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Lucy, a Beagle from Boston, spcaLA's 32nd Annual National Hero Dog Award™ winner

Los Angeles, CA – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (**spcaLA**) presented its 32nd Annual National Hero Dog Award™ to Lucy, a 9 year-old Beagle from Boston, Massachusetts. Lucy received the spcaLA National Hero Dog Award™, as well as a year's supply of dog food, courtesy of Dogswell®.

On November 25, 2013, Lucy and her human companion, John Miles were struck by a vehicle during their daily walk. With a torn ACL and MCL, Lucy limped to a nearby dentist office for help. Lucy barked and barked until someone heard her cries. The dental office staff called 911 and helped perform first aid while Lucy, satisfied that additional help was on the way, went to John's side to wait with him until the ambulance arrived. John's injuries included two broken legs, a broken shoulder, a torn rotator cuff, and multiple facial fractures. He credits Lucy's heroic act with saving his life.

Both Lucy and John received extensive treatment and are on the road to recovery. After careful consideration, it was decided that Lucy and her human companion were not yet well enough to make the trip to Los Angeles to accept the spcaLA National Hero Dog Award™ in person.

"Lucy perfectly demonstrates the human animal bond and how mutually beneficial it can be," said spcaLA President, Madeline Bernstein. "A dog who was abused, forgotten, or neglected would not have been as likely to perform selfless, heroic acts to save her companion."

spcaLA was the first organization in Los Angeles to present an award of this nature, and the spcaLA National Hero Dog Award™ continues to be a testament to how being kind to animals can be rewarding in so many ways.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Ana Bustilloz at 323-730-5300 x252 or abustilloz@spcaLA.com. Photos available.

About spcaLA

Society for the Prevention Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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