

2001 NACA Awards

The National Animal Control Association (NACA) is proud to announce the Winners in each of the following Award Categories. Nominations were accepted for achievements in and for the animal control field. The Officers and Board wish to thank those who responded to the nomination process. Award presentations were made by Mary Metzner, President of NACA. Award introductions were made by the Award Committee Co-Chairs, Mark Kumpf and Ed Boks.

The Bill Lehman Memorial Award

The winner of this Award is not directly employed in the animal control field, but has shown exceptional awareness in animal control matters that merit distinction. The winner shall be recognized as a "friend" of animal control, for contributions and outstanding action that assist in furthering the positive image of animal control professionals through local, state or national animal control associations.

"The Bill Lehman Award recognizes that individual who selflessly contributes so much to the animal control profession. It is those very special people who compound the value of the profession's work, by giving of their unique expertise to help animals." Joyce Briggs, Executive Director, Petsmart Charities

And the Winner is:



- Hank Davis
- Mr. Davis served as Executive Director of the Lexington Humane Society and Director of Animal Control for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Lexington, Kentucky during the late 1970s. He remains involved in animal welfare issues serving as general counsel to the National Animal Control Association. He lectures

on the issues of government regulation of animals. Mr. Davis represents numerous horse transportation companies, equine veterinarians and individuals involved in equine research; he practices law in Lexington, Kentucky.

Animal Control Employee of the Year Award

The winner of this Award shall have been directly involved in the animal control profession for a minimum of five years and shall be a current member of either NACA or his/her affiliated state association. The winner may be recognized for a single outstanding achievement in animal control or for long-term exceptional performance in animal control.

"The Animal Control Employee of the Year Award seeks to identify that individual who best exemplifies the very best in our profession."

Ed Boks, Director of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control Services

And the Winner is:



- Janet Stoll
- Fargo Police Department, North Dakota
- 23 year animal control veteran, initiated many humane and animal service programs. Janet was presented Humanitarian of the Year Award by the community of Fargo, North Dakota in February 2001.

Outstanding State Association Award

The Association that wins this Award must be currently affiliated with NACA. 100% of the Association's membership must also be NACA members. Factors considered in this Award include the number of active members and new members; improved quality of animal control programs within their state; active sponsor of seminars and training for members; and active in NACA sponsored training.

"With the challenges of poor laws, lack of training and professional recognition, Animal Control Officers often turn to their NACA supported State Association. The officers of Colorado are fortunate to have the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers working to improve all three on their behalf." Mark Kumpf, President, Virginia Animal Control Association (2000 winner)

And the Winner is:



- Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers
- All members belong to NACA, website linked to NACA website, provides 2 annual training conferences, Association members provide one district training annually, provides a scholarship program for training and equipment, developed comprehensive policy and procedure manual for association, hosted several NACA Academies.
- Kelli Brown, President, Colorado Association

Outstanding Animal Control Agency Award

The winner of this Award must be a current agency member of NACA. Selection criterion includes effective training program for personnel; outstanding/innovative public education programs; active community involvement; and average officer response time to calls for assistance.

"No matter how big an agency is or what level of funding they enjoy, every agency can put some of North Richland Hills Animal Services Division's ideas to work for them." Bob Hillman, Director, Albuquerque Animal Control

And the Winner is:



- North Richland Hills Animal Services
- All employees are NACA members and state association members, has an effective training program and many community involvement programs, received 1999 Texas Animal Control Award for cities with a population of 50 to 100,000, Award winning ACO's, 20 minute response time.
- Candi Henderson, Field Supervisor

Diane Lane Memorial Award

This Award is for outstanding Volunteer service in animal welfare related fields, the winner shall demonstrate exceptional dedication or performed outstanding work far and beyond the requirements of their volunteer position.

"In a life cut tragically short, Diane Lane enriched the entire animal welfare field through the promotion of volunteerism. This Award recognizes those who responded to her call." Darlene Larson, friend of Diane Lane and previous president of NACA

And the Winner is:



- Carly Petal
- MatSu Pets, Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Developed department's web page, posts pictures of animals, developed community outreach program, exercises and socializes animals, fosters animals, manages donations, developing a bite prevention and humane animal care program for elementary schools.

The R.D. "Bob" Ward D.V.M. Memorial Posthumous Award

This Award is to honor animal control employees who died in the line of duty.

"I think Buddha captured the essence of the R.D. "Bob" Ward Award when he said, 'Neither fire nor wind, birth nor death can erase our good deeds'".

Mary Metzner, President , National Animal Control Association

NACA recognizes, honors, and remembers:



- Vernon W. Dove, Jr.
- Humane Educational Society, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Vernon was known as a person that always helped his coworkers. He never complained about an assignment, even the one's he didn't like. Vernon gave 120% everyday on the job. He was a kind and caring man whose loss is a loss to animal control

officers everywhere. As a result of the accident, the state of Tennessee is now working on legislation to phase out carbon monoxide chambers permanently. Even in his passing, Vernon is still looking out for his coworkers.

- Accepting: ACO Supervisor Donald Jackson