



VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES 2011 AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies has established several awards to honor those who have made a difference in animal welfare. Recipients of the awards are recognized at the VFHS annual conference.

Award Categories

Elizabeth Sills established the **Bravo Award** in 1992. Liz became Vice President of the Federation in 1974 and a year later filled a vacated position becoming the President. She held this position until 1989. Under the guidance and leadership of Liz, the Federation was able to accomplish many things. This optional award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment of outstanding service to promote animal welfare, who has been instrumental in making an impact within an animal welfare organization and who is a reflection of the values and standards set by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS President.

The **Compassion Award** is named in the memory of **Pearl Twyne** who founded the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies in 1959. This annual award is presented to an Active Member organization that has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and whose accomplishments reflect the VFHS Strategic Plan's goal of reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs and cats in its community. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS Board of Directors.

The **Humanitarian Award** is named in memory of **Jim Godwin**. Jim was the driving force for new and expanded legislation in animal welfare. He was dedicated and always willing to lend a hand or lead a fight to make life better for the animals. He saved thousands of animals from the hands of cruelty and contributed tremendously to the advancement of animal welfare. This annual award is presented to an animal control officer who has established a positive relationship and maintained the safety and health within the community, who has made a significant impact on improving the image of the animal control profession within the community and who has demonstrated overall excellence in the performance of his or her job. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS Board of Directors.

The **Ayrshire Award** is established in honor of **Sandy Lerner**. Sandy, co-founder of Cisco Systems, philanthropist and animal rights advocate, has generously supported the goals and objectives of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies through funding from the Bosack & Kruger Foundation that she and her husband established. This optional award is presented to an Active or Associate Member organization that has made a significant contribution to reducing pet overpopulation through spay/neuter services and resources within the community. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS Executive Director.

The **Companion Award** is established to honor an adopted animal that has made a tremendous contribution within our lives. The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies would like to honor those animals that exemplify the strength and value of the human animal bond. This optional award is presented to an adopted animal that has provided a benefit to his or her human companion or community through saving or preserving human life. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS Board of Directors.

The **Veterinary Partnership Award** is established to recognize a veterinarian dedicated to volunteering time and services to promote the welfare of animals in conjunction with an agency that provides direct care to animals. This optional award is presented to a veterinarian whose donated services support a local animal care and control center or an animal shelter or rescue group, in its efforts to provide veterinary care for homeless and abused animals. Recipient to be determined by the VFHS Board of Directors.

Cast Your Ballots

Nominee Information

Name:		Organization:	
Address:		City	
State:	Zip:	Telephone:	
Title of Nominee:		E mail:	
Award Category:			

Your Information

Name:	Organization:
Address:	City
State	Zip:
Telephone:	E mail:

