

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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Fall Fun Edition



Star Board Member of the Month



Dr. Robin Ganzert

LIFE board member Dr. Robin Ganzert has been president and CEO of LIFE's partner American Humane Association since late 2010. Leading the nation's oldest organization allows her to use a lifetime in philanthropic leadership on behalf of her twin passions as a mom and lifelong animal-lover.

Utilizing the insights she gained as deputy director of the prestigious Pew Charitable Trusts and, prior to that, as Wachovia's national director of philanthropic strategies, she has brought visionary leadership and a renewed vibrancy to the 134-year-old American Humane Association. Robin has been the driving force behind many of AHA's groundbreaking programs including "Red Star® Rescue", "No Animals Were Harmed®" and a groundbreaking clinical trial which provides substantiation for animal-assisted therapy (AAT) in treatment of children with cancer and their families.

Her second book, "Animal Stars: Behind the Scenes with Your Favorite Animal Actors", was released in September, 2014. She authored the foreword of "Animals and the Kids Who Love Them: Extraordinary True Stories of Hope, Healing and Compassion."

Robin and her husband Bart reside in North Carolina, and are the proud parents of three children. Additional members of the family include the Ganzert's dogs, Gatsby, Daisy and Chas, as well as feline family members Rosebud, Poochie and Cedés.

Upcoming events

October 30

Fifth Annual Hero Dog Awards
presented by the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation
The Hallmark Channel
8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM Central

November 10

Debt of Honor Documentary Premier
PBS
9:00 PM ET

December 5, 2015

*LIFE's 22nd Annual
"Lady in Red" Gala
Masquerade Risqué*
Starring Howie Mandel
6:00 pm
The Mar a Lago Club
By Invitation

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

IF I DIDN'T HAVE A DOG

If I didn't have a dog I could walk around the back yard barefoot without worry. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled. My clothing, furniture and other belongings would be free of hair. When the doorbell rings, my home wouldn't sound like a kennel. I could sit on the couch or lie in my bed the way I want to, without taking into consideration how much space she needs to be comfortable. I would not have strange presents under the Christmas tree like bones, stuffed animals, toys and treats...nor would I have to explain why I wrap them. I would have no guilt about going on vacation. I would not be on a first name basis with three veterinarians, as I put their kids through college. The most used words in my vocabulary would not be sit, stay, down, come, go pee pee. My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates and barriers. My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats, and an extra leash. My house wouldn't look like a daycare center with toys strewn everywhere. I would not have to spell out the words, BALL, Treat, bye-bye, walk. *If I didn't have a dog.... how truly empty my life would be.*

Dear Friends of LIFE,

Flooding in South Carolina has had a devastating impact on animals in the area. In order to assist the animals affected, two 50-foot Lois Pope Red Star Rescue vehicles carrying American Humane Association's Red Star® Rescue team have deployed to South Carolina as part of a coordinated effort with National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition. These teams will provide relief to the animals suffering in the wake of the massive flooding that has occurred over the course of the past weeks. Additionally, due to the severe flooding, land vehicles have been unable to reach the affected animals, so I have funded one of two large rescue boats that are entering the area via water to rescue as many animals as possible and bring them to safety.



Lois Pope,
Founder &
President of LIFE

In order to provide comfort to the animals torn from their homes by this natural disaster I have sent more than 500 pet beds to South Carolina. These dogs and cats have lost everything familiar and I am so thankful that I am able to bring some sense of comfort back into their lives.

Love,

Lois

LIFE 22nd Annual "Lady in Red" Gala
Masquerade Risqué
Saturday, December 5, 2015

The Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach

For information or to request an invitation
please call 561.582.8083 or email life@life-edu.org.



Each seat purchased
will also serve as
entry into a drawing
for this fabulous Mini Cooper!

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