

## **2024 RAS 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 companions, heroes emerge, having performed remarkable feats that reinforce how incredibly fortunate we are to have them in our lives.

From astonishing acts of bravery, to keeping communities safe and transforming the lives of people with special needs, these heroes are ordinary dogs doing extraordinary things.

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards aim to acknowledge and honour these deserving dogs at a presentation to be held during the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show, 'Best in Show' Day at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

### **Awards:**

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards will be decided in two categories.

#### **1. AAR Service Dog Award**

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

#### **2. AAR Companion Dog Award**

Open to a trained support dog or treasured pet dog that through a single act or over a period of time has demonstrated the canine-human bond in an exceptional manner.

Applications will be considered, and winners decided by Judges from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Finalists and the ultimate Canine Heroes will be invited to accept their awards at the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Dog Show, Best in Show Day on Monday 1 April, 2024.

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

### **Entry Rules and Regulations:**

The awards are open to residents of New South Wales, Australia at the time of entry who 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 in one 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:**

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

**How to Enter:**

Please complete the awards entry form and forward to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW with a high-resolution picture of you and the dog.

Entries can be submitted by;

1. Completing the entry form
2. Emailing your entry to [domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au) (photo attached)
3. Post the entry to; (photo attached)

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Canine Hero Awards

Locked bag 4317

Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127

The closing date of the competition is Friday January 26, 2024

For further information regarding the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards, please contact the Domestic Animals Manager, at [domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:domesticanimals@rasnsw.com.au) or on 02 9704 1007.

## 2024 RAS Canine Hero Awards

Entries for the **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Canine Hero Awards** will be accepted up to Friday January 26, 2024.

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

**Select one of the categories:**

- AAR Service Dog Award
- AAR Companion Dog Award

**Please complete:**

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| <b>Dogs Name</b>                                |  |
| <b>Breed (if crossbreed specify cross type)</b> |  |
| <b>Dogs date of Birth (if known)</b>            |  |
| <b>Service organisation (if applicable)</b>     |  |
| <b>Handler/Owners name</b>                      |  |
| <b>Address</b>                                  |  |
| <b>Phone Number</b>                             |  |
| <b>E-mail</b>                                   |  |
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**How has the dog exhibited qualities that make them a Canine Hero? (Answer below)**