

Letters of Nomination

Describe the animal's contribution to our community. Provide examples of how they have proven to be deserving of an Animal Hero Award by:

- helping to save or preserve the life of a person or other animal,
- providing assistance to those in need,
- providing therapeutic benefits, and/or
- displaying exemplary loyalty or companionship.

APPLICATIONS
& ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Requirements

The following must be included with each application:

- a completed application form (on this brochure),
- a letter of support from the animal's veterinarian on official office letterhead (can arrive either with the application or separately), as well as
- any of the following (please limit to 3 items): additional letters of support, photographs, videos, newspaper articles, or other evidence of the good work of the animal.

A Delaware connection (for the owner &/or veterinarian) is encouraged. Submission of application implies release of photographs/videos and information for the purposes of publicity. Please do not send original materials as they will not be returned.

ANIMAL HERO AWARDS

3052 Wrangle Hill Road
Bear, DE 19701



The 4th Annual Delaware Animal Hero Awards

*Recognizing the Contributions
of Companion Animals in Delaware*

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Award Categories

- ° **Hero** – has saved or preserved a life/lives
- ° **Service/Working** – has demonstrated extraordinary deeds as a private or public service/working animal
- ° **Companion** – has provided a benefit to their human companions or community
- ° **Therapy** – has demonstrated significantly impressive work as a therapy animal

Award Ceremony

Award recipients will be notified by Friday, October 28, 2016.

Awards will be presented during the DVMA Annual Conference luncheon, November 15, 2016 from 12-2 PM at Dover Downs.



From a Nominator

"I nominated DSP K9 Trooper Dude to the Hero dog awards for his service as a police dog as well as his ability to transition to a new handler, something not easily done with police K9's. As my brother's K9 partner, Pana, had passed away and a Baltimore PD officer was retiring leaving 6-year-old Dude without a handler, the two were paired. The two hit it off immediately and have been partners now for 4 years. Dude works as an explosives detection dog as well as an apprehension dog, helping to keep both my brother, the other troopers, and the citizens of Delaware safe."

- Stephanie Joannides

From an Owner

"It was great to see this wonderful dog recognized for all the good that he's done for me and all the patients at the hospitals that we visit. This past February I had pneumonia. Early one morning Guinness came to my bedroom and literally dragged me out of bed because I was not breathing. When I hit the floor, I started to breathe; when I measured the oxygen in my blood it was dangerously low prompting us to go to the ER. I thank God for the gift of Guinness every day."

- Andy Spedden

More Information

Awards Application related questions:

- Contact delawarevma@gmail.com

Need another application form:

- See our websites: www.devma.org
www.PAWSforPeople.org

Animal Hero Awards Application

NOMINEE

Animal Name _____

Species _____ Breed _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Owner Name (print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Owner Signature _____

Date _____

Category Entering: ☐ Hero ☐ Service/Working

☐ Companion ☐ Therapy

VETERINARIAN

Name _____

Practice Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

How did you hear about this award?

☐ Mailing ☐ Pet store ☐ Veterinarian

☐ PAWS website ☐ DVMA website

☐ Boarding Facility ☐ Groomer

☐ Other _____

Please mail this application with all documentation described in the requirements section to

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September 9, 2016.