAYS, THE MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Normal*, from STRAYS, THE MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Chatastrophe*, by Alana Grelyak

*Haven*, by Alana Grelyak

## INTERMISSION

*Least Of These/Perfect*, from STRAYS the MUSICAL  
by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Magicat*, by Alana Grelyak

*Rainbow Pets* from STRAYS the MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*LMD*, by Alana Grelyak

*Luckycat*, by Alana Grelyak

*Haven*, by Alana Grelyak

## CEREMONY CLOSING

*Fabrizio the Magizio* from MagiCATastrophe, by Alana Grelyak

*Magicat Scene 2*, by Alana Grelyak

*The Muse*, from STRAYS the MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Tokyo Dump*, by Alana Grelyak

*Superman Review*, by Alana Grelyak

*Grazing*, from STRAYS the MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Sin Kitty Theme*, by Alana Grelyak

*Gorilla Biscuit*, by Alana Grelyak

*Haven Credits*, by Alana Grelyak

*Gotcha Day*, from STRAYS the MUSICAL by Shojai & Steele Plays

*Haven Final*, by Alana Grelyak

*CHATastrophe Waltz*, by Alana Grelyak

