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Small Charity Makes Big Impact for Area Animals

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Voorhees, NJ– Animal Welfare Association, Inc. is pleased to announce it received a “four star ranking ” by Charity Navigator last month and just this week was notified it received the distinction of being named one of South Jersey’s Readers’ Choice Top 50 charities out of literary thousands of wonderful charities in our region. AWA was nominated by a reader and chosen by South New Jersey’s Business People’s selection committee. AWA was established in 1948 and provides our community with pet shelter and adoption services as well as runs a public pet clinic that spays/neuters and provides veterinary care to thousands of pets in the community.

“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 animal shelter is a warm and inviting place and the staff believe there is a pet for every adoptive family and a family for every needy pet. “Our open adoption process finds homes for over 2600 dogs, cats and bunnies each year. It is so rewarding to see so many families come to our shelter to find their four-legged family member,” says Richmond. You only have to peek on AWA’s Facebook page to read about the day’s happy adoption stories.

To learn more about the AWA, attend the annual Holiday Open House on December 11th. The Open House begins at 5:00 p.m. with AWA mascot Scout arriving at 5:30p.m. to greet guests. The evening includes tours of the public Pet Clinic and Adoption Center, a tree lighting ceremony, light food and beverages and at 7:00 p.m. AWA will draw a winner for their annual 50/50 raffle – last year the winner took home over \$8000! The event is free. AWA welcomes everyone to visit and meet the staff.

For more information, contact Maya Richmond, 802-598-3658 or visit www.awanj.org or mayar@awanj.org.

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Animal Welfare Association is South Jersey’s oldest private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, 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. In 2013 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA's No-Kill programming.