

# AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Amy Shojai, CABC is a certified animal behavior consultant, and nationally known authority on pet care and behavior. She began her career as a veterinary technician and is the award-winning author of more than 35 prescriptive nonfiction pet books, and a pet-centric THRILLERS WITH BITE fiction series.

Amy has also published more than 2500 articles and columns, and today she “channels her inner cat/dog” in her work. Amy created the expert content at puppies.about.com and wrote the cat behavior content at cats.About.com (now TheSpruce.com). She writes features for MarthaStewartLiving.com, Chewy.com, FearFreePets.com, and has contributed to Huffington Post, Caste.com and Dogster.com. She writes a weekly award-winning P’ETiQuette newspaper column and produces a free newsletter Pets Peeves. She has hosted nearly 100 half hour radio Pet Peeves radio podcast. Amy appears in a twice monthly Pet Talk feature at KXII-TV and appears as a pet expert on Animal Planet’s DOGS 101 and CATS 101.

She is a pet-savvy blogger and consultant to the pet products industry. Amy has worked with a variety of clients including Merck animal Health, Hill’s Pet Food, Rover.com, Sergeant’s Pet Care, HomeAgain.com, Tidy Cats, Purina, PetCareRx, and Pets Best. Amy toured as the national spokesperson for the Purina Cat Chow “Way of Life” Tour and wrote the award-winning “Cats Emotional Health” column as a Cat Chow Mentor for more than a decade.

Amy has written widely in the pet field on training, behavior, health care (both allopathic and holistic), and the health benefits of keeping cats and dogs. She is a co-founder and past president of the international Cat Writers’ Association, a certified member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, a Fear Free Certified Trainer, and Dog Writers Association of America. She’s also a past president and honorary lifetime member of Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc, and a member of the Alliance of Independent Authors, Sisters in Crime, International Thriller Writers. She has won dozens of awards for her books and other writing.

Amy frequently lectures at conferences and gives Webinars about writing as well as a variety of pet-related issues. She has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, and in USA Weekend, The New York Times, Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Reader’s Digest, Woman’s Day, Family Circle, Woman’s World, and many other leading periodicals. She regularly appears on national radio and television in connection with her writing. Perhaps most memorably, she represented the “cat side” and won a nationally televised tongue-in-cheek debate (NBC Today Show, Fox, CNN and others) arguing whether cats or dogs are the more appropriate White House pets.