

## 2022 Canine Hero Awards

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards are a celebration of man's best friend.

Every year, amongst our canine friends, hero dogs emerge that have unique stories or have made outstanding accomplishments. This may be in helping people, bravery or transforming lives in adversity. They may be pet dogs, assistance dogs, therapy, defence, service or rescue dogs. The common factor is that these remarkable dogs and humans transform and enrich each other's lives. This could be through a lifesaving event, community service, therapy or emotional comfort or other innovative services.

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards aim is to acknowledge and reward these deserving dogs at a presentation to be held at the ADVANCE<sup>™</sup> Sydney Royal Dog Show, Best in Show day on 18 April 2022.

Please see below the two categories;

## 1. AAR Service Dog Award

Open to any dog that through a single act or over a period of time that has displayed exemplary commitment to a service or government organisation.

## 2. AAR Companion Dog Award

Open to any dog in private ownership that through a single act or over a period of time has displayed in an exceptional way the human-animal bond.

Applications will be judged by Judges from The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. They will select finalists and the ultimate winners who will be invited to attend the ADVANCE<sup>™</sup> Sydney Royal Dog Show, Best in Show day on 18 April 2022 to receive their award.

The winners, their stories and photos will be featured in the Dog News Australia paper and the Dogs NSW Journal.

### **Rules & Regulations**

The Awards are open to residents of New South Wales, Australia at the time of entry and own the nominated dog or are the authorised agent of the owner of the nominated dog.

All entries must meet the criteria on the Entry Form of the following categories.

- 1. AAR Service Dog
- 2. AAR Companion Dog

Entries must include a completed and signed Awards Entry form, photograph and narrative description.

### Prizes

# \$1500 cash prize to the winner of each category sponsored by the Australian Animal Registry (AAR). (Cash prizes can also be donated to your selected charity)

## How to enter the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Heroes Awards:

Please complete the Awards Entry Form and forward to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW with a high resolution picture of you/the dog.

Entries can be submitted by;

- 1. Completing the entry form
- 2. Emailing your entry to domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au (photo attached)
- Post the entry to; (photo attached) RASNSW
  Canine Hero Awards
  Locked bag 4317
  Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127
- 4. Closing Date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

For further information regarding the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards, please contact the Domestic Animals Coordinator, at <u>domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au</u> or on 02 9704 1007



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Entries for the **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Heroes Awards** will be accepted up to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

To enter, please complete the entry form. Include a photo (jpeg format preferred) and a narrative up to 400 words describing how the dog has exhibited qualities that make them a Canine Hero.

### Select one of the categories:

- □ AAR Service Dog Award
- □ AAR Companion Dog Award

#### Please complete:

Dogs Name	
Breed (if crossbreed specify cross type)	
Dogs date of Birth (if known)	
Service organisation (if applicable)	
Handler/Owners name	
Address	
Phone Number	
E-mail	

How has the dog exhibited the qualities that make them a Canine Hero? (Answer below)