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Rescued Street Dog Saves Owner from House Fire

AUSTIN—The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation has announced the inductees to the 2009 Texas Animal Hall of Fame. Misty, of Dallas, Texas is one of the inductees honored with the award. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 9, 2010 at the next Dallas Veterinary Medical Association meeting.

Misty is a rescued street dog and what her owner calls, “a large version of a Jack Russell Terrier.” In the early morning hours on May 20, 2009, Misty awoke her owner, Jo Iris Smith, when a fire broke out in her home. Grabbing onto Misty’s collar and using the command, “outside,” Smith was able to follow Misty, along with three cats, out the back door.

“The house sustained burn damage in the living room and extensive smoke damage throughout the house. We are alive and safe because of her heroic action,” said Smith.

Misty’s veterinarian Dr. Joseph Chase, of Northwood Veterinary Clinic on Peyton Drive in Dallas, TX, nominated Misty for the award.

Founded in 1903, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association is a professional association composed of more than 3700 veterinarians committed to protecting public health, promoting high educational, ethical and moral standards within the veterinary profession, and educating the public about animal health and its relationship to human health. For more information, call 512/452-4224 or go to www.tvma.org.

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