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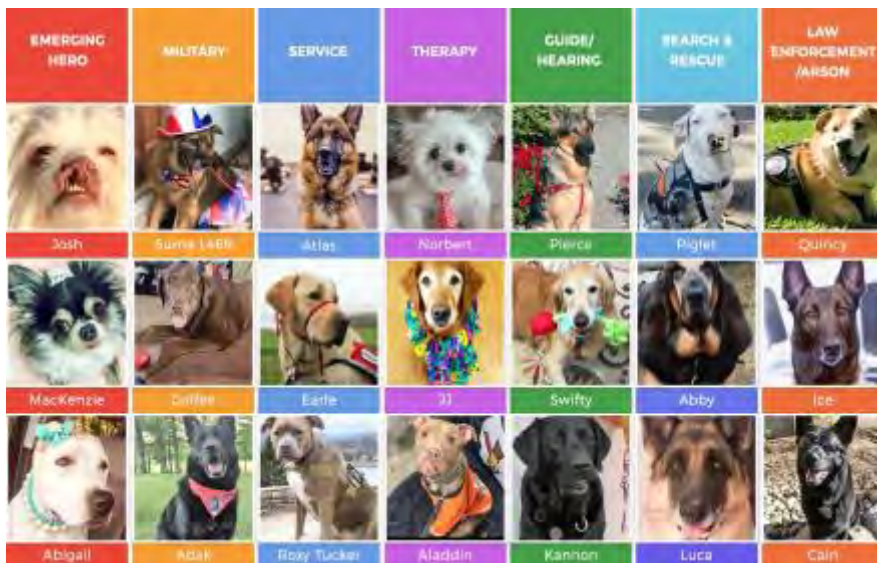
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Vote for Your Favorite Hero Dog!



It's Time to Vote for Your Favorite Hero Dog!
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Upcoming events



July 16, 2017

American Humane Shelter to Service Dog Inaugural Graduation Ceremony
Hobby Hill
Water Mill, NY

September 16

American Hero Dog Awards Gala
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

Saturday, December 2

LIFE's 24th Annual "Lady in Red" "Over the Moon" Gala
The Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach

LIFE Welcomes New Board Member Roni Okun Goldsmith

Roni Okun Goldsmith is the newest addition to LIFE's Board of directors.

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Dear Friends,

America's animal lovers have spoken, and after more than a third of a million votes from across the country, 21 courageous canines are advancing to the semifinal rounds of the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards®. Once again I am presenting sponsor of this prestigious awards ceremony. The heroic hounds were chosen by the American public to advance to the next round from a field of 188 remarkable candidates. You are invited to visit www.HeroDogAwards.org between now and June 28 to vote once per day for your favorite in one of the seven Hero Dog categories. The seven finalists will be flown to Los Angeles to take part in the star-studded seventh annual Hero Dog Awards gala on September 16 at the Beverly Hilton, where one will be chosen as the 2017 American Hero Dog, the top honor a dog can receive. This must-watch event for animal lovers will be broadcast in the fall as a two-hour special on Hallmark Channel.

In both the semifinal and final rounds of the competition, the winners will be determined through a combination of votes by the public and a special celebrity judging panel. The top dogs in each category will win \$2,500 for their designated charity partner and the winning 2017 American Hero Dog's charity partner will receive an additional \$5,000 for a grand total of \$7,500. 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.

The seven categories for 2017 are: Law Enforcement/Arson Dogs; Military Dogs; Therapy Dogs; Service Dogs; Emerging Hero Dogs; Search and Rescue Dogs; and Guide/Hearing Dogs.

The Hero Dog Awards recognize some of America's bravest heroes on both ends of the leash. From those who defend our country to those who help us heal, guide us, protect us, and help find the lost, every single contender exemplifies the courage and heroism we seek to spotlight in this campaign. Our goal is not only to honor these magnificent dogs but to inspire America to reflect on the tremendous contributions that animals make in our lives each and every day.

Don't forget these key dates for the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards contest:

- Second-round voting: May 17 - June 28
- Third-round voting: July 12 - August 30
- American Humane Hero Dog Awards event in Los Angeles - September 16

With Love,

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LIFE Welcomes New Board Member Roni Okun Goldsmith (continued from page 1)



Roni Okun Goldsmith is the newest addition to LIFE's Board of directors. A native of Westchester County, New York, and graduate of Finch College, she always knew she wanted to pursue a career in business.

Roni took this goal all the way to becoming the head of her family business, becoming the only woman to own and operate one of the largest perishable food distribution and packaging companies in the New York metropolitan area. In fact, she was the only woman in this position in the United States, a true pioneer.

While active in the produce industry, she was on the Advisory Board at the Tomato Division for the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, a national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Although not an attorney, she was very familiar with a little-known act by Congress called The Perishable and Commodities Act, "PACA". This act was passed for the protection of the farmers in the 1920's. She made a law based on this act.

In her private life, she served on many boards and still is on the board of The Miami City Ballet, The Leadership Board of the University Miami Hospital, and a long-term member of Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation in Miami Beach.

Prior to moving to Palm Beach, she lived on Star Island in Miami Beach.

Roni is married to C. Gerald Goldsmith, an active member of the Palm Beach community, where they reside. They are members of The Palm Beach Country Club, The Sailfish Club, and The Norton Museum. Ronnie has two children; a daughter, Jennifer, who resides in Palm Beach, and a son, Michael, who resides in Miami Beach.

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