

## SPOTLIGHT ON NONPROFITS

# American Humane: Supporting our 4-legged friends

### What does American Humane do?

American Humane is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well-being of animals. Our leadership programs are first to serve in promoting and nurturing the bonds between animals and humans.

With 91 cents of every dollar spent going directly to programs, American Humane has earned Charity Navigator's highest "Four-Star Rating," has been named a "Top-Rated Charity" with an "A" rating by both the American Institute of Philanthropy's CharityWatch and Great Nonprofits, and was awarded the gold level seal from GuideStar USA. The organization has also earned the Independent Charities Seal of Excellence, was awarded inclusion on Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance Accredited Charities list, and was designated as a "Best Charity" by Consumer Reports.

### How does your agency benefit the community?

American Humane is the country's first national humane organization. Founded in 1877, American Humane has consistently been first to serve in the protection of animals, and is the largest certifier of animal welfare in the world, positively affecting the lives of some 1 billion animals each year.



**Dr. Robin Ganzert, president & CEO of American Humane.** [PHOTO PROVIDED]

### What is your agency's focus on the future?

In Palm Beach, American Humane recently unveiled a significant expansion in the size and scope of its activities here.

American Humane's new offices, at 251 Royal Palm Way, will accommodate a staff that has more than doubled in the years since the nonprofit established a major presence here, adding a government relations department, staff to oversee rapidly expanding efforts in protecting companion animals around the country and around the world, conference and event space, and a base of operations for local rescue work and strategic public events.

The new Palm Beach office will also serve as hubs for a series of "Humane Conversations," convenings of thought leaders, influencers, and animal advocates designed to address key issues and challenges



**American Humane's eighth annual Hero Dog Awards Luncheon recognized Hero Dog Abigail and Therapy Dog Aladdin at the Breakers in 2017.** [PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN HUMANE]

in the humane field.

### How can the community help?

American Humane is hosting two upcoming fundraising events with tickets now on sale. The community is also welcome to make a donation at [americanhumane.org](http://americanhumane.org).

The Pups4Patriots Military Gala Celebration, at 6 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Eau Palm Beach in Manalapan, will honor recent American Humane service dog/veteran teams that graduated from the intensive training program. The event will feature special guest speaker Maj. Gen. James A. "Spider" Marks (Ret.). Tickets to the event are \$350 per person and include an open bar, seated three-course dinner

and live entertainment throughout the evening.

All proceeds will benefit American Humane's Pups4Patriots program that trains service dogs to offer the best possible assistance to veterans with post-traumatic stress (PTS) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The Annual Hero Dog Awards Gala Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24 at The Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach, kicks off American Humane's Hero Dog Awards campaign that culminates with a nationally televised program, and will welcome the 2019 award winners. Tickets are \$300 per person, and include seated three-course meal and live entertainment.

All proceeds will benefit the Hero Dog Awards, a nationwide competition that searches out

and recognizes America's Hero Dogs — often ordinary dogs who do extraordinary things, whether it's saving lives on the battlefield, lending sight or hearing to a human companion, or offering comfort as a therapy or rescue dog. Dogs compete in seven categories for the Hero Dog Awards: Law Enforcement/Arson Dogs, Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Military Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs, Guide/Hearing Dogs, and Shelter Dogs.

For more information or to purchase a ticket for either event, contact Mari Harner at [marih@americanhumane.org](mailto:marih@americanhumane.org) or call 561-537-5887.

### Key Programs

**American Humane Rescue**, helping save,

shelter, and sustain hundreds of thousands of animals caught in disasters and cruelty cases each year.

**American Humane Hollywood**, helping to ensure the safety and humane treatment of some 100,000 animal actors each year in 22 countries worldwide through our iconic "No Animals Were Harmed®" program, and shining a bright light on the powerful connection between people and animals during its yearly American Humane Hero Dog Awards.

**American Humane Conservation**, helping ensure the welfare and humane treatment of the millions of animals living in the world's zoos and aquariums.

**American Humane Farm Program**, helping ensure the welfare and humane treatment of nearly one billion animals on farms and ranches.

**American Humane's Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs**, helping U.S. military animals and veterans since 1916. The center rescues abandoned shelter animals and trains them to become lifesaving service dogs for veterans coping with the invisible wounds of war, repatriates and reunites retired military dogs with their handlers, arranges free specialized healthcare for K-9 veterans, advocates on Capitol Hill for our two-legged and four-legged warriors, creates national standards for service dog training, and more.