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Looking for Courageous Canines

*Calls for spcaLA's National Hero Dog Award™ Nominations for
Courageous Acts Occurring in 2013*

Los Angeles, CA – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) is currently seeking nominations for the **32nd Annual spcaLA National Hero Dog Award™**. This national award celebrates heroic acts performed by ordinary dogs that have gone to extraordinary lengths to save or protect a human. The winning dog and his or her human companion will be flown to Los Angeles for the official ceremony. Nominations must be from calendar year 2013.

Any dog that is a companion animal and not formally trained for rescues or as a police dog is eligible for this award. spcaLA accepts nominations from anyone who has or knows of a canine deserving of such an honor. spcaLA Hero Dog™ nominations may be sent to info@spcaLA.com.

To nominate a spcaLA National Hero Dog™ send a description of the heroic act that occurred in the year 2013 with a name, address, and daytime telephone number. Heroic acts must be verifiable (newspaper clippings, police report, etc). Nominations must be submitted by May 9, 2014.

Past spcaLA National Hero Dog Award™ winners include Shannon, a Golden Retriever/Border Collie mix who led her owner to her husband who was trapped under a tractor; Miley a Terrier mix who roused her owner as poisonous carbon monoxide gas filled her home; Ronnie, a Wire Fox Terrier who defended his human and canine companion against a coyote intruder; Diamond, a Pit Bull Terrier who alerted her family when their home caught on fire and shielded one of her human companions from flames, injuring herself in the process; Bear, a 5 year-old Shiloh German Shepherd who ran for help when her companion suffered a seizure; and last year's spcaLA National Hero Dog™, Mole saved the life of a fellow hiker on Rubidoux Mountain.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Ana Bustilloz at (323) 730-5300 x252, (323) 707-1271 cell or by email at abustilloz@spcaLA.com.

About spcaLA

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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