

*Elissa's articles won
awards at the Cat Writer's Association's 2006, 2007, and 2009 conferences.*

CAT WRITERS' ASSOCIATION SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS - 2006

The **AKC COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY AWARD** is given to the best single entry that informs and educates the general public about issues relating to lost cats, stray cats, behaviors of roaming and feral cats, and all forms of pet identification and recovery.

The **PETMATE SAFE CAT AWARD** for the best entry on cat safety, is sponsored by Petmate Pet Products. Entries must take a positive approach to inform and educate readers about feline safety issues.

Winner of both awards: Elissa Wolfson, "My Cat is Lost," *Catnip Magazine*

"This entry was chosen because it emphasizes not just the information on reuniting cats with their owners and uses excellent resources for techniques, but also because it shows the significance of preventing cats from getting lost. The author was able to incorporate examples and personal vignettes that make the article easy to read and easy to relate to the individuals involved."

Judge: Robert Gordon, DVM, owner and director, Oakland Animal Hospital, New Jersey; NJVMA Veterinarian of the Year, 2003.

"This great story catches your attention and gives good advice--some of which I've never heard--on returning your kitty to his happy home."

Judge: Aggie Kiefer, veterinary technician, editor-in-chief of "Veterinary Technician" magazine.



**AKC Companion Animal Recovery Award - Elissa Wolfson, winner
(presented by Gregory Beck of AKC)
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SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS - 2007

HARTZ MOUNTAIN AWARD

Winner: Elissa Wolfson, "Facts on Fostering," *Catnip Magazine*

"The author offered information on the foster process and what to expect as a foster cat parent, as well as ways for interested parties to get more information. She tied in the animal-human bond and the emotional well-being of humans in an easy-to-follow way."

Judge: Kim Cousins, Founder, Unleashed Magazines, Inc.

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS - 2009

PURINA ONE® HEALTH AWARD

KATHRYN HOPPER AWARD

Winner of both awards: Elissa Wolfson, "Sammy the Survivor," *Catnip Magazine*

"The author's voice is appealing, logical, engaging and never forced. The story defining the medical condition in question is presented in a well-organized fashion and draws in the curious, just as do our challenging clinical cases. The language and degree of scientific information is appropriate for a wide range of readers, from casual cat lovers to veterinary medical professionals. And, finally, it highlighted sophisticated yet practical modern veterinary diagnostics and therapy in an approachable way."

Judge: Dr. Jack Aldridge, Director of Veterinary Services, SF/SPCA

"This piece is a clear winner in all categories. A wonderful article. Excellent in every way."

Judge: Dr. Phil Padrid, Southwest Medical Director Veterinary Centers of America

MUSE MEDALLION WINNERS - 2009

III.4 – Best Newsletter Article, Health and General Care

Winner: Elissa Wolfson, "Cats and Babies," *Catnip Magazine*

"A great presentation addressing the common worry among expectant mothers concerned about toxoplasmosis. The author's personal experience, delightful photos, and sidebar provide a thorough look at the topic of safety measures for expectant mothers who own cats."