

## National Animal Control Association 2012 National Awards

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NACA president Todd Stosuy presented awards to four recipients from across the United States for their sacrifice, dedication and outstanding service in the field of animal control work at the September Disaster Training Academy in Louisville Kentucky.

According to Stosuy, "It is our pleasure to honor these individuals and agencies for their professionalism and generous contributions to their communities."

The Award committee received 62 nominations from 21 states and including Canada for the four categories honored. **Animal Control Employee of the Year** is given to a person directly involved in the animal control profession for a minimum of five years and is a current member of NACA. The recipient is nominated for a single outstanding achievement in animal control or for a long-term exceptional performance in animal control. **Diane Lane Memorial Award** is given for outstanding volunteer service. **Outstanding Animal Control Agency** is selected based on an effective training program for personnel; outstanding/innovative public education programs; active community involvement; and officer response time to calls for assistance. **Outstanding State Association** must demonstrate improved quality of animal control programs within their state; active sponsors of seminars and training for members; and active in NACA sponsored training.

NACA has been presenting national awards annually since 1988 (24 years) at their annual training academy/conferences. The National Animal Control Association is proud to announce the 2012 NACA Award Winners:

**Animal Control Employee of the Year - ACO Thomas Link, Webster, New York Police Department**



**Diane Lane Memorial Award - Cheri Scandalis, SCRAPS Volunteer, Liberty Lake, WA**



**Outstanding Animal Control Agency - Montgomery County Ohio Animal Resource Center, Dayton, OH**



**Outstanding State Association - Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA)**

