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**PAWS Seeks Youth Heroes for Community Award**

The Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is again seeking nominations of local youths who have shown outstanding compassion toward animals for its third annual Youth Helping Animals Award. The deadline for nominations is February 29, 2008.

Last year's recipient was seven-year-old Caroleve Axtelle. A remarkable young person, Caroleve plays an integral part in caring for foster animals with her family, raised nearly \$400 for PAWS through selling home-made dog scarves and lemonade, helped find the guardians of a stray bunny in her neighborhood, and chose to become a vegetarian to lessen her impact on the lives of animals.

Nominations may come from any community member touched by the youth or the youth's project. Nominees must be 18 years old or younger and live in the Greater Puget Sound area. The recipient will be formally presented with the award at PAWS' [Wild Night gala](#) on April 5, 2008 and also recognized on [PAWSkids.org](http://PAWSkids.org), and in *PAWS* magazine.

For complete details, guidelines and requirements for nominating a youth and to download a nomination form, visit [www.paws.org](http://www.paws.org). E-mail [education@paws.org](mailto:education@paws.org) to receive information by e-mail or fax.

A Northwest leader in protecting animals since 1967, PAWS shelters homeless companion animals, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, and empowers people to demonstrate compassion and respect for animals in their daily lives.

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