



# Humane Officer of the Year Award 2012

## Do you know an outstanding humane officer?

If you know of a humane officer who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to their daily work, you can ensure that good work is recognized by nominating them for this prestigious award. Nominating an officer is easy and quick.

### Selection Criteria

The Humane Officer of the Year Award recognizes outstanding service by a trained humane officer, over and above what is required as part of that officer's normal duties and functions. It is up to you to tell us why an officer is special, then the judging panel will assess your nomination against one or more of the four criteria below.

**REMEMBER...**The officer may not fulfill every criterion, but the sum total of their performance is the important thing.

The judging panel includes the Wisconsin State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt, Secretary of Agriculture Ben Brancel, and Deputy Secretary Jeff Lyons who will select the officer they feel best fulfills the four requirements to be named Humane Officer of the Year. The panel's decision will focus on

the officers' service during the 12 months prior to the announcement of the Award.

Consideration of the following factors will be taken into account:

1. The officer demonstrated excellence in a particular task or incident.
2. The officer acted in a compassionate or humane way toward an animal or animals in need.
3. The officer showed absolute devotion to his or her role as a humane officer.
4. The officer raised the public's perception of, or confidence in, humane officers.

**Nominations close at 5 p.m.,  
August 15, 2012.**

Any nominations received after this date will be held over for inclusion in judging for the 2013 Humane Officer of the Year Award.



## How to Nominate an Officer

Nominations for the award are accepted from any organization that currently appoints a humane officer in their municipality or county.

## Submission Details

Send award nominations to:

Humane Officer of the Year Award  
Attention: Raechelle Cline  
PO Box 8911  
Madison, WI 53708-8911

A winner will be announced no later than October 1, 2012, presented with a beautiful award certificate from the Secretary of Agriculture and acknowledged in a news release distributed throughout the state.

## About the Award

The Humane Officer of the Year Award is a new effort by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to recognize the value and impact that trained humane officers contribute to their communities. The nominated officers demonstrate that humane animal work is varied and challenging and greatly affects not only the animals that are assisted, but the vast numbers of people who are influenced by animals. Being a humane officer is more than just a job, it is a philosophy; a way of life.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or questions regarding your submission, visit our website at [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov) or contact:

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## This award program is administered by:



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