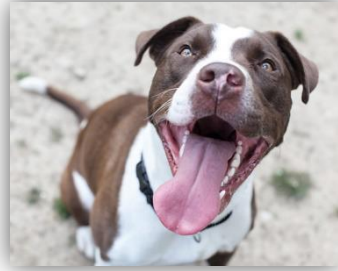


Miranda Lambert’s MuttNation Foundation names SICSA one of the “best of the best”

May 7, 2018 - Kettering, Ohio - Adoption Rate, Volunteerism, Fiscal Responsibility & Community Presence are just a few of the benchmarks that **Miranda Lambert & the MuttNation Foundation** used when choosing **SICSA Pet Adoption Center** as one of their 50 “carefully-vetted animal shelters” in their 2018 Mutts Across America grant program. Bev Lambert, Miranda’s mom and The MuttNation founder stated that they “feel we have now developed a criterion list through which we hand pick the “best of the best” shelters.”



Mutts Across America came as a total surprise to the 2018 recipients, as this isn’t a grant that anyone can apply to for consideration. Instead MuttNation’s board makes their decision and then waits until the awards are received before making the announcement. When SICSA President and CEO, Nora Vondrell opened the letter that included a grant for \$3,000 from MuttNation’s Mutts Across America, she said that she was “awestruck by the fact that Dayton’s own SICSA was being recognized at

a national level and being given such a generous grant to help us save lives and build families.”

When speaking about SICSA and the 49 other 2018 recipients Miranda Lambert said that she was “amazed and humbled by the great work these shelters do, and so honored to be able to support their critical efforts on behalf of rescue animals.” Miranda has always had a love for animals and even found her pup Delilah while volunteering at a local shelter. This passion led Miranda and Bev Lambert to create the MuttNation Foundation in 2009 to help find safe and happy homes for as many dogs as possible.



SICSA staff, incredible interns, wonderful volunteers, and just amazing longtime friends and supporters, **Nancy Wilson** and **Fry Guy** from [K99.1 FM’s New Country](http://www.99.1FM.com), who graciously provided the voice overs, worked together to create a video to thank Miranda Lambert and The MuttNation Foundation. Check out SICSA’s You Tube page to see the Thank You Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lFg975FjzI>. To get involved and join Miranda Lambert and the MuttNation in their support of SICSA Pet Adoption Center, visit www.SICSA.org.

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About SICSA

Originated in 1974, SICSA was started as an alternative to the traditional animal welfare system with a mission of improving the lives of stray animals and promoting adoption. The organization runs an Animal Adoption Center in Kettering at 2600 Wilmington Pike, which is open seven days a week to the public for those interested in bringing a companion animal into their home. For more information about SICSA, please log onto their website at www.SICSA.org or call the Adoption Center at (937) 294-6505.