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AWA Continues to Grow with Key Hires

VOORHEES, N.J, October XX, 2014—Today, The Animal Welfare Association (AWA) announced two key hires as it continues its growth in Shelter and Clinic Operations. Stacie DaBolt is AWA's first Director of Operations and Laura Miller joins AWA as a Behavior Coordinator.

As the Director of Operations, DaBolt will manage the day-to-day operations at the Adoption Center and Pet Clinic, which includes developing the staff, overseeing adoptions, veterinary outreach, safety and compliance measures, and enhancing processes to continue to help AWA address pet overpopulation and find “forever” homes for thousands of animals in South Jersey.

DaBolt's extensive background in animal welfare began in 2003. She was most recently the Assistant Director of Operations for the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter (NY). Stacie enjoys bringing fresh ideas and creativity to the work place in which to help bridge the gap between homeless animals and the community. She has been a keynote speaker on the subject of animal cruelty and welfare issues in venues such as media, law enforcement, and schools. Stacie resides in Medford, NJ with her three canine fur kids Maggie, Abbie, Ruthie and Jessie, the cat in charge.

As a Behavior Coordinator, Miller will expand AWA's behavior assessment, training and modification programs for dogs in the shelter, provide pre and post adoption support to adopters, implement new ways to keep animals mentally healthy while in AWA's care.

Miller has more than 10 years of experience working in animal shelters, including a position as Assistant Manager of a limited euthanasia shelter. Also, she completed internships at Pawsitive Dog Training and the Animal Farm Foundation, where she specialized in the care of pit bulls. Miller currently resides in Voorhees, NJ.

“We are thrilled to have Stacie and Laura join the AWA team,” said Maya Richmond, Executive Director, AWA. “Their experience and background will ensure that AWA is well prepared as we position ourselves for continued growth including the expansion of our clinic and the services we offer the community.”

AWA spayed or neutered nearly 12,000 pets last year, and found homes for nearly 2,600 pets. For more information, find AWA online at www.awanj.org and on Facebook www.facebook.com/animalwelfareassociation.

About AWA

The Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2013 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.

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