

# 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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*Canine Heroes Edition*



Dear Friends:

After much thought and consideration, I am writing to let you know that, unfortunately, the live dedication ceremony for the American Military Hero Dog Monument scheduled for October 5, 2020 at Tri-County Animal Rescue in Boca Raton has been postponed to a later date and will be rescheduled due to the rise in coronavirus cases in the State of Florida. Even with all safety protocols in place, we do not feel that it is appropriate at this time to hold the event.

As you know I have long had an interest in recognizing America's military heroes both human and canine, beginning with the decades long effort to create the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, which was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on October 5, 2014, and my partnership with American Humane to create the K9 Medal of Courage which is awarded to heroic military working dogs in all five branches in an annual ceremony on Capitol Hill.

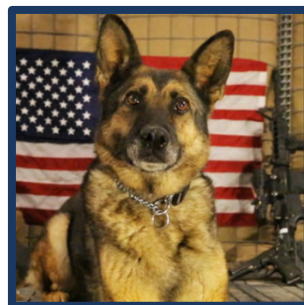
It was this longstanding involvement which led to my interest in building a permanent public tribute to military working dogs. I partnered with American Humane, the country's first humane organization, to create the American Military Hero Dog Monument, a statue cast in bronze by renowned sculptor Austin Weishel, which has now been placed in its permanent location at Tri-County Animal Rescue, 21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton, Florida.

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(Dear Friends continued)



Chips



Cairo

This Monument honors all these courageous canines in perpetuity, from Sallie, the Staffordshire Terrier who served with soldiers at the Battle of Gettysburg, to Chips, a German Shepherd mix who served with General Patton's 7<sup>th</sup> Army in World War II and was awarded the Silver Star for Valor and the Purple Heart for his injuries, to Cairo, the Belgian Malinois who was part of the Navy SEALs team that killed Osama bin Laden and the countless other working military dogs whose names we do not know.

Even though we are unable to have the live dedication ceremony at this time, the statue is in place in its permanent location at Tri-County Animal Rescue in Boca Raton and we encourage you to come by and view it at your leisure. We want this Monument to educate people on the essential roles that dogs have undertaken in service to America and to remind us that bravery in uniform comes on both ends of the leash.

I look forward to seeing you all again when things have settled.

Love,

*Lois*

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## *Upcoming Events*

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February 19, 2021

Lois Pope and LIFE's Board invite you to

**LIFE's 27th Annual Lady in Red Gala**

The Breakers Palm Beach

6:00 pm

TBD

**American Military Hero Dog Monument Dedication**

Tri-County Animal Rescue, Boca Raton, FL

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