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Alliance's Executive Director Recipient of Hamaker Lifetime Achievement Award

The Killuminati Foundation presented its Hamaker Lifetime Achievement Award to the Alliance's Executive Director Bob Baker at its annual Project Puppy Gala on November 2 in Springfield. The Killuminati Foundation stated that it was very excited to award Bob with the Hamaker Award "for Bob's dedication and achievement to animal welfare." The award is named in honor of Dr. Tedd Hamaker, a long time animal advocate and humanitarian from the Springfield area.

According to the nomination, "Thousands of animals can thank Bob, active in animal welfare for over three decades. His nationally recognized expertise regarding animal cruelty comes from his work on animal investigations, legislative initiatives, and advocacy efforts. His efforts on local, state, and federal initiatives to improve the welfare of animals, led to successful passage of legislation in forty-two states."

"In recent years, his efforts have resulted in the passage of precedent-setting legislation in Pennsylvania regulating large-scale commercial dog breeding operations and in 2011, his efforts

to salvage major parts of Proposition B led to the passage of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act which resulted in the closure of 1,100 puppy mills.” The nomination concluded, “If goodness as a human being is measured by how animals are treated, then what better body of work honors these companions than Bob’s?”

In his acceptance remarks, Bob thanked all of the followers of the Alliance who have been so supportive of the Alliance’s work to protect animals from abuse and neglect. Bob explained that the Alliance’s mission is to go to the core of the problem through legislation “so we don’t continually have to deal with the symptoms of the problem.” Bob pointed to the success of the recently passed Canine Cruelty Prevention Act which not only resulted in 50,000 less dogs suffering in puppy mills but is responsible for preventing the breeding and whelping of hundreds of thousands of puppies which would ultimately contribute to our pet overpopulation problem. Bob stated that he and the Alliance could not accomplish what it does without the support of many caring people and the Alliance has been blessed by so many compassionate supporters.

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