

AMERICAN HUMANE Hero Dog Awards Gala



A glamorous constellation of animal lovers, celebrities, and seven brave canines convened for the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards Gala at Eau Palm Beach Resort in Manalapan to celebrate the nation's top dogs.

The winner of the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards was Boone, a four-year-old beagle who survived heartbreaking cruelty as a puppy resulting in the loss of his back legs. His sweet nature and non-stop enthusiasm for life never quits, and Boone's story of resilience makes him a perfect fit for his new profession as a therapy dog. Boone, a true hero, inspires those around him every day to overcome the obstacles life throws in their path.

Following Boone's crowning as America's Top Hero Dog, guests danced the night away to the music of singer Cande Rivers.

The 11th Annual Hero Dog Awards, sponsored by the internationally renowned philanthropist Lois Pope, were hosted by American Humane CEO and President Dr. Robin Ganzert alongside American television personality, Carson Kressley. The program also featured appearances by film and television star Vivica A. Fox, Grammy-winning musical headliner Lisa Loeb, country star Naomi Judd, USMC Colonel Scott Campbell (Ret.), Rear

Admiral Tom Kearney (Ret.), distinguished veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker and Zoetis' EVP and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael McFarland.

The real shining stars of the evening, however, were the seven 2021 Hero Dog Awards finalists: Deputy Chance, Sobee, Boone, Henna, K-9 Hansel, Little Man and Staff Sergeant Summer.

American Humane is the country's first national humane organization. Founded in 1877, American Humane is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well-being of animals, and their leadership programs are first to serve in promoting and nurturing the bonds between animals and people. For more information or to support their work visit americanhumane.org.

1. 2021 Hero Dog Award winner Boone;
2. Bill Porter and Lois Pope;
3. Steven DeLalio and Dr. Robin Ganzert;
4. Carson Kressley and K-9 Cody;
5. Larry Strickland and Naomi Judd;
6. John Vaglica and Leigh-Anne Kazma;
7. Tanya Diable and 2021 American Hero Dog winner Boone;
8. Vivica A. Fox, Lisa Loeb, Dr. Robin Ganzert and K-9 Cody;
9. Jennyfer Larkin and Ron Coughlin;
10. Tova Leidesdorf and Paul Moskowitz.

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