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Woods Humane Society is Changing Leadership

(SLO, CA, 1/25/2019) Woods Humane Society's Executive Director, Jill Tucker, has announced her resignation and is moving into the position of CEO for the California Animal Welfare Association (Cal Animals). The transition will take place in March. Under Jill's leadership, Woods Humane Society has broadened its impact for animals through a facility expansion, a merger with the North County Humane Society in Atascadero, and the opening of SLO County's first public spay and neuter clinic. During this time, the organization has also more than tripled its lifesaving capacity by dramatically increasing animal intakes and adoptions.

"It has truly been an honor to lead this exceptional organization and dedicated team over the past 4 years," says Tucker. "With an unwavering commitment of doing what's best for the animals, our board, staff, volunteers, and community have come together to provide care, resources, and placement to more animals than ever before. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished and excited to see the organization continue to grow and prosper in its mission and impact."

In her new position as the Cal Animals CEO, Jill will have an opportunity to lead collaborative efforts to support the success of animal welfare and sheltering organizations throughout the state of California through the facilitation of trainings, legislative advocacy, and coordination of lifesaving resources. Cal Animals was formed in 2018 through a merger between California's two statewide animal-welfare associations: California Animal Control Directors Association and State Humane Association of California.

While the organization is saddened to see Mrs. Tucker go, the fact that she is able to bring her expertise and passion to impact animals at the state level will only serve to further the mission of Woods and to save more lives.

“Jill has provided exceptional stewardship of the organization during her time here,” said Board President, Charlene Rosales. “Under her vision and compassionate guidance, Woods has significantly grown its number of dog and cat adoptions, the amount of participants benefiting from education programs, and the number of residents served in San Luis Obispo County by our recent expansion into Atascadero with the spay/neuter clinic. It’s no surprise to us that she is a recognized leader in the animal welfare industry throughout the state and we wish her much success as she continues working in this field, advocating for the excellent care and sheltering of animals and supporting other humane organizations in California”.

Woods Humane Society is in a strong position with exceptional programs and broad-based community support. A national search will take place to find a highly-qualified new leader.

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About Woods Humane Society

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 64 years. Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization, based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.

About The California Animal Welfare Association

The California Animal Welfare Association ("Cal Animals") formed in 2018 through a merger between California's two statewide animal-welfare associations: California Animal Control Directors Association (CACDA) and State Humane Association of California (SHAC).

SHAC was founded in 1909 to represent local humane organizations with matters of concern to all, but beyond the resources of any one organization or agency. CACDA was founded in 1976 to represent California's animal care and control professionals. Together, as one organization, we unite California's animal welfare community and provide even greater support and advocacy to our member organization. Visit <https://www.calanimals.org/> to learn more.