

LOIS POPE
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Esteemed Philanthropist Lois Pope Reflects On Her Lifelong Work As An Animal Rights Advocate And Champion For Disabled Veterans

Question: Who has been the greatest source of inspiration throughout your life?

Answer: My parents were my first inspiration, instilling in me the importance of giving back when I was a little girl. We were just coming out of the Great Depression and times were not easy. But I vividly remember my mother putting aside a nickel here and a nickel there to give to charity.

Question: Your work as an advocate for animal rights is a lifelong commitment. What drives this passion and how has it impacted your life?

Answer: I have been very fortunate in my life, and I am in a position to give voice and life to many causes in which I deeply believe. There are so many animals who are being raised in the most horrific conditions. They are voiceless, disregarded, underserved and underrepresented. We need to do something; in fact, I am committed to bringing about a national ban on puppy mills.

Question: Of all the charities and organizations you support, is there one in particular that has brought you the most satisfaction and why?

Answer: The lifelong work I have done on behalf of disabled veterans has probably been the most rewarding. It took many years and making it through many obstacles, but on Oct. 5, 2014, we officially dedicated the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. It's the only permanent tribute to the four million living, disabled American veterans and all those who have died.



Lois Pope embraces her beloved pups, many who are rescues, in the living room of her home, far left. The entry below, brims with distinctive architecture and inspired design.

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Philanthropist and humanitarian, Lois Pope, has made it her lifelong ambition to assist the disadvantaged. The Palm Beach County resident's three organizations: The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, Inc., Leaders in Furthering Education (LIFE) and the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, are all dedicated to helping those who are vulnerable and in need of a voice in our society. She also created The Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs for the American Humane Association, which provides innovative research initiatives, public policy solutions and direct services to animals in military service, veterans and their families. Pope has been honored numerous times





for her dedication to improving the world around her and believes that everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can make a difference.

In the elegant living room of her Manalapan, Fla., home in the Palm Beaches, a sculpture of a disabled veteran by artist Michael Noranjo, graces the cocktail table and reminds us of the important work Pope does on behalf of disabled veterans. "I have met so many of them, and I have seen their courage and fortitude," she says. Working on a new film that sheds light on the problems they face, she believes that all veterans should get the care they deserve.

Pope, a tireless advocate who rarely has time for rest, will co-chair LIFE's 23rd annual, "Lady In Red" gala. The "Speakeasy" themed, celebrity studded event with entertainment by legendary songstress Gladys Knight, will be hosted at The Mar-A-Lago Club in Palm Beach on Dec. 3, 2016. All proceeds will benefit LIFE's partnership with the American Humane Association. For more information, please call 561/582-8083 or visit www.life-edu.org.◆

"MY FAVORITE ROOMS ARE THE ONES THAT LOOK OUT OVER THE OCEAN AND INTRACOASTAL — ESPECIALLY THE LIVING ROOM (ABOVE) AND BREAKFAST ROOM," LOIS POPE SAYS.

ABOVE: This magnificent oceanfront home in Manalapan, where "imagination and function have met their match," Pope says, features a sophisticated yet comfortable living room with a sitting area in a neutral palette, where she can take some rare time to relax.