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***Speaking for Spot* (the book and the blog) named winners in the 2009 Dog Writer's Association Annual Competition**



Dr. Nancy Kay's book, ***Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life*** and her *Speaking for Spot* Blog were honored at the Dog Writers Association of America Annual Writing Competition Awards ceremony on February 14, 2010 hosted in New York City in conjunction with the Westminster Dog Show.

The DWAA Annual Writing Competition honors a broad range of authors who have written books and/or published their work in newspaper, website, blog, magazine, newsletter or broadcast media. In addition to these regular awards, a dozen special awards are given by Eukanuba, Merial, Morris Animal Foundation, North Shore Animal League, AKC, Westminster Kennel Club, PSI, DWAA and Planet Dog Foundation.

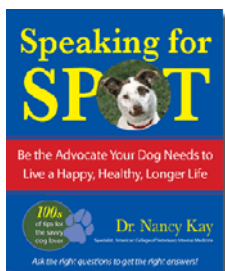
Dr. Kay's *Speaking for Spot* Blog ([www.speakingforspot.com/blog](http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog)) received The Best Blog Award.

Dr. Kay and her book, *Speaking for Spot*, received the highly coveted Eukanuba Canine Health Award. The is presented for the article or book that best promotes the health and well being of dogs with accuracy, clear writing and the representation of a fresh view of canine health

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 is the recipient of the American Animal Hospital Association Hills 2009 American Animal Hospital Association Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award. Dr. Kay was featured on the National Public Radio Show, ***Fresh Air with Terry Gross*** on March 19, 2009.

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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