

## Teen Recognized with Protection Award

### **A Maine student is named 2006 Humane Teen of the Year.**

Amanda Anges, a Maine teenager whose family is highly involved with animal activism, was named the 2006 Humane Teen of the Year on Jan. 11.

The award is sponsored by the youth education arm of the Humane Society of the United States, and goes to a student who has made a significant contribution to animal protection.

Anges, 16, was chosen from 53 applicants nationwide. She will receive a \$300 prize.

Saving one animal feels great, but when you can help more, the feeling is impossible to describe, Anges said in an interview with [humaneteen.org](http://humaneteen.org).

A shelter technician with the Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk, Maine, Anges primarily works with cats, bathing and vaccinating them for adoption. She came to the shelter three years ago as a volunteer, and still helps with a lot of duties she performed when she started, such as cleaning and walking dogs. She also works as a humane education assistant, teaching responsible pet care at a summer camp and local childrens museum.

Anges inherited her passion for animal protection from her mother, who works as a humane educator. Her sister is active as well, and the siblings have worked together on causes such as boycotting circuses. The family also provides foster care for pets that need special attention.

My family and I have fostered puppies, kittens, cats, dogs and some smaller animals, Anges said. We all have our duties when it comes to taking care of animals.

Currently a junior at Sanford High School in Springvale, Anges plans to become a veterinarian or technician.

This is her passion and I couldn't imagine her doing anything else, said Bobbi Allen, a manager at the Animal Welfare Society.

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