



## The Whisker Gift™ Nomination Form

The Whisker Gift is an annual donation supporting shelters, rescue groups, trainers of therapy, service or search-and-rescue animals, and organizations committed to animal-health issues.

The nominated organization must be a public charity granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the organization must be in compliance with all state and federal tax laws and must not be in violation of any state or federal charitable solicitation laws at the time of nomination.

To nominate a qualified organization, complete both pages of the Nomination Form and submit via email to info@whiskergifters.com along with a copy of the organization’s audited financial statements for the most recent tax year, a list of board members (including their affiliations, email addresses and phone numbers) and a copy of the organization’s 501(c)(3) verification. The deadline for 2009 nominations is May 15, 2009.

### Nominator Information

1. Name  2. Date

3. Street Address

4. City  5. State  6. Zip Code

7. Phone Number  8. Email

### Choose a Description That Best Describes Your Relationship to the Nominated Organization

1. Staff Member  2. Program Participant or Client

3. Board Member  4. Volunteer

5. Other (please describe)

By submitting this Nomination Form and the required documentation you confirm that you will not personally receive a tangible benefit or privilege from the organization in return for the nomination.

### Additional Information

- Representatives of Cataco, Inc. are solely responsible for reviewing Nomination Forms and selecting recipients of the Whisker Gift, and may contact the nominator, the listed contact person and/or board members of the organization to verify or clarify information.
- To help each organization with its fundraising efforts, page two of the Nomination Form may be posted to the Whisker Gift page of our website (provided the organization is in compliance with all requirements above) even if the organization is not selected to receive a Whisker Gift. A link to this information will also be provided in our electronic newsletter.
- We provide links to non-profit watchdog organizations such as the American Institute of Philanthropy (<http://www.charitywatch.org>) and Charity Navigator (<http://www.charitynavigator.org>) so visitors to our sites and electronic newsletter may conduct their own research about nominated organizations.
- Recipients of the Whisker Gift will be recognized on the Whisker Gift page of our website and in our newsletter.
- Recipients of a Whisker Gift will be notified by phone and in writing by June 15, 2009.
- Completed Nomination Forms may be subject to disclosure under applicable local, state and/or federal Freedom of Information law. Should we be required to disclose any information, we will notify the contact person listed on the Nomination Form. Once submitted, Whisker Gift Nomination Forms become the property of Cataco, Inc.



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### A) Nominated Organization Information

1. Name of Organization  2. Date
3. Website URL  4. Street Address
5. City  6. State  7. Zip Code
8. Primary Contact  9. Title
10. Phone Number  11. Email

### B) Choose a Category That Best Represents the Nominated Organization

1. Local Shelter  2. Trainer of Therapy, Service or Search-and-Rescue Animals
3. Rescue Group  4. National Organization
5. Other (please describe)

### C) Describe the Nominated Organization

1. In 125 words or fewer, describe the nominated organization's program, mission and goals.

2. In 125 words or fewer, describe the impact of the nominated organization's efforts in your community.

3. In 125 words or fewer, provide any additional information you would like us to consider.