

**2008 Diamond Collar Awards
Nomination Form
Presented by the Oregon Humane Society**

The Oregon Humane Society wishes to celebrate animals and animal lovers who are true heroes. At its OHS Heroes Luncheon presenting the Diamond Collar Awards, OHS will recognize and honor animals who have acted to save a human or animal life in peril, performed services within the community with undying loyalty, or overcome incredible odds in order to survive. Winners can also be humans who have had a positive impact on the lives of animals, exhibiting courage and compassion in the pursuit of animals' well-being. The OHS Heroes Luncheon presenting the Diamond Collar Awards will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the The Nines Hotel, 525 SW Morrison, Portland, OR 97204.

Award nominations are open for all two- and four-legged heroes and can be submitted from December 5, 2008 and must be postmarked no later than January 20, 2009. If you know of an animal or human hero in Oregon who you would like to nominate for one of these awards, please fill in the following information and return to us. The hero activity should have taken place within the last three years. Winners will be notified by February 20, 2009 and will receive their awards the day of the event.

Your animal hero may have:

- Saved a person
- Saved another animal
- Exhibited remarkable bravery
- Persevered through much hardship or peril
- Performed a great service to the community
- Survived a significant incident or series of incidents
- Showed outstanding traits of loyalty to a human or another animal
- Performed above and beyond the expected line of duty (professional animal such as canine corps, horse patrol, service dog, therapy dog, etc.)

Your human hero (lay person, volunteer, or animal professional) may have:

- Exhibited great courage and compassion to save an animal or animals
- Made a significant contribution advancing the well-being of animals
- Made a drastic difference in the lives of animals at risk

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Best time to call: _____

Email address: _____

Do you agree to accept emails from OHS? Yes _____ No _____

To nominate an animal: (Please include a small photo of the animal)

Animal candidate name: _____

Dog _____ Cat _____ Bird _____ Horse _____ Other _____ What? _____

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

To nominate a human: (It is not necessary to get permission from this nominee)

Human candidate name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Your relationship to this human hero: _____

Please answer the following questions before submitting the application:

1. Are you and your nominated animal/human able to attend the event at noon on February 26, 2009?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Is the nominated animal aggressive to people and other animals?

(This will not disqualify you if the animal can be kenneled.)

Yes _____ No _____

3. Are you willing to speak to the media with your pet/human and understand that you can be called out to speak to the media on short notice?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you agree to allow the Oregon Humane Society to make a short video of you, the animal/human, and the animal's owners to show the night of the event? And, to make photos when needed?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Should your pet win, are you (the owner) willing to sign a photo-and-video release for use locally or nationally?

Yes _____ No _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe in as much detail as possible the event or situation that prompted you to nominate this hero. Be sure to include all relevant information about the hero and about the people involved or any other animals involved.

Questions to answer if they are relevant to your situation are:

- What did the hero do?
- How did the hero react?
- How did the hero get involved?
- How do you feel regarding this hero's actions?
- How do you know this animal, or where did you get the animal?
- What is the relationship between the candidate and you?
- How does the hero react to you?
- How have the candidate's behavior, temperament and personality changed on meeting you?
- How have the candidate's behavior, temperament and personality changed since the incident?
- In the case of an animal's perseverance, what sets this animal apart from others who have suffered abuse or hardship?

Please submit any photos, press clippings or other materials that support your nomination. Be sure to include the names and phone numbers of those who can provide additional information about this candidate's nomination.

Thank you.

Please mail your completed nomination form to:

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