

Professional Resume of M. Dusty Rainbolt, ACCBC

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Books Published

Cat Scene Investigator: Solve Your Cat's Litter Box Mystery, Stupid Gravity Press, LLC, 2016

The Four Redheads: The Wrath of Satan, (with Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly and Julia Mandala), Yard Dog Press, 2016

Cats and More Cats, FurPlanet Productions, 2016, (published story in anthology)

Death Under the Crescent Moon, Yard Dog Press, 2013

Cat in the Window & Other Stories of the Cats We Love, Revelle Books, 2013
(published story in anthology)

The Mystical Cat, Sky Warrior Books, 2013 (anthology editor and submitted story)

The Four Redheads: Redheads in Love! (with Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly and Julia Mandala), Yard Dog Press, 2012

The Four Redheads of the Apocalypse: Apocalypse Now! (with Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly and Julia Mandala), Yard Dog Press, 2010 (fiction)

meowWOW!: Curiously Compelling Facts, True Tales, and Trivia Even Your Cat Won't Know, Feline communications chapter, 2008

Cat Wrangling Made Easy: Maintaining Peace & Sanity in Your Multicat Home. The Lyons Press, December 2007.

Ghost Cats: Human Encounters with Cat Spirits, Lyons Press, March 2007

The Four Redheads of the Apocalypse, (with Linda Donahue, Rhonda Eudaly and Julia Mandala), Yard Dog Press, June 2006 (fiction)

Kittens for Dummies, John Wiley and Sons, December, 2003

All The Marbles, Yard Dog Press, August 2003 (fiction)

The Cat Fanciers' Association Complete Cat Book–Turkish Van section, 2004

Speaking Engagements

November 2003-2016 Co-emcee and presenter Cat Writers' Association Awards Banquet

September 2012 Fencon (Dallas, TX) "Ghosthunting in North Texas"

September 2011 Fencon (Dallas, TX) "Ghosthunting in the Real World"

September 2010, Fencon (Dallas, TX) "Real Life Ghostbusting"

September 2009, Fencon (Dallas, TX) "Ghosthunting 101"

November 2008, Cat Writers' Association (Atlanta, GA) "Writing Competitions 101: Writing Prize Winning Material & Judging Your Peers"

March 2008, World Cat Congress (Houston, TX) "Your Multicat Home"

November 2007, Cat Writers' Association (San Mateo, CA) "Cat Juggling: How to Wear the Many Hats of a Freelance Writer"

January 2007, National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (Houston) "The Predator in Your Cat"

October, 2005, Iams-CFA Championship Cat Show (Madison Square Garden) "Bonding with Your Kitten"

November, 2003, Cat Writers' Association Conference, (Kansas City) "Brainstorming"

Product Development Consulting

A Midwestern-based cat litter company

A Texas-based cat behavior product company

A California catnip company

Technical Editor

January, 2010 to present, Editor-in-chief AdoptAShelter.com

Hartz Mountain Corp., Content for orphan puppy and kitten website, 2010

Pet Clean-up Made Easy: Make Stains And Smells Disappear!, Don Aslett, Adams Media Corporation (August, 2005)

Bring Me Home! Cats Make Great Pets, Margaret H. Bonham, Howell Book House (August, 2005)

Hartz Mountain Corp., Cat consultant, rewrote kitten and puppy orphan care materials and labels, 2004

Awards and Professional Recognition

Since joining the Cat Writers' Association (CWA) in 1995, Dusty has been honored with 20 Muse Medallions for Excellence and 39 special writing awards. The Muse Medallion, CWA's top honor, is to the cat world what the Pulitzer is to journalism.

2015 Muse Medallion for Online Article/Health & General Care, "Researchers Study Kitten Mortality"

2014 Dog Writers' Association of America Maxwell for best Online Article – Behavior and Training for "When is it Time to Say Goodbye to Your Dog?" (Dogster.com)

2014 Dog Writers' Association of America Maxwell for best Online Articles – Rescue for "10 Reasons to Foster a Shelter Dog" (Dogster.com)

2014 Friskies Writer of the Year

2014 Hartz® Every Day Chewable Vitamin Award

2014 Hartz® Milke Replacement for Kittens Award

2014 Muse Medallion for Online Article on Health and General Care

2013 AAFCO Cat Friendly Award (Ask Einstein: Cat Carrier)

2012 DWAA Maxwell Nominee for Opinions/Editorials in Any Medium

2012 Muse Medallion for Humor (Houston, We Have a Problem)

2012 Muse Medallion for Opinion Piece, Essay or Editorial (A Grief Observed)

2012 Friskies Writer of the Year

2012 Hartz Glamour Puss Award "Fight the Bite," <> Cat Fancy

2012 Tidy Cats Feline Behavior Award "A Behavior Masterpiece", CatsUSA 2012

2012 Purina One Health Award "Fatima's Fix" City + Country

2012 Shojai Mentor Award

2011 Muse Medallion for Magazine Article, Any Other Topic

2011 Muse Medallion for Column in a Regional Magazine

2011 Friskies Writer of the Year

2011 Hartz Glamour Puss Award

2011 Hartz Replacement Milk for Kittens Award

2011 Purina Kitten Chow Kitten Award
2010 Muse for Health and General Care Magazine Article
2010 Muse for Opinion Piece, Essay, or Editorial
2010 Muse for Online Article Any Other Topic
2010 Hartz Glamour-Puss Award
2010 Hartz Kitten Milk Replacer Kitten Award
2009 AKC Companion Animal Recovery Award for "Let's See Some ID,"

