

The Outstanding Animal Control Agency



The City of Irvine, California,
Animal Services Division

This Award is given to a current Agency Member of NACA for effective training programs for personnel, outstanding/innovative public education programs, active community involvement, and average officer response time to calls for assistance.

The City of Irvine Animal Services works within the Irvine Police Department and services a community of 250,000 residents and a daytime population of over 1 million people and covers 74 square miles.

The City of Irvine has a progressive Animal Services division that handles challenges of animal ownership and the wild animal population pro-actively and in partnership with the community. They have introduced progressive public education and awareness programs involving co-existing with Urban Wildlife, provide pro-active patrols for off leash violations and wildlife concerns, provide community education presentations for Dog Bite Prevention, Wildlife education, Humane Education for school age children and participate in special events such as National Night Out and community outreach events.

NACA Ambassador Award



Cindy Walden,
Folsom California

For outstanding service by a NACA member who has performed selflessly in the capacity of a NACA Ambassador for the Board of Directors. For professionally fulfilling duties and assignments on behalf of the NACA Board.

Cindy has served as one of the first NACA Ambassadors. She was instrumental in providing vests for animal control officers through the ASPCA/NACA grant that provided ballistic vests to animal control officers. She has been a strong advocate to promote efforts to ensure all officers are provide with ballistic vests across the country.

The National Animal Care & Control Association understands that the work these officers do is physically and emotionally demanding, and requires individuals of the strongest character. Those of us working in animal care and control know exactly how much sacrifice and dedication it takes to truly excel in this field.

Therefore, we continue to honor and recognize these individuals, agencies, organizations, and state associations for more than 26 years on the national level for their service within the animal care and control field. We thank all of you for your dedication.

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2014 Annual NACA Awards



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It is our honor to recognize the **2014 NACA Award Recipients**

The Bill Lehman Memorial Award

Amanda Giese, Vancouver, Washington

Given to an individual who is a non-employee who has shown an exceptional awareness in animal care and control matters, which merits distinction.

Amanda Giese began her career in animal rescue in mid-2000 as a veterinary technician. She is the founder of Panda Paws a non-profit rescue. Because of Amanda's perseverance, numerous animals in our community and across the US have received a second, third, fourth, or fifth chance. Amanda is a true advocate for animals and continues to pursue her vision of growing Panda Paws in order to rescue more animals and educate and inspire people to take action. She is an inspiration.

In 2013, my husband discovered a boxer puppy with severely deformed hind legs in Colorado. His joints were fused and the only possible option was a double amputation. Within minutes of me writing Amanda to see if Panda Paws could help, I received a response with an emphatic, "YES!" We brought Duncan home to Amanda in Washington State, and miraculously, within just an hour or two after his surgery, Duncan got up and began walking on his two front legs. To this day, Duncan continues to walk using his front legs only, and because he rejected every attempt to provide him with a wheelchair, Duncan moves about in his own way. With over 5 million views on you-tube, Duncan's "first day at the beach" video has gone viral and has allowed Panda Paws' story to be heard. In fact, GoPro has filmed a documentary about Duncan. Fondly known as "Duncan Lou Who," Duncan was adopted by Amanda and Gary's family, and lives with them full-time, receiving all of the specialized care he needs. Duncan turned 1 on July 13.



The Diane Lane Memorial Award

Montgomery County Animal Resource Center

Volunteer John Crouch, Dayton, Ohio

For outstanding volunteer service within the animal care and control field who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and outstanding work far beyond the requirements of the volunteer position.



John Crouch's association with the ARC stretches for 17 years. He is a previous nominee for the Diane Lane Award and has continued to exemplify the compassion and dedication that

Diane did during her tenure in animal welfare.

John has continued to impress staff, volunteers and adopters having learned over the years to groom even the most sophisticated of dogs, the poodle! He came to the shelter without any knowledge of grooming, and worked for a short time with a professional groomer. His sense of commitment and caring of animals goes beyond the challenges he faces every day when he comes to volunteer.

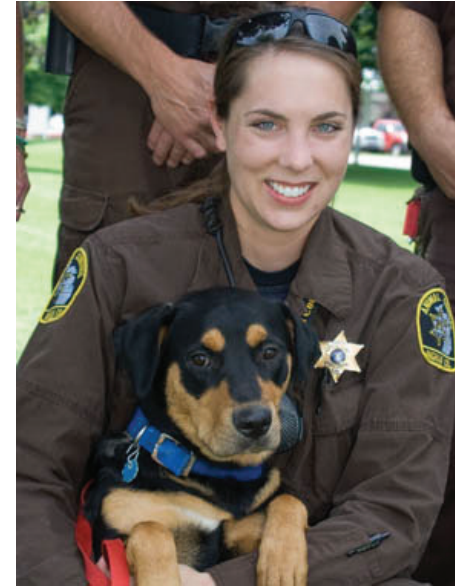
The Animal Control Employee of the Year Award

Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter
Officer Jodi LeBombard, Mason Michigan

Given to an individual directly involved in the animal care and control profession and has demonstrated outstanding achievements in animal care and control and an exceptional performance in the field.

Officer Jodi LeBombard has been an ACO since 2009 and has always gone above and beyond in

situations to help animals and people. She works the toughest animal welfare cases and has the highest conviction rate in the department. She mentors new officers and works hard to educate the judges and local police officers. She consistently volunteers to fill in for others during winter storms, difficult cases and yet remains positive and passionate about her work.



The Outstanding State Association Award

Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA)



This Award recognizes the State Animal Control Association that best promotes and exemplifies professionalism in the animal care and control field. VACA has over 230 members and provides instructors for State mandated regional Basic Animal Control Academies across the Commonwealth of Virginia as well as training to Animal Control Officers via workshops and the annual training conference. VACA takes an active role in legislation affecting Animal Control Officers and animals.