

Washington Seeks Animal Hall of Fame Nominations

Veterinarians in Washington state are looking for dogs that have gone beyond the call of duty.

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The Washington State Veterinary Medical Assn. is seeking nominations for its 2007 "Animal Hall of Fame Awards."

Animals must be nominated by veterinarians practicing in Washington. The award process is open to any dog, including those no longer living.

The Animal Hall of Fame categories include: Hero – given to a non-professional animal that has saved a human life; Companion – given to a non-professional animal that has provided extraordinary benefit to humans and society; Professional – given to an animal professionally trained to assist humans, such as police dogs, military dogs, search and rescue or guide dogs for the blind; and, Therapy – given to an animal beneficial to a hospice, nursing home, prisons or other facilities.

The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2007. Awards will be presented on Sept. 29, 2007, at the association's annual meeting in Yakima, Wash.

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