

# PA State Working Animal Foundation

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## Working Animal Hero Nominations Open *Press release*

Mechanicsburg, PA — Not all heroes wear masks and capes. Some wear leads. And service dog vests. And some stand 16 hands tall. The Pennsylvania State Working Animal Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit, is on a mission to honor, celebrate and memorialize the Commonwealth's working animals. The Foundation is announcing a new initiative to partner with folks across the state to recognize their lifelong efforts through our **Working Animals Hero Award** and we need your help.

### **Nominate A Hero**

Know a working animal here in Pennsylvania that you'd like to nominate? A service dog? A police K-9? A therapy horse? The list goes on. Pennsylvania is home to hundreds of working animals that serve our community every day. Without recognition, without remembrance. It's time to change that.

Go to our website at [PSWAF.org](https://pswaf.org) and click on the **Nominate A Hero** link. It's easy. You provide the details and we'll handle the rest. All **Working Animal Heroes** are featured on our website and across all the PSWAF social media platforms. Once construction of our Working Animal Memorial breaks ground in Mechanicsburg, PA, all **Working Animal Heroes** will be invited to our first annual **Meet-A-Hero** celebration on the grounds of Golden Lake. Open to the community, the event will be a time for education, celebration and appreciation of our **Working Animal Heroes**.

## Meet Our First Nominee: Ella the Therapy Horse



*Legup Equine Director Jess Warns & Ella*

Ella is an experienced therapy horse, part of the [LegUp](#) program since 2012. With a little bit of sass, and a boatload of compassion, Ella has worked her magic with a variety of clients, each with their own set of challenges. In every instance, Ella has remained cool, calm and collected under the saddle, instilling confidence in her riders, regardless of the circumstances. Ella's greatest gift is her ability to provide an opportunity for independence and one-on-one connection with her rider. She is truly a **Working Animal Hero**. Watch for further details of her story on [PSWAF.org](#).

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