Dogtainers Australia Receives Honor from the International Pet and Animal Transportation Association

November 7, 2012 – The International Pet and Animal Transportation Association (IPATA), the non-profit organization dedicated to the care and welfare of pets and animals during transport, presented the 2012 Excellence Award to Dogtainers Australia at its 36th International Conference in Madrid, Spain. Dogtainers Australia, an IPATA member, was honored because of the years of dedication to the humane treatment of pet dogs and cats.

IPATA’s Excellence Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made outstanding efforts to public service initiatives and who have contributed to the improvement of animal welfare with substantial impacts to humanitarian or animal welfare efforts.

Dogtainers Australia has been instrumental in transferring animals across the state of Queensland for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA Queensland) from their regional shelters to more desirable adoption centers with high population. They have assisted in increasing the adoption rates for these homeless pets. They offer safe, secure transportation of animals in line with animal welfare policies and there has never been a situation where a request for assistance has been refused.

During Cyclone Yas, 300 animals were relocated from Cairns & Townsville to safe and secure destinations within Queensland that were not impacted by the cyclone. Moving 300 animals is difficult, but Dogtainers successfully took on this task and helped save the lives of so many pets.

“We are proud to hear that our members are helping animals in need,” says Manuel Leunda, IPATA president. “Dogtainers Australia is very deserving of the IPATA Excellence Award.”

The IPATA International Conference is the world's largest gathering of pet shipping professionals. Attendees include animal handlers, pet moving providers, kennel operators, veterinarians and others who are dedicated to the care and welfare of pets during transport.

About IPATA
The International Pet and Animal Transportation Association, Inc. (IPATA) is a non-profit, worldwide trade association for animal handlers, pet moving providers, kennel operators, veterinarians and others who are dedicated to the care and welfare of pets and animals during transport. The organization was founded in 1979. It began with six founding members and now has more than 325 members in over 70 countries. IPATA serves its members, the pet transport industry, and the public at large. For more information, or to find a professional pet shipper, visit www.ipata.org.

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