



Every year the Board of Directors and the cat and dog management teams choose one cat and one dog volunteer for our very special **Golden Paw Award**.

We are honored to present this year's Golden Paw award to **Suzie Poulin**!

As you know, this award is given to our volunteers who have shown commitment and dedication to our organization for many years with selfless acts of kindness and the generosity of time. We are very grateful to have had such support from you for so many years in the many facets for which you have shown dedication and leadership.

First and foremost, we thank you for your sunny disposition and kind manner, always with a smile on your face and a friendly word. It seems you never learned the word, "No," since you so generously jump in to offer what is needed. In addition, you are a true team player, and you absolutely adore our kitties!

As a volunteer and Co-Team Leader on the Tuesday evening shift, our volunteers work alongside you and appreciate that you always have a gentle way and a welcoming greeting for them. Your happy-go-lucky demeanor makes you extremely approachable, and our volunteers know you are willing to answer any questions and show them the ropes.

You deserve a huge shout out for your years of medicating on the cat side since you have truly provided so many hours of care! You lovingly approach your kitty patients, giving them a few words of encouragement, a few kisses and snuggles, and before you know it, they have been medicated. And in addition to the time spent at our shelter, you have taken some of our most fragile patients for their appointments to the specialist and have made yourself available for routine or emergency drop-off or pick-up.

We thank you for your participation and management with the Building and Grounds responsibilities that are certainly all-encompassing and have included the dog areas of the building as well as the cat side. With the many things that can require attention in a large facility such as ours, we appreciate your ownership with our resident "fix-it" team members to ensure our building stands tall.

At Open Houses and events, you are there to lend a helping hand. Again, never saying no to any task, and with undying commitment to ensure our building is in tip-top shape. And goodness gracious, Suzie, you even clean the human bathrooms!

For your commitment, dedication, your joyous personality, and so much more, we offer our sincere gratitude for your years of service to Save the Animals Foundation!