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## Arthur J. Haggerty, who trained dogs to perform, dies at 74

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WEST PALM BEACH — Capt. Arthur J. Haggerty trained and handled dogs for more than 580 movies, commercials and shows, most notably the dog Sandy from the Broadway production of *Annie*.

As one of the country's top dog trainers, Mr. Haggerty was often on movie sets. His personality and charm earned his small roles in several movies, including *Married to the Mob* and *Honeymoon in Vegas*.

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resident since 2004, died of cancer July 3. He was 74.

Mr. Haggerty was a dog training officer with the Army at Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Ord, Calif.; and Fort Benning, Ga., and rose to the rank of captain.

The title stuck. He later opened Mr. Captain Haggerty's School for Dogs in New York City, where he trained dogs and dog trainers.

Throughout his 43-year career, he taught the pooches of the rich and famous, including Hugh Hefner and Liza Minnelli. He also trained and supplied dogs for the Vietnam War.



But to a small group of fans, Mr. Haggerty always will be best known for his acting role as the "fat zombie" in the 1979 film, *Zombi 2*.

"He has a cultlike following among zombie fans," his daughter, Babette Haggerty-Brennan, said Sunday. "They send him pictures asking for autographs. To them, he's a zombie full time."

Mr. Haggerty, a Palm Beach County

In Palm Beach County, Mr. Haggerty worked with the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in West Palm Beach to provide training for shelter dogs and volunteers, his daughter said.

"My dad was quite a fighter," said Haggerty-Brennan, who also runs a dog-training school in Jupiter. "He was not ready to go. He had a lot of life left in him. He had such a passion for life. For dogs."

In addition to his daughter, Mr. Haggerty is survived by two grandchildren, Ryan and Sarah Brennan; and his brother, Gerard Haggerty.

Services will take place Aug. 8 in New York. The Haggertys' dog-training Web site says service dogs are invited.

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