

Great Pyrenees Club of America

Achievement & Hero Awards Application Guidelines

There are six categories for these awards (descriptions on next page):

Service Dog Achievement Award
Therapy Dog Achievement Award
Community Achievement Award
Livestock Guardian Achievement Award
Outstanding Guardian Award
Hero Award

Required for consideration:

Nominator's information
Owner's information
Nominated Dog's Information
Photographs of nominated dog
Narrative supporting Nomination
Nominator's dated signature

Optional support for nomination:

Statement of witness(es) other than nominator. This can be the person whom the dog aided or saved.
Newspaper or magazine articles.
Links to radio, podcast, television coverage, or other video covering the event.
Photographs taken at the time of or shortly after the event.
Documents substantiating the loss of livestock. (Required for Livestock Guardian Achievement Award).
Instagram, Twitter or Facebook posts may be submitted but the application must be supported by other documentation.

Complete applications must be received by February 1 and are reviewed by a committee.

Please note not all applications may be approved for an award and in any year awards may not be given in every category, or multiple awards may be given for any category.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Chair, Laurie Greaney, at the e-mail address listed below.

Please download the guidelines and application from: [LINK](#)

E-mail completed application and attachments to: greatpyawards@yahoo.com
Or mail to: Laurie Greaney, 16 Red Gate Road, Cumberland, RI 02864

Description of the Great Pyrenees Achievement & Hero Awards:

Service Dog Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees trained to provide a service to an owner, for one act or series of related acts that provided an opportunity for the owner that is significantly above and beyond typical daily living, education and career activities. This award may also be given to a service dog that acts intuitively in a situation for which it is not trained. For example, a service dog assisting a wheelchair-bound owner complete a marathon, or a mobility dog alerting to a medical condition for which it was not trained. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal and certificate.

Therapy Dog Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees certified therapy dog for one event/activity or series of events/activities that showcase(s) the important role of therapy dogs in assisting first responders or affected persons in the midst or aftermath of tragedies or disasters. The therapy dog must be certified by TDI, Pet Partners or other recognized qualifying and record-keeping organization. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal and certificate.

Community Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees that is not therapy certified or trained to provide a service to an owner.* The actions of this dog should showcase the temperament of the breed, its friendliness, loyalty and/or intuition. For example: significant participation in community work or activities; being featured in an news or magazine article, TV program, museum program or similar; befriending an invalid, handicapped, child, elder or other person in need of comfort (this person cannot be the owner, and this interaction cannot be directed or trained by the owner). For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal and certificate. (*This award may be made to a service dog or a certified therapy dog for actions outside of their normal service dog/therapy dog activities.)

Livestock Guardian Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees who has prevented loss of livestock over a period of time. Documentation of livestock losses before the arrival of the Pyr and losses after the arrival of the Pyr is required. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal and certificate.

Outstanding Guardian Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees who, without significant human direction and acting independently, saved an animal from a life threatening event, prevented property from being destroyed or saved a person from a harmful event. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal, certificate and plaque.

Hero Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees who, without significant human direction and acting independently, saved a person's life or significantly contributed to efforts to save a person's life. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a medal, certificate and plaque.