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SPCA

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2012 Brings Changes to the Executive Director Position

EATONTOWN, NJ – Laurie Garrison, Executive Director of the **Monmouth County SPCA (MCSPCA)** has announced that she won't be renewing her contract when it expires at the end of January in order to pursue other opportunities. *"The Monmouth County SPCA is an amazing organization and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as its Executive Director. I know it will continue to save the lives of thousands of animals every year, which is what it is all about."*

The **MCSPCA** celebrated a record setting year in 2011 under Dr. Garrison's leadership. **A total of 4,082 lives were saved, 499 more than 2010.** The Vogel Spay/Neuter Clinic performed **5838 surgeries, 452 more than 2010.** The Puppy Rescue Center was established, saving the lives of over **300 puppies.**

Dr. Garrison's time with the **MCSPCA** has spanned over 12 years. Before she took on the role of Executive Director for the last two years, she was a Board member and leader of the Building Committee overseeing the construction of their new state-of-the-art facility, as well as a volunteer and an adopter. While the organization is disappointed to see Dr. Garrison leave, all members wish her well and good luck as she pursues new endeavors.

On Monday, January 16, 2012 **Monmouth County SPCA Board of Trustees President, Jerry Rosenthal** announced that the organization has begun a nationwide search for a permanent Executive Director. During the search Mr. Rosenthal will take a leave of absence from his role as President and assume the role of interim Executive Director. *"I am happy to take on the interim role to ensure that the **MCSPCA** continues to pursue its mission – to protect and advocate for all animals – which it has successfully done for over 65 years,"* Mr. Rosenthal stated during his introduction as the interim Executive Director. **Dr. Daran Haber**, the current *Vice President* of the Board, will serve as the acting President during the transition.

After spending 25 years in the financial services industry, Mr. Rosenthal now devotes his time and efforts to supporting animal health and welfare issues and currently serves as a member of the **Board of Overseers at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine**, where he helped start the Shelter Animal Medicine Program. He first joined the **MCSPCA Board of Trustees** in 2008 and, soon after, was elected *President* of the organization in 2009.

To learn more about the **Monmouth County SPCA** please visit www.monmouthcountyspca.org or call 732-542-0040. Interested in adopting? The **MCSPCA Homeward Bound Adoption Center**, located at 260 Wall Street in Eatontown is open seven days a week, Monday – Friday 1pm – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12pm – 5pm.

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