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Placer SPCA's Funny Bones Recognized Heroes

Roseville, CA –Placer SPCA is proud to announce the recipients of the **2010 Hero Awards**, presented at the Ninth Annual Funny Bones event on Friday, April 30. Each year, Placer SPCA recognizes individuals, organizations, and animals who make an extraordinary contribution to strengthening the human-animal bond.

- Search Dog Foundation, a national nonprofit working with trained rescue dogs and local fire departments to form canine teams to assist in disasters, received the SureWest Foundation Hero Award.
- Wella, a yellow lab who acts as a service and companion dog for a young woman with autism, received the Renesas Electronics America, Inc. Hero Award.
- Kimberly Karver, a local teacher who gets high school students enthusiastic about working for the benefit of animals, received the Al Johnson Consulting, LLC Hero Award.
- Four Paws For Vets, an organization that pairs specially trained dogs with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, received The Buzz Oates Group of Companies Hero Award.
- Horses for Healing, a nonprofit based in Auburn that works with horses to provide therapy for disabled youth and adults, received the Ayrshire Farm Hero Award
- Rae McAtee, a local teen who has spent as many as 100 hours in one month caring for orphaned kittens in her home as a foster volunteer for Placer SPCA, received the Mann, Urrutia & Nelson CPAs Hero Award.
- Big Jim Hall, of 92.1 FM KHITS, the voice of the Placer SPCA, received the Westlake, Grahl & Glover Hero Award.

The proceeds from Funny Bones will help the Placer SPCA, local companion animal welfare experts, continue its work in enhancing the lives of companion animals and people through its programs and services, including spay/neuter assistance, humane education, and behavior programs.

Attendees enjoyed the comedy of Dan St. Paul, recognizable from appearances on MTV, VH-1, and Comedy Central. Funny Bones was made possible by The Erich Lyss Family Trust, Sidesplitting Sponsor.

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Pictured: Bernadette Finley, Four Paws for Vets Board President; Maryann Spiegelman; Jack Spiegelman, The Buzz Oates Group of Companies; Terry Sandhoff, Four Paws for Vets Executive Director; Wayne Parker, veteran, with Ceasar, his canine companion. Four Paws for Vets received The Buzz Oates Group of Companies Hero Award.



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Pictured: Big Jim Hall, 92.1 KHITS FM, with Steven Westlake, Westlake, Grahl & Glover. Jim Hall received the Westlake, Grahl & Glover Hero Award.



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Pictured: Sharon Hanzelka, Search Dog Foundation Canine Trainer; Gary Abrams, SureWest Foundation; and Denise Hess, Search Dog Foundation Program Supervisor; with Nino, Adopted from Placer SPCA and now a Search Dog team member. Search Dog Foundation received the SureWest Foundation Hero Award.