



Youth Helping Animals Award

About PAWS

A Northwest leader in protecting animals since 1967, the Progressive Animal Welfare Society shelters homeless animals, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, and empowers people to demonstrate compassion and respect for animals in their daily lives.

About the Award

The *Youth Helping Animals Award* was created as a way to identify and honor a local young person for outstanding service and compassion toward animals. Nominations may come from any community member touched by the youth or the youth's project. The recipient will be formally presented with the award at PAWS' Wild Night gala, and also recognized on PAWSkids.org, in the Spring 2009 edition of PAWS magazine, and in the *Kids Helping Animals* newsletter.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominee must be 18 years old or younger.
- Nominee must live in the Greater Puget Sound area of Washington State.
- Nominee must be involved in activities or have recently completed a project that helps animals. Project and activities can be related to any species of animal.
- Nominee's parents or guardians should be contacted prior to nomination. They will be contacted a second time for official consent by PAWS staff before being considered for the award.
- Nominee and at least one parent or guardian must be able to attend PAWS' Wild Night gala on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 6:45-10:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, located downtown. Three complimentary tickets will be provided to the recipient.

Selection Criteria

The Award Committee will take the following into consideration when making its decision:

- **Initiative:** The youth created or initiated a project or service that would not otherwise have been part of a school or an extracurricular group's activities.
- **Above and Beyond:** The youth did something unique or extraordinary that stands out from other projects and activities.
- **Leadership:** The youth encouraged his or her peer group, or the community as a whole, to get involved in the project or ongoing service to animals.
- **Inspirational:** This youth's story will motivate other youth and adults to be more compassionate toward animals.
- **Animal Advocate:** The youth has a history of showing compassion toward animals or is regularly involved in animal-friendly activities.
- **Age Consideration:** The youth accomplished something that was extraordinary for his or her age group.

Submitting a Nomination

(Deadline: February 2, 2009)

Please complete all sections of the nomination form and submit to:

Attn: Youth Helping Animals Award

PAWS

PO Box 1037

Lynnwood, WA 98046

Fax: 425.743.0245

Questions

Contact education@paws.org with "Youth Award Question" in the subject line.



Youth Helping Animals Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Full name _____ Age _____

City _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Please be sure to obtain consent from parent/guardian before submitting nomination. *The following information will only be used by PAWS staff to contact parent/guardian to confirm consent.*

Full name _____ Relation to nominee _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-mail address _____

Nominator Information

The following information will only be used by PAWS staff to contact you if we require further information.

Full name _____ Relation to nominee _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-mail address _____

How did you hear about the award? _____

Reason for Nomination

Please attach a letter containing all relevant information about the youth being nominated (including school and extra curricular activities, community service, and volunteer work) as well as the specific project(s) or service(s) for which he or she is being nominated. Please limit your letter to 500 words or less.

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