

Rules & Guidelines for Dakin Humane Society's Humane Award Nominations

Nominations open April 1, 2024 The deadline to submit nominations is June 30, 2024

The Humane Awards are community-based awards along with a philanthropy and a lifetime achievement award in recognition of individuals who make a positive difference in the lives of animals and people. The honorees represent all ages and walks of life and demonstrate their commitment and concern for animals through their life and work. Humane Awards honor members of the community who share Dakin's belief that the way we treat animals reflects our communities' health.

Nominations

- Nominees will be considered for the awards based on details submitted in the online nomination form.
- Mail in nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations may be submitted by June 30, 2024 no later than midnight Eastern Standard time.
- Dakin Humane Society will verify the factual basis of the submitted nominations and may request substantiating information from nominees and others.
- Dakin Humane Society reserves the right to request and require additional information from nominees in order to have their nomination considered. False, deceptive, unsubstantiated nominations or acts may render a nominee ineligible.
- Nominee and Nominator Information will not be shared or sold.

Nomination Eligibility

- Nominations may be self-nominations or by another person.
- The nominee must reside in Central or Western Massachusetts, Northern Ct.
- Nominee has made impactful accomplishments or contributions which have positively influenced the lives of animals or people through animals in our community.
- Nominee demonstrates unwavering passion and commitment to animals and has made a difference in the lives of others.
- Nominee exemplifies compassion towards others and professionalism.
- Submitting duplicate identical nominations for a nominee does not increase the chances of the nominee being selected.
- Nominations must be received through the online form. Nominations via mail or email will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- Nominees cannot be a member of the judges panel or individual with voting privileges.

Nomination and Recognition

- Public nominations open on April 1, 2024
- Public nominations close on June 30, 2024.
- Finalists will be notified by August 1, 2024.
- Winners will be announced at the Humane Award ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Ceremony is scheduled to be held at Dakin Humane Society in Springfield, MA from 6pm-7:30pm
- All winners and finalists will be profiled in an edition of What's Shakin' at Dakin.

Judging Panel and Voting

- Finalists will be selected by select Dakin Humane Society's Directors and Staff.
- After finalists have been identified a panel of independent judges will select the winner by voting for each category.
- The panel of judges base their decisions solely on the nomination form. Please provide thoughtful, well-developed and concise responses for your nominee's full consideration with concrete examples.