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Animal Welfare Society Names Kevin Ward Director of Community Programs

WEST KENNEBUNK, Maine – October 17, 2016 – The Animal Welfare Society (AWS), a companion animal shelter and community animal resource, today announced that Kennebunk resident, Kevin Ward, has been named Director of Community Programs.

Ward's role will be to provide strategic direction and management of AWS' community programs, including the volunteer program, youth humane education, outreach programs and the Cleo Fund's spay/neuter programs. He will work closely with Executive Director Abigail Smith to continue to develop and grow AWS' programs and services aimed at helping pets and their people.

"Kevin's tremendous experience in community program development and management, coupled with the kindness he demonstrates in service to others make him a great fit for AWS," Smith said. "We're fortunate to have him on our team as AWS continues to grow."

"Experience has taught me how to build strong relationships within an organization and within a community," said Ward. "I look forward to transferring my skills to the successful work of the Animal Welfare Society, and to the growing mission of the organization."

Prior to AWS, Ward worked for Community Partners, Inc. as a Regional Director. He has more than 19 years experience in program management working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and acquired brain injury.

About Animal Welfare Society

The Animal Welfare Society, a non-profit organization, exists to provide humane shelter and care to companion animals temporarily in need of housing, to assist in disaster response and to further the cause of responsible animal adoption and ownership through education and public awareness. The society actively promotes kindness, the elimination of cruelty and neglect to all animals, and the lifelong commitment of people to their pets. More than 3,500 animals are cared for at the facility each year, while thousands more use the many public services that AWS offers; such as low-cost spay/neuter, youth education and canine obedience classes.

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