



OHIO COUNTY DOG WARDENS ASSOCIATION

"STRIVING TO BE MAN'S & DOG'S BEST FRIEND"

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2016 OCDWA ANNUAL AWARDS

The Ohio County Dog Wardens Association is proud to announce the recipients of the OCDWA 2016 Annual Awards. The awards will be presented in conjunction with the 2016 CCAO / OCDWA Winter Conference in Columbus Ohio on December 5th, 2016 at 4:00pm at the Hyatt Conference Center.

OCDWA DOG WARDEN OF THE YEAR

This year's winner is ***Jackson County Dog Warden Deb Fout***. Over the past two years, Deb has worked to improve the Jackson County Dog Warden's operation with efforts that have increased adoptions, licensing and service to the public. She has worked to implement a shelter software program and increased social media activity to promote adoptions and owner reclaims for lost pets. This has helped reduce euthanasia dramatically. A recent community service project championed by Fout brought volunteers together to build doghouses for family pets in need. Her tireless dedication, professionalism and passion for her job exemplifies the best of what OCDWA seeks from our members. She truly is "Striving to be man's & dog's best friend"!

OCDWA AGENCY OF THE YEAR

This year's winner is the ***Erie County Dog Warden***. Their shelter was built in 2008 without resorting to county funding. A self-supporting agency for 42 years, the Erie County Dog Warden agency is one of the few that handle their entire dog licensing program. Wardens are active in the NorthWest Association and regularly attend state & local training. They have many community based programs including school volunteers, an intervention program for at-risk youth to promote proper dog care & ownership, and an adult / juvenile special-needs program to help confidence building through animal interaction. The shelter produces live videos, radio programs, newspaper ads and has a very active Facebook page. Animals adopted are spayed / neutered through grant funding and the staff actively work to place as many animals as possible. The agency defines "community involvement" and practices it for both pets and people in Erie County!

OCDWA DOG WARDEN RETIREMENT

OCDWA recognizes the retirement of ***Dr. Harold Brown, D.V.M., Greene County Dog Warden.*** Dr. Brown has been a long-time member of the OCDWA and supporter of training & education for the Dog Wardens of Ohio. His unique perspective as a Veterinarian has been an immense benefit to the association and, through his work in the Greene County shelter spaying / neutering adoptable animals, helped save thousands of lives over his long career. As a member in good standing with retirement, Dr. Brown will become an Honorary Lifetime Member of the OCDWA. Best wishes for a long & happy retirement!

The OCDWA Board of Directors represents Dog Wardens throughout Ohio. We encourage dog owners to license their dogs and insure their safety. A license is a dog's ticket home! 2017 Dog Licenses on sale December 1st – January 31st without penalty.