

# LIFE notes

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*Top Dog Edition*



Count Down to Zero and the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation  
Help Hundreds of Pets Find a Home

Upcoming events



**Wednesday, October 25**

American Hero Dog Awards  
Sponsored by  
the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation  
The Hallmark Channel  
8:00 PM

**Friday, January 5**

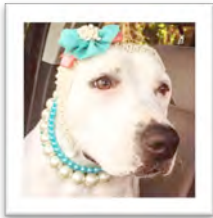
LIFE's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lady in Red"  
"Over the Moon" Gala  
The Breakers, Palm Beach

On October 14 2017, The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, Inc. and Petco Foundation sponsored The Fourth Annual Countdown 2 Zero (C2Z) Adoption event, which resulted in 273 pets finding forever homes!

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Dear Friends,

As you know, I recently traveled to Beverly Hills for an incredible star-studded evening to honor our most courageous canines at the American Humane Hero Dog Awards gala. Abigail, a one-year-old pit mix from Lehigh Acres, Florida was named top dog, besting 187 other heroic hounds and capturing the top title of “American Hero Dog” at the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards®.



Abigail is a gal that did not ask for the life she was forced to live. Found as a stray in Miami, Abigail was taken to a rescue center where she was examined and found to be anemic and infested with ticks. Scars covered her bloody head, neck, back legs, and half her face was missing with the skin ripped off down to the eardrum. She smelled terrible because of multiple infections, and was covered in dried mud. Experts suspected she was a victim of dog fighting. Her injuries were at least a week old and she almost lost her life. Abigail had several major surgeries and extensive skin grafts. She had weeks of hospitalization and daily bandage changes, which led to the launch of her “mission.” Her vet and her vet tech were changing her bandages, and the way they held the gauze on her head made them look like bonnets. In solidarity people from all over the world started sending bonnets and now the Facebook page “Bonnets for Abigail” has more than 12,000 followers. Despite the terrible injuries inflicted on her, Abigail is a heroic example of bravery and overcoming, and is using her public platform to teach forgiveness and bring awareness to the importance of ending dog fighting. For her extraordinary bravery and good works, Abigail won the American Humane Hero Dog Awards’ “Emerging Hero Dog” category for ordinary dogs who do extraordinary things.

Abigail is an extraordinary example of the remarkable ways dogs are capable of forgiveness and moving on to do good things for others even when they themselves were in need of help.

For the seventh year The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, Inc. will host the national broadcast of the Hero Dog Awards on the Hallmark Channel October 25 at 8 pm ET/PT, 7 pm Central Time. I hope you will tune in to see Abigail and all the other extraordinary hero dogs that were honored on this incredible evening.

With Love,

*Lois*

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