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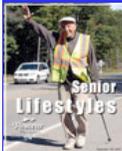
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Mendyk honored as 'officer of year'



Animal Control Officer Dee Dee Mendyk

Dedication to helping abandoned, abused, neglected and homeless pets be adopted or placed in rescue facilities has earned Roscommon County Animal Control Officer Dee Dee Mendyk the distinction of being named Animal Control Officer of the Year by a group of animal rescue organizations in Michigan.

According to the group Mendyk is known by volunteers at shelters and animal rescue organizations throughout the state for her caring and compassionate commitment to helping both people and pets.

"Roscommon County citizens may not be aware, but both the people and the animals in need are tirelessly served by one of the most dedicated animal control officers in Michigan," said Mickey Richards, a Roscommon County Animal Shelter volunteer. "Dee Dee has braved blizzard

conditions for many hours on her days off to save helpless, abandoned animals left to die in frozen fields. Animals that need specialized or critical care to survive are often taken to her home so their specialized needs are met around the clock. We honor her for being a part of the solution."

Praise for Officer Mendyk came from a number of animal rescue organizations throughout the state in honoring her with the award.

"Dee Dee does a phenomenal job of working the network of reputable rescues to get animals adopted," Debbie Jaworski, Second Chances said of Mendyk. "She leads by example and shows others just what can be accomplished. It can sometimes be a complicated process to go through to finally secure a place for pets in rescue and her organizational skills deliver success for so many that otherwise might not have any chance at all."

Jackie Ruditys, a volunteer at Retro Doggy Rescue, said, "One can't help but recognize the dedication and see the passion Dee has when it comes to the animals and residents of Roscommon County. She is known to go above and beyond the call of duty with each and every contact. She loves and cares about each and every animal as if it were her own."

"Our rescue works with several county shelters across the state and some out of state. We have never met a person more dedicated to saving animals. Dee Dee is a true inspiration to all of us," Tammy Venzke, of TJ's Rescued Angels said.

"Dee Dee's personal sacrifice to help abused, neglected and homeless pets get adopted or pulled into reputable rescues is nothing short of amazing," Julie Baker, director of the

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Richland Animal Rescue said. "Roscommon County Animal Shelter is well known statewide for its effective volunteer program and because of that animal rescues work very hard with the shelter to get adoptable pets into qualified loving homes."

The Michigan Animal Shelter Rescue Network is a loose coalition network of cooperating citizens, organizations, rescues and shelters who work together and separately to effectively connect people to animals in need.

Adoptable pets at the Roscommon shelter can be viewed at www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI257.html.

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