

Arthur J. Haggerty, 74, dog trainer

Former Army captain trained dogs for TV shows and plays.

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WEST PALM BEACH · Capt. Arthur J. Haggerty, an author and dog trainer who supplied dogs for Broadway and the military, died of cancer July 3, his daughter said. He was 74.

As a scout-dog training officer with the Army at Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Benning, Ga., he rose to the rank of captain -- a title he used for the duration of his professional career.

Capt. Haggerty, who received three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star in the Korean War, also trained and supplied dogs for the Vietnam War, his daughter said.

He went on to open Captain Haggerty's School for Dogs in New York City, where he trained avalanche, messenger, attack and celebrity dogs.

He trained the dog Sandy for his role in the Broadway production of *Annie* and supplied dogs for several soap operas, including *As The World Turns* and *All My Children*. He also appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman* more than a dozen times.

Capt. Haggerty worked on more than 150 feature films and 450 commercials with dogs and other animals. He also had small parts in several movies, including *Married to the Mob* and *Honeymoon in Vegas*.

He wrote the books *Dog Tricks*, *How to Get Your Pet Into Show Business* and *How to Teach Your Dog to Talk*.

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