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## For the Second Consecutive Year, AWA is named one of South Jersey's Best Charities

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Voorhees, NJ– Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is pleased to announce that it received the distinction of being named one of South Jersey's Readers' Choice Top 50 Charities out of literally thousands of wonderful charities in our region. This is the second consecutive year that AWA has been awarded this ranking. AWA was nominated by a reader and chosen by South New Jersey's Business People's selection committee.

"Being selected as a top charity means so much to us," shares Maya Richmond, Executive Director at Animal Welfare Association, "because our staff and volunteers work so hard to engage the community in our lifesaving work." AWA's shelter is a warm and inviting place and the staff believe there is a pet for every adoptive family and a family for every pet. "Our open adoption process finds homes for over 2500 dogs, cats and bunnies each year. It is rewarding to see so many families come to our shelter to find their next four-legged family member," says Richmond. The clinic offers high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and wellness services to improve the health of pets in the community and help keep pets from being surrendered to a shelter due to the extreme medical expenses.

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### **About AWA**

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 2014 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care. AWA's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

