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Dutchess County SPCA Welcomes NEW Director of Animal Care

Hyde Park, NY – The Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Audrey Lodato as its new Director of Animal Care. Ms. Lodato, who originally hails from the Hudson Valley, previously served as the Director of Animal Care for the Brother Wolf Animal Rescue in North Carolina. “Audrey brings years of shelter management experience with her,” said Executive Director Lynne Meloccaro, “and her addition to the staff ensures that DCSPCA’s animal care and policies will be following the best practices in the field.”

For over 20 years, Ms. Lodato has enjoyed a successful career in both animal welfare and organizational management. During her three year engagement with the Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, she oversaw all operations and management for the organization’s flagship Adoption Center and Brother Wolf Chapter locations. While there, she created and launched a mobile spay and neuter clinic program, restructured the organization’s medical department to include a staff veterinarian, developed an onsite medical clinic, and managed numerous programs that included a farmed animal care program, animal transport program, and a No Kill Community Development program as well as spearheaded other significant programmatic initiatives.

"I am incredibly excited to be joining such a passionate team of professionals at an organization with a long and storied history of lifesaving. I'm looking forward to contributing my skills and knowledge to DCSPCA and to serving the community in my new role," said Ms. Lodato.

Prior to her employment with the Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, Ms. Lodato was the Executive Director of Pets Alive Animal Sanctuary – an 80-acre sanctuary for companion and farmed animals located in Middletown, New York. She also worked for Mid-Hudson Animal Aid in Beacon, New York for nearly a decade as the organization’s Shelter Manager where she put her animal care and administrative expertise to good use overseeing a free range cat sanctuary of 200 special needs cats.

Ms Lodato will begin her employment journey with DCSPCA in early August 2019.

The mission of the Dutchess County SPCA is to make the community safe and humane for companion animals and people in Dutchess County, New York. Established in 1871, the shelter provides temporary accommodations for stray and homeless companion animals in an environment that meets or exceeds the needs of the companion animals, encourage adoptions with new families, and accessibility to veterinary wellness treatment. For more information, please call (845) 452-7722 or visit dcsPCA.org