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<u>Ian Somerhalder and Nikki Reed Receive the Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch</u> <u>Humanitarian Tribute at the Napa Valley Film Festival</u>

Napa, California (November 10, 2017) – Celebrity activist couple, Ian Somerhalder and Nikki Reed, were presented with the Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch Humanitarian Award on Thursday, November 9, at the Lincoln Theater in Yountville as part of the 7th Annual Napa Valley Film Festival.

JARR Co-founders, Monica and David Stevens presented an etched Robert Foley Vineyards, Howell Mountain Cabernet 3Liter, 2013 on stage with a special guest, a pig called Mr Moo who clearly stole the show.

The Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch Humanitarian Award celebrates those individuals who have shown outstanding compassion, advocacy and dedication to animal protection issues. The recipients, actors Ian Somerhalder (Vampire Diaries, Lost) and Nikki Reed (The Twilight Saga, Twilight, Thirteen), exemplify JARR's mission to show compassion to all animals in need and by using their unique platform to bring a spotlight to animal welfare issues help further the work to end animal cruelty in all it's forms.

"Ian and Nikki are changing lives with their outstanding humanitarian and environmental work and we are honored to present them with the award for their incredible work through the Ian Somerhalder Foundation," said Monica Stevens, Cofounder Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch, "They are a beacon of light in a challenging world and we look forward to collaborating with them more in the future. It is the hope of JARR and ISF that we inspire humans to show compassion, reverence and gratitude toward all living creatures."

Visit the JARR website <u>here</u> for more info on their work with companion and farmed animals in need.

Visit <u>www.nvff.org</u> for information on the full program.

About JARR

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch is a no-kill rescue and sanctuary in the Napa Valley for companion and farmed animals in need. The nonprofit provides transitional and permanent shelter, adoption and rescue services, humane education, animal advocacy, and is committed to ending animal hunger, cruelty, and overpopulation.

JARR also collaborates with and acts as a liaison for various local animal rescue groups.

About The Napa Valley Film Festival

The ultimate celebration of film, food and wine, NVFF lights up wine country at the most colorful time of year, November 8-12. NVFF presents over 120 new independent films and studio sneak previews in 9 beautiful venues throughout the Valley. Attendees interact with over 300 filmmakers at screenings, and enjoy wine tastings, culinary demos, winemaker dinners, Celebrity Tributes, the Awards Ceremony and Festival Gala, Opening and Closing Night parties and more. The Napa Valley Film Festival (NVFF) is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization headquartered in Napa, California. Visit www.nvff.org for more information or call 707.226.7500

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