

National Animal Control Association Memorial Wall & Gardens



NACA Compassion Fund

The NACA Animal Control Compassion Fund was established to help families of animal control officers that have died in the line of duty by making a donation to the family of the deceased. This fund is comprised of corporate and individual donor dollars.

A Review Committee will be established to make NACA Compassion Fund award decisions using the guidelines established for the NACA Memorial Wall and Gardens except for the additional requirement that the deceased must have been a current NACA member at the time of death.

Your donation is tax-deductible

NACA Corporate Office

Olathe, Kansas (Kansas City area)

The NACA Memorial Wall and Gardens is a permanent display/tribute to remember and honor NACA members employed as animal control officers that have died in the line of duty. The memorial wall will be located in the NACA Memorial Gardens to be constructed on the grounds of the NACA Corporate Headquarters. The wall will display the names of these fallen animal control officers. The gardens will serve as a backdrop for the wall providing a serene and private area to reflect on the loss of these fallen members and to honor their memory.



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Diane Lane Memorial Award

Sarah Horsley

Volunteer with Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (ARC) Dayton, Ohio

Sarah has been with ARC since February 2006. She has donated over 4,125 volunteer hours which equates to more than two years of full time service! She has distinguished herself among the Top Ten volunteers at ARC every year since she started. Sarah works in a variety of capacities from working in the kennels to off-site adoptions, as a volunteer trainer and most recently as an intern in the clinics whereas she assists staff with surgery, medicating animals and veterinary exams.

According to her nominator, "She supports the staff in all the hard decisions that have to be made and never questions them. She comes almost every day and where other volunteers do cursory duties, she digs in. Because she is so trusted in the ARC, she is given full access to the shelter."

This is all very amazing but what is most outstanding is that Sarah is just a teenager. She started volunteering at the age of 12 years

old. Her volunteer work and willingness to take on new challenges has helped thousands of animals at ARC. Yet, she maintains a 3.81 GPA while still volunteering.



A message from the president...

Congratulations to all the 2011 NACA Award recipients and all those nominated this year for a NACA Award. Your participation at this Training Summit and being a NACA Member is a testament to how far our profession has come over the past few decades. Because of your dedication to this chosen profession, as evidenced by your attendance at this NACA Training Summit, animal control officers are becoming the professionals that both the citizens and our employers are demanding. Thank you for taking the time to attend this valuable training and please remember to thank your employers for allowing you to participate. Your NACA Board has worked hard over the past year to provide you with these powerful and informative classes. Enjoy your days here in Reno, networking and learning from other animal control professionals.....just like yourself. NACA is here for you! If there is anything your Board of Directors or the Corporate Office can do to assist you, do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great Summit experience.

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Outstanding Animal Control Employee of the Year
Captain Jeff Christner Animal Rescue and Control Manager
Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA
San Mateo, California

Captain Jeff Christner has worked with the Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA for over eight years. Previously he served in the United States Air Force. Captain Christner is a Large Animal Rescue Certified Instructor and has made it possible for the department's officers to receive Large Animal rescue training as well as ensuring all new hires on both day and night shifts are fully trained, uniforms are in good order, and their equipment is in working order and available. He is active on the Sheriff's North Fair Oaks Festival and is an active member of the Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA disaster preparedness committee and has completed multiple FEMA training courses. Captain Christner demonstrated exemplary leadership of the department during the San Bruno Fire which was a demanding and exhaustive disaster. Thanks to Captain Christner the department was able to care for over 40 animals that were sheltered in their own homes. As a result of his superb organizational skills numerous animals were reunited with their owners.

According to his nominator, Officer Chris Wilson, "Capt. Christner inspires us to follow him by taking all the classes first, by always being willing to try new and innovative ways to reunite a pet to its person and by having a smile or a joke or a pat on the back when compassion fatigue sets in." "The way Capt. Christner led our department during the San Bruno explosion disaster is just one example of the sort of person he is. I am proud to call this person my Captain."



Bill Lehman Memorial Award

Sara Mauck

Volunteer with Jefferson County West Virginia Animal Control

Sara has been a volunteer since June 2006 and has made an enormous difference in many aspects of the shelter. Euthanasia rates went from 32.6 percent in 2005 to 15.8 percent in 2006 and continues to remain under the 20 percent mark as a result of Sara's many efforts. From setting up and managing a Petfinder site for the adoption of animals to networking with rescue groups from around the country, she is finding homes for a majority of the adoptable dogs.

She has promoted the services and hard work of the animal control agency by creating a positive image in the community for Jefferson County animal control. Her research on vaccinations led to saving numerous lives at the shelter by developing and implementing a vaccination protocol to control diseases. Sara believes strongly that every animal that comes to Jefferson County Animal Control deserves compassion; and a loving, permanent home for that animal is the ultimate goal.



Outstanding Animal Control Agency Award Mesa County Animal Services (MCAS) Mesa County, Grand Junction, Colorado

Mesa County Animal Services (MCAS) provides animal control and sheltering to a human population of 146,000 covering 3,309 square miles and is home to the largest urbanized area between Salt Lake City, Utah and Denver Colorado and provides animal sheltering to the towns of Debeque, Collbran, Palisade and Fruita. Mesa County lies on the western border of Colorado. The sheer size alone is a challenge for a team of five officers and one manager. MCAS receives 11,000 calls annually for service and responds seven days a week, 362 days a year from dusk to dawn. For three holidays a year MCAS responds to only emergency calls.

In 2010 MCAS moved into a new state-of-the-art 7500 square foot shelter that provides shelter services to over 5700 animals annually. MCAS conducts an in house training program for staff. All new officers are required to complete NACA II and continuing education with NACA, CAACO, AHA, the Red Cross and local and web-based organizations. MCAS believes in public education and created MCAS public service announcements that promote responsible pet ownership. In addition conduct humane education classes and collaborate with local organizations and provide outreach programs at safety fairs and stress bite preventions efforts.

According to MCAS Director Penny McCarty, "Each officer's passion for educating the public as they accomplish their work of protecting both citizens and animals is critical to our community's success and forward movement in becoming a model animal community".



Outstanding State Association Award Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA) Roanoke, Virginia

VACA has 252 active members and supports its membership training by providing resources and training throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in basic and specialized topics related to the profession. Through their VACA website they respond to questions related to the field of animal control. Each year VACA produces the Virginia Comprehensive Animal Law Handbook which includes all state animal codes and is provided to all active members and is also available from their VACA website.

VACA provides a legislative representative in state government with a key emphasis on matters that affect animal control. They continually work to improve the definition of animal control officer to a law enforcement position providing more benefits, better protection, and higher overall professional training standards. An Animal Control Memorial/Compassion fund for the Commonwealth of Virginia was developed to create a source of financial assistance to help families of Animal Control Officers that have died in the line of duty. Fundraising efforts performed and supported by VACA members provides the funding for this project.

VACA conducts and sponsors seminars and trainings in addition to an annual training conference that is available to all members as well as non-members of the association and sponsors six scholarships every year at the conference. The awards help VACA to promote professionalism.

