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Dr. Nancy Kay Receives the American Animal Hospital Association 2009 Hill's Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award

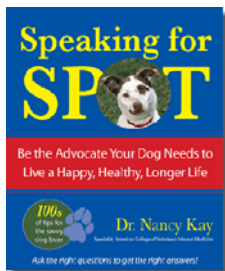
Dr. Nancy Kay will receive the American Animal Hospital Association **2009 Hill's Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award** in Phoenix on March 26th. This award is presented annually to a veterinarian or non-veterinarian who has advanced animal welfare through extraordinary service or by furthering humane principles, education and understanding.

Dr. Kay received this award as recognition for her speaking platform on the topic of client-veterinarian communication, her formation and facilitation of a Client Support Group for people struggling emotionally with the illness or death of a four-legged family member, and for her book *Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life* (Trafalgar Square Press, October, 2008).

Dr. Kay is passionate in her desire to equip people to be the best possible medical advocates for their pets and in *Speaking for Spot* she has provided an invaluable tool for achieving that wish. *Speaking for Spot* has been widely acclaimed by fellow veterinarians, pet industry publications and the pet-loving public. Dr. Kay was featured on the March 19, 2009 National Public Radio Show, *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*.

Dr. Nancy Kay is a board certified specialist in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She is a staff internist at VCA Animal Care Center, a 24-hour emergency/specialty care center in Rohnert Park, California.

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