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## **ANIMAL WELFARE FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY NAMES NEW BOARD PRESIDENT**

(January 25, 2018) - The Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey has recently announced Vicki Rowland as the Board President. Rowland has ten years of experience in animal welfare that involves management, marketing and public relations, strategic planning, and fundraising development. The Board of Directors is confident that Rowland will bring her knowledge and commitment to the AWFNJ that she has shown in her successful role as Executive Director at Camden County Animal Shelter since 2013.

“We, the Board are excited to reenergize the federation and to revitalize synergy with animal agencies state-wide” says Vicki Rowland AWFNJ Board President. The Board of Directors has completed a new strategic plan with targeted focus areas on organizational development and mission activities.

The AWFNJ has also appointed several leaders in the field of Animal Welfare to their newly assembled board including Chief Ross Licitra, Executive Director and Chief of Humane Law Enforcement of the Monmouth County SPCA; Brian Hackett, New Jersey State Director of The Humane Society of the United States; Donielle Killian-Gioia, Director of Operations of SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals; Sara Kent, CEO of Shelter Animals Count; Heather Cammisa-Davenport, CEO and President of St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center; Judy Davies-Dunhour, Manager of Cape May Animal Shelter & Adoption Center and Karen Yost, Director of Human Resources and Finance of St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center.

With a revitalized Board, the AWFNJ will be revamping their membership model, which will be open to 501(c)(3) organizations and professionals affiliated with private non-profit animal welfare organizations within the state of New Jersey. Within certain membership levels, organizations will be able to apply for grant opportunities which include spay/neuter surgeries, emergency relief efforts and scholarship opportunities. Membership will also include access to NJ State Animal Services Directory and direct alerts to legislative activity and action.

For more information about the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey or to learn more about their membership opportunities email [info.awfnj@gmail.com](mailto:info.awfnj@gmail.com). To make a donation please visit their website at [www.awfnj.org/support](http://www.awfnj.org/support).

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The mission and purpose of the AWFNJ to unite all New Jersey animal protection organizations, to exchange ideas and information to work collectively to elevate the standard of care and level of knowledge related to animal welfare in the state of New Jersey.

Incorporated in 1995, the AWFNJ acts as a unifying voice for the animal protection community. The AWFNJ advocates on animal welfare legislation; encourages the enforcement of animal cruelty laws; conducts programs to elevate the quality of care for animals; and acts as a resource to help members solve common problems. The AWFNJ is best known for organizing educational events and acting as an information resource for animal welfare professionals throughout the state.