

2003 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 Members wish to thank those who responded to the nomination process. Lorriane Moule, President of NACA, made award presentations. The Award Committee Co-Chairs, Mark Byers and Barbara Cassidy made award introductions.

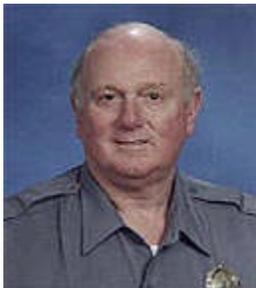
Animal Control Employee of the Year Award

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

The Winner is: Richard Bergan from Sandy City, Utah Police Department



- ❖ Richard has been directly involved in two projects that shows the standard of care that has become Sandy City Animal Services. He received information that licensing of animals in Sandy City had been on a four-year decline. He took this information to heart and started an evaluation process to determine how his team could address this trend. He put together a program so individuals could license their pets

and get rabies shots for them in the evening time. He has been involved in the construction of a new Animal Shelter for Sandy City. He was instrumental throughout the planning and construction phases. He was also concerned with improving the work environment of his employees. Today, with the help of Richard Bergan, Sandy City has one of the finest Animal Control Shelters in the state of Utah. Time and time again, proves his commitment to the safety of all animals and his commitment to the safety of the employees in which he supervises.

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

The Winner is: the Calcasieu Parish Animal Control & Protection from Lake Charles, Louisiana



❖ The Calcasieu Parish Animal Control & Protection is the culmination of many years of struggle to overcome insurmountable obstacles to become one of the top facilities in the nation. They humanely cared for 10-12,000 animals

in a 1960's "dog pound" designed to house 2,000 animals per year. As a result of the many years of professionalism, persistence, and tenacity of the group of employees, a 17,000 square foot state-of-the-art shelter was constructed. The staff brings a combined 68 years of expertise to the department. All are members of NACA and LACA Associations. They serve on several organizations at the state and regional levels. Animal Control Officers cover an area of over 1,000 square miles of Parish, with over 1400 miles of roadway. In the year of 2002 the calls requiring officer assistance numbered 14,906, with an average response time of 16 minutes. They also have several programs to educate the public and the use of local television stations for public service announcements. The "Ride Along Program" encourages Parish residents to spend time riding with animal control officers on patrol to see first hand the day-to-day operations of the department and the services provided to the general public.

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

The Winner is: Priscilla Schumrick, Orange, Connecticut



- ❖ Priscilla has been working at the shelter for 4 years. Priscilla has a tremendous compassion. Priscilla volunteers a full 8 plus hours and asks for nothing in return. Priscilla is an amazing person who loves animals beyond our understanding. The animals relate to Priscilla with love and compassion. Priscilla is battling cancer and never complains. The animals keep Priscilla alive they are surely Priscilla's medicine.

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 Budda 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, Past President, of the National Animal Control Association*

NACA recognizes, honors, and remembers: Jessica Wilson

- ❖ Jessica Wilson was a Hazel Park Police Officer for a total of 18 months. She was one of three female officers on a department of 42 officers. She was a very dedicated and hard working officer. She was just recently married to a Detroit Police Officer, Matthew Wilson. On July 28, 2002, Jessica was dispatched to the report of a man walking his dog while not on a leash. The suspect had already made it home before Jessica arrived. Upon her arrival she was ambushed by the suspect and shot at a close range with a 12-gauge pellet round. She was able to fire her weapon, striking and seriously wounding the suspect. Upon locating the wounded suspect they were able to take him into custody and transport for medical treatment. Hazel Park Police Department will be honoring Officer Jessica Wilson in Washington D.C. in May 2003 during the Police Memorial week.



Outstanding State Association Award

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

"With the challenges of poor laws, lack of training and professional recognition, Animal Control Officers often turn to their NACA supported State Association for help." Mark Kumpf, NACA Board Member

The Winner is: Kansas Animal Control Association



- ❖ KACA started in 1978 and has been dedicated to providing quality education for Animal Control and Animal Welfare agencies across Kansas. With the help of a determined Board of Directors, KACA has soared to new heights of education and network support for its members. In 2003 KACA has teamed up with the Regional Police Academy to offer the first ever KACA Animal Control Academy. KACA just finished a research project putting all of the state of Kansas animal related laws into one resource guide. In the past 3 years KACA has gone from 36 active members to over 150 active members, and KACA is now requiring 100% participation in NACA. KACA is built on a Board of Directors and membership that value teamwork, pride, and commitment.