

Choctaw Gun Dog Writer Awarded Maxwell Honor

Gun dog writer and professional retriever trainer, Beth Ann Amico, was awarded a Maxwell Medallion Award by the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) at their 70th Anniversary Awards Banquet. Traditionally held on the eve of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, the gala celebration honored winners of the DWAA Annual Writing Competition.

Maxwells – the Oscars of the dog world – were named for the late founding father and former president of DWAA, Maxwell Riddle. The coveted medallions were awarded in over fifty categories to winning writers, editors, publishers, artists and photographers from around the world.

Amico's award-winning article, *Picking the Perfect Puppy*, appeared as the cover story for the May 2004 issue of the National Rifle Association's publication *Woman's Outlook*.

Amico is co-owner of Deep Fork Retrievers along with her husband, top retriever trainer, John Amico. She is the first woman from Oklahoma to be accepted into the prestigious Professional Retriever Trainers Association. Their kennel has produced numerous field retrievers for clients across North America and was featured in the PBS broadcast *The World of Dogs*.