

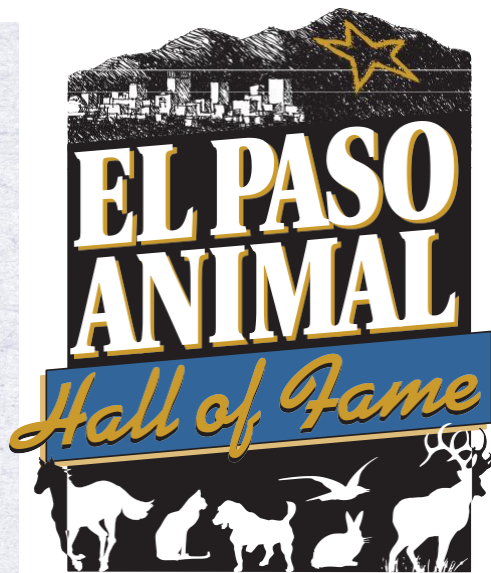
Dwelling naturally in the desert or on a soft sofa, El Paso's animals enrich El Pasoans' lifestyles by sharing their lives, their talents, and their love. Whether saving a life, stopping crime, serving as a personal companion, performing for audiences, or educating the public, El Paso's animals teach us about the importance of respecting all creatures and treasuring the time we spend together.

Pets provide love, companionship, devotion and loyalty, enhancing the lives of their owners and the community in general. Man's progress throughout the ages has been reliant on a myriad of benefits received from animals as helpmates and companions.

To recognize contributions made by El Paso's animals, the El Paso Animal Hall of Fame was established in 1998. Big or small, short or tall, wild or domestic, furred or feathered, they deserve to be recognized and celebrated.

Sponsored by the El Paso Veterinary Medical Association, Valley Feed/Pet's Barn and the El Paso Zoo, the El Paso Animal Hall of Fame is housed at the El Paso Zoo, 4001 E. Paisano. This location allows the entire community as well as out-of-town visitors to learn about the great contributions animals have made to El Paso's past and present.

The first recipient, Mona the Elephant, was chosen for her 40+ years as El Paso's mascot of goodwill at the El Paso Zoo. She has delighted millions of children and adults demonstrating the natural elegance and charm of elephants.



To honor those distinguished among the animal kingdom that exemplify the strength and value of the human-animal bond;



To recognize the outstanding contributions animals make to human lives in the El Paso community; and



To heighten public awareness of the human-animal bond.

Requirements

- ❖ Fill out the attached Official Application.
- ❖ Nominees must be animals that fit one of the three categories listed on the form below.
- ❖ Animals need not be living to be nominated.
- ❖ Type or print a document that explains how the animal exhibited special abilities, displayed courageous or unselfish behavior, and/or benefitted the community.
- ❖ Support letters are not required, but welcome.
- ❖ A photo of the animal is requested and will not be returned.
- ❖ Application forms, attachments and photo must be submitted to the El Paso Veterinary Medical Association by Dec. 31st.

Nominations can be resubmitted.

Some of Our Past Honorees Include:



2004 · Mercedes



2005 · Puffy



2007 · Barnaby Jones



2008 · Queen



2009 · Jojo



2010 · Jojo

OFFICIAL APPLICATION

No more than one entrant will be selected each year. Inductees into the El Paso Animal Hall of Fame are selected from nominations received by a selection panel consisting of members from the El Paso Veterinary Medical Association, animal welfare agencies, and the public.

The selection process will be completed by January 31st and the inductee's

owner/steward will be notified soon thereafter.

The inductee will be recognized at the Annual Veterinary Community Awards Banquet held in May during National Pet Week. The animal's owner/steward will receive a plaque at the event, and a plaque will be placed in the Animal Hall of Fame at the El Paso Zoo. The animal and/or owner/steward must be available to receive the award.

Category:

(please check one)

 Hero

An animal that has performed an incredible act of bravery or saved a human life.

 Companion

An animal that has provided a special benefit to its community of human companions.

 professional

A remarkable specially trained assistance, performance, or education animal.

Nominator information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Animal information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Species: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Animal's owner/steward:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Authorization by Owner/Steward:

I hereby grant permission for nomination of the above-mentioned animal into the El Paso Animal Hall of Fame and agree to release all rights to publish and circulate information and photos about me and/or the nominee.

Owner/Steward

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I further testify that the information given on this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Owner/Steward

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this form, along with the supporting documentation described in the "Requirements" section to:
El Paso Veterinary Medical Association · PO Box 971412 · El Paso, TX 79997

Applications must be received by December 31st of each year.