Catnip

2008 AKC Companion Animal Recovery Award for "Ask Einstein"
2008 Dr. Jim Richards Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award for "Ask Einstein"
2008 Hartz Glamour-Puss Award for *Cat Wrangling Made Easy: Maintaining Peace and Sanity in Your Multicat Home*
2008 Hartz Milk Replacement for Kittens Award "7 Products to the Rescue" in Catnip
2008 Iams Responsible Cat Ownership Award for "Focus on Fostering/Spotlight on Fostering" in *Catnip*
2008 Purina One Health Award for "Ask Einstein"
2008 Tidy Cats Feline Behavior Award *Cat Wrangling Made Easy*
2008 Muse Medallion for Best Online Column, "Ask Einstein," www.stickypaws.com
2007 Muse Medallion for Best Book covering Other Topics, *Ghost Cats: Human*

Encounters with Feline Spirits (The Lyons Press)

2007 Iams Responsible Cat Ownership Award for "College Kids", www.stickypaws.com
2007 Petmate Safe Cat Award for "HoHoHolly" www.stickypaws.com
2007 Purina® Kitten Chow® Kitten Award "Orphan Basics" *Cat Fancy*
2006 Hartz Milk Replacement for Kittens Award "Gigi's New Life" *Cat Fancy*
2006 Purina® Kitten Chow® Kitten Award "Gigi's New Life" *Cat Fancy*
2006 Sticky Paws® Training Award "Feline Eye for the Single Guy" Dear Hobbes City +

Country Pets

2006 Purina® Cat Chow® Nutrition Award "If You Eat that, You'll Go Blind" City + Country Pets

2006 Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallion for Best Opinion Piece "Disaster Preparedness" Ask Einstein, www.stickypaws.com

2005 Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallion for Best Magazine Column, "Dear Hobbes" City & Country Pets

2005 Muse Medallion Award for Photography Series, black & white for "Shoppin', Showin' and Staking Out the Litter Box" *Catnip*

2005 HSUS Pets For Life Award "Hammer Heads Home" *Cat Fancy*

2005 Petmate Safe Cat Award for "Feline First Aid Products" *Catnip*

2005 Purina Kitten Chow Kitten Award for "Dear Hobbes"

2004 Iams Responsible Cat Ownership Award for "Kittens For Dummies"

2004, 1999 CWA Muse Medallions for Best Humor for "Dear Hobbes"

2003 ASPCA Special Humane Award and the Sticky Paws Training Award for "Dear Hobbes"

2002, 2001 and 1999, 1998 Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallions for Best Column in a Regional Publication for "Dear Hobbes"

2000 Purina Cat Chow Nutrition Award for "Dear Hobbes"

1999 Tidy Cat Feline Behavior Award for “Dear Hobbes”
1996 Cat Writers' Association/American Cat Fanciers Association Cat Safety Award for, "Hazards Around the House" PetLife, March, 1996
1998 Recognized by Open Government Coppel for Excellence in Reporting
2008 Certificate of Excellence Newsletter Article – Health or General Care, “The Skinny on Fat Cats,” Catnip
2008 Certificate of Excellence for Newsletter Article – Other Topics, “Great Grooming Tools,” Catnip
2008 Certificate of Excellence for Newsletter Article – Other Topics, “Focus on Fostering,” Catnip
2008 Certificate of Excellence for Books - Healthy & General Care, *Cat Wrangling Made Easy*

Nominated for 2007 CWA Muse Medallion Award for Best Magazine Column
Nominated for 2007 CWA Muse Medallion Award for Best Newsletter Article - Other Topics
Nominated for 2007 CWA Muse Medallion Award for Best Newsletter Article - Other Topics
Nominated for 2005 Muse Medallion Award for Best Magazine Article-Other Topic "Hammer Heads Home" Cat Fancy
Nominated for 2005 Muse Medallion Award for Best Single Photograph, black & white for "Santa Claws Is Coming to Town" Catnip (Pending)
Nominated for 2004 CWA Muse Medallion Award for Best Health and General Care Book
Nominated for 2004 CWA Muse Medallion Award for Best Newsletter Article-Other Topics
Nominated for 2003 CWA Muse Medallion for Best Newsletter Article (misc.)
Nominated for 2000 CWA Muse Award for Best Humor
Nominated for 1998 CWA Muse Award for Best B&W photo series and Best Brochure
Nominated for 1997 CWA Muse Award for Best Newspaper Article
Nominated for 1996 CWA Muse Award for Best Short Story
President of Vantastix Turkish Van Breed Club (1998-2002)
Vice-President of Vantastix Turkish Van Breed Club (2002-2004)
Board of Directors of Cat Writers' Association (present)

Staff Positions

January, 2010 to present, Editor-in-chief AdoptAShelter.com
December 1998 to March 2012 *Catnip*, monthly correspondent—product editor and reviewer
1998 to January, 2012 *City + Country Pets* staff writer & author of “Dear Hobbes” monthly cat column
Stickypaws.com, Dear Einstein monthly cat column
Hartz.com, monthly cat column
Whole Cat Journal, monthly correspondent and product editor
Lewisville Leader/Coppel Gazette, staff correspondent
Star Telegram NE, correspondent

The Frugal Bride Magazine, editor and writer

Christian Informer, staff writer

Lewisville News, staff writer

Crossroads, staff writer, (the newspaper for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas)