

## **The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award**

*The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award, presented by the United States Equestrian Federation, is a celebration of the humanitarian achievements made by a member of the equestrian world.*

**Criteria:** Specifically, the goal of this humanitarian honor is to spotlight and exalt the selfless dedication one individual or a group of individuals has made, whether on a regional or national scale. From improving the health and welfare of the horse to promoting and expanding the general public's appreciation and respect of the diverse role of horses, the recipient of this award will be an individual or group of individuals who have devoted considerable personal time to make the lives and quality of life of our equine partners paramount.

The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award is limited to individuals or a group of individuals. Corporations, organizations, affiliate groups and businesses are not eligible. However, this may be amended in exceptional circumstances based on a case-by-case basis.

Posthumous nominees will not be accepted.

Those individuals who are professionally employed in a full-time manner by a company or entity whose sole purpose is to work for the aforementioned qualities and philanthropic ends may be considered as an acceptable nominee if their contributions have been widely viewed as exception beyond their required work performance or if their achievements and dedication is noted as being far beyond the call of duty.

**Selection of the Winner:** The nomination process for the EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award will begin in **September** and close with an **October 31<sup>st</sup>** deadline. Nominations may be received by U.S. mail, overnight carrier and via the United States Equestrian Federation website – [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). A committee composed of members of The EQUUS Foundation and members of the United States Equestrian Federation will serve as the jury in determining the outcome of the presentation of the award.

**Nomination Process:** Any member of the equestrian community may make a nomination for an individual to be considered for the EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award. A nomination form will be made available to any such person or group making a nomination and a definitive amount of information must be provided – in detail – in order for the nominee to be accepted. This information will include the following:

- An explanatory, written statement as to why the individual is worthy of the award;
- Biographical information of the nominee;
  - Including the nominees name, email address, and phone number
- Specific examples of their philanthropic work, including their involvement (time spent, duration of work, type of work, etc.);
- Supportive materials such as written testimonials or letters from those who have been affected by the nominees contributions
  - Please limit testimonials and letters to three per nominee
- Any additional materials deemed worthy by the nominator.

**Presentation of the Award:** The winner of The EQUUS Foundation Award will be notified upon voting. The winner of The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award will be announced to the public and recognized during the Pegasus Awards Dinner. A feature article will appear in an issue of equestrian magazine to announce the winner and share the winner's story. Additionally, a series of press releases and e-communications will be implemented to supply the general media with the news and information. A photo opportunity will be arranged in order to get the winner's image in the media, as well.

### **Past Winners**

2009 Nancy Koch  
2010 Bob Cacchione  
2011 Molly Sweeney  
2012 Dr. Mark Fitch D.V.M.  
Dr. Richard Tully D.V.M.  
2013 Margo Dewkett  
2014 American Saddlebred Horse Association Equine Welfare Committee  
2015 Anna Ford  
2016 Suzy Marquard