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Dog-Gone Cat Case
Jay Scott Kanes

A new novel, *Dog-Gone Cat Case*, by Prince Edward Island-born author Jay Scott Kanes, is an adventure which should appeal to pet-owners and animal lovers. Based on high jinks in and near Yung Shue Wan village on Lamma Island in Hong Kong, the book offers a comedic adventure and who-done-it mystery in which cats, dogs, humans and snakes play lead roles. Follow young cats Dot, Not and Pause on a series of escapades punctuated by commentary about the people they encounter along the way.

The tale was printed and published in Hong Kong but grew from an appreciation for animals developed during the author's childhood as a farm-boy in Lower Freetown, PEI.

"Inspiration arose from how passionately Lamma residents love their sea-splashed surroundings," said Kanes, who in 2000 moved to Lamma Island from the overcrowded Kowloon Peninsula. "The sentiment resembles how most Prince Edward Islanders feel about their home province." An abundance of pets and the absence of motor vehicles enrich the Lamma lifestyle, according to Kanes.

While aiming to entertain, the book grapples with serious themes. "Too many animals endure homelessness and neglect," Kanes said. "*Dog-Gone Cat Case* stresses responsible pet-care, timely spay-neuter procedures and respect for non-human lives." The book carries a dedication to "people, pets and their caring relationships." It is available at the Book Emporium.

Jay Scott Kanes (John Cairns), lives on Lamma Island with a wife, four cats and one dog. His journalism career began with *The Sault Star* newspaper in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and progressed to *The Leader-Post* in Regina, Saskatchewan. After migrating to Asia in 1992, he edited *Arts of Asia* magazine and then *Hong Kong Enterprise* and *Hong Kong Electronics*. In 2004 Kanes published his Hong Kong protest novel *High Degree of Atrocity*.

