



# The Georgia Animal Control Association

## Awards Program

The purpose of initiating a Georgia Animal Control Association Awards Program is to pay tribute by recognizing in a statewide, public forum, the outstanding people who have, without reservation, contributed to the animal control profession. Furthermore, this program would encourage positive job performance, and promote professionalism among GACA members. Through recognition of hard work and dedication, the program may influence attendance and participation of current members, as well as 'recruiting' new members in future GACA affairs.

### **Awards will be given in the following categories:**

**Animal Control Officer of the Year Award**

**Animal Control Excellence Award**

**Distinguished Service Award**

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

### **Award Criteria**

**Animal Control Officer of the Year Award** – The candidate for this award shall be involved in the Animal Control profession, a member of the Georgia Animal Control Association, and has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the field of Animal Control. The candidate must display a sense of duty and leadership, maintain an influential work ethic and a positive Animal Control image within their community and beyond.

**Animal Control Excellence Award** – The successful nominee for this award shall be directly involved in the Animal Control profession for a minimum of five years and a current member of the Georgia Animal Control Association. The dedicated recipient may be nominated for a single, outstanding achievement, or for long term, exceptional performance. The candidate must display a sense of duty and leadership, maintain an influential work ethic, and promote a positive Animal Control image within their community and beyond.

**Distinguished Service Award** – The selected agency for this award routinely promotes awareness of the Animal Control field by initializing innovative public education programs, enforcing outstanding training programs for personnel, and maintaining quality safety practices. The successful agency exemplifies teamwork, organization, and work ethic, while displaying a positive Animal Control image throughout its daily services, within its community and beyond.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** – The successful candidate for this prestigious award shall have been directly involved in the Animal Control field as his/her chosen career for a minimum of twenty years and a member of the Georgia Animal Control Association. Throughout his/her profession, the nominee will have exhibited an exceptional sense of duty, spirit, work ethic, motivation, and a commitment to leadership and purpose. By participating in various educational, legislative, field and shelter operations, the nominee will have displayed a long term commitment to encouraging positive Animal Control practices within his/her community and beyond.



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## **Nominations:**

- must be written in essay form; a video bio may accompany essay;
- must identify which award the nomination is for (1 per person);
- must include the candidate name, address, contact phone number, and time of service;
- must include name, address, contact phone number of person(s) submitting the nomination.

The beginning date for submitting nominations will begin on the last day of the annual conference each year, ending three weeks prior to the next upcoming conference.

It is suggested that nominations be submitted to the GACA **Awards Committee Chairperson** no later than 3 weeks prior to the conference date for review. Award nomination can be sent via US Mail, fax or e-mailed to:

Georgia Animal Control Association  
PO Box 32  
Madison, GA 30650  
Fax: 706-342-2558  
[cindy@georgiaanimalcontrol.org](mailto:cindy@georgiaanimalcontrol.org)

The recipient is chosen by majority vote of the Awards Committee consisting of four members of the Board of Directors. In the event that a member of the Awards Committee has been nominated, he/she will abstain from discussions and voting for the award.

In the event of an indecision, or tie, the GACA President will have the authority to choose the recipient for that particular award.

The award winners will be notified 2 weeks prior to the upcoming conference date to confirm his / her acceptance and attendance. The award winners may invite 1 individual to accompany them during the award presentation ceremony.

## **Board of Directors:**

The members of the Board of Directors may enter a candidate for nomination for these awards. The Board of Directors cannot nominate themselves or the agency / organization in which they are directly affiliated with.

During the process of selecting recipients for each award, the Board of Directors shall exercise its own right to privacy, in order to protect vital information concerning the nominees and the award recipients.

The Board of Directors will not be partial to, unjust, or discriminate against any person(s) submitting a nomination or the suggested candidate(s) for the awards.

## **Recipients / Eligibility:**

- Nominees may not receive two awards the same year; nor be eligible again for 2 years.