

LIFE notes

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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And the finalists are . . .



Upcoming events

A promotional graphic for the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards. It features a grid of seven photos of dogs, each with its name: ADAK (black German Shepherd), ABIGAIL (white dog with a blue flower), ALADDIN (brown dog), PIERCE (small tan dog), ICE (brown dog), ATLAS (German Shepherd), and LUCA (German Shepherd). The text "MEET THE 2017 HERO DOG AWARDS FINALISTS!" is written across the bottom of the grid. Below that, it says "Visit herodogawards.org/vote". At the bottom, there are logos for "AMERICAN-HUMANE HERO DOG AWARDS", "LIFE" (The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, Inc.), and "Hallmark CHANNEL The Heart of TV".

September 9

Countdown 2 Zero Adoption Event
Presented by
the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation
Palm Beach County Convention Center
West Palm Beach, FL

September 16

American Hero Dog Awards Gala
Sponsored by
the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation
Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel
Los Angeles, CA

October 5

National Day of Honor for
American Veterans Disabled for LIFE
The American Veterans Disabled
for LIFE Memorial
Washington, DC

Friday, January 5

LIFE's 24th Annual "Lady in Red"
"Over the Moon" Gala
The Breakers, Palm Beach

To learn more or to donate, visit
www.life-edu.org or call 561.582.8083.

Dear Friends,

"Eartha Kitty," "Tabby Hunter" and "Federico Furrliini" would be extremely jealous, because seven courageous canines are going to Hollywood (actually Beverly Hills).

That's right, America has spoken and following more than half a million votes cast by animal lovers across the country, as well as a celebrity panel of dog lovers and experts the seven "paw-fect" pups have been named finalists in the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards(r). They are being flown to Los Angeles to be celebrated at a star-studded Hero Dog Awards gala on September 16 at the Beverly Hilton, with the ceremony to be broadcast as a two-hour special on the Hallmark Channel this fall.

Once again, the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation and I are proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Hero Dog Awards. And during the ceremony, I am equally proud to be presenting the inaugural class of dogs specially-trained at the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs to serve as therapy dogs for returning veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The seven Hero Dog Awards finalists have also served with distinction in their respective categories. In fact, each took top honors in their individual categories from a field of nearly 200 nominees. Now, a combination of America's voters and the celebrity judges will determine which dog will take home top honors as the 2017 American Hero Dog. (The public is invited to submit one vote per day through August 30 at www.herodogawards.org<<http://www.herodogawards.org>>).

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT/ARSON DOG *Ice*** from Olympia, WA
- **EMERGING HERO DOG *Abigail*** from Lehigh Acres, FL
- **GUIDE/HEARING DOG *Pierce*** from Palm Bay, FL
- **MILITARY DOG *Adak*** from St. Cloud, MN
- **SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG *Luca*** from Grand Prairie, TX
- **SERVICE DOG *Atlas*** from Dayton, OH
- **THERAPY DOG *Aladdin*** from Haddonfield, NJ

The top dogs in each category wins \$2500 for their designated charity partner, and the winning 2017 American Hero Dog's charity partner receives an additional \$5000. Each charity partner is dedicated to advancing the role of dogs in our lives and, as with American Humane, focuses on the importance of the human-animal bond.

Over the past seven years, millions of votes have been cast for more than 1000 dogs, all seeking the coveted top dog title. The program reaches more than one billion people each year and draws the support and participation of top celebrity dog lovers from all over the world.

It has been an honor to support this effort because it recognizes the best of our "best friends" over the past six years. From those who defend our country to those who help us heal, guide us, protect us, and help us find the lost, every single contender exemplifies the courage and heroism we seek to spotlight in the Hero Dog Awards campaign. Through this national initiative, we have helped educate America about the life-saving, life-affirming work of our nation's canine heroes.

Even the nation's cats believe this is a "meow-velous" initiative to celebrate and support!

With Love,

Lois

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