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## **NYS Animal Protection Federation names new board president**

*January 27, 2022:* ALBANY – The New York State Animal Protection Federation (NYSAPF) has announced the election of Stacie A. Haynes of Westford as Board President, effective January 1, 2022.

Formed in 2010, the NYSAPF was established to safeguard the well-being of all animals through legislative and policy initiatives in New York State. It is the voice of New York's animal shelters, humane societies, and animal welfare organizations, and a trade/educational resource for its member organizations striving to maintain the highest standards in animal welfare and care.

Haynes, who has served on the NYSAPF Board of Directors since 2019, is looking forward to tackling the Federation's ambitious 2022 humane agenda.

“This year’s agenda involves a number of key priorities impacting companion animals, including shelter and rescue standards, stopping the puppy mill pipeline, and strengthening animal cruelty laws,” Haynes said. “It is truly an honor and a privilege to work alongside NYSAPF Executive Director Libby Post on issues that we know affect our animals each and every day.”

Haynes is no stranger to animal welfare issues. As the Executive Director of the Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA) since October of 2015, she was the driving force behind the SQSPCA's \$5 million SHELTER US Capital Campaign and the resulting state-of-the-art animal shelter. Haynes spearheaded the formation of Otsego County's Animal Cruelty Task Force in 2019, a partnership between the shelter, the Otsego County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, and area veterinarians. In 2020, Haynes was named one of America's Top Ten Animal Defenders by the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

“Stacie is the best example of who and what animal shelter professionals are supposed to be and do,” said Libby Post, Executive Director of the Federation. “As a Board member and the Federation’s treasurer, Stacie’s leadership and business acumen have kept us focused and moving ahead. I look forward to a great partnership that advances our legislative agenda and enhances the state of animal welfare in New York.”

The SQSPCA is one of more than 100 NYSAPF members across the state adding its voice to animal welfare advocacy in New York. In addition to monitoring legislation and working to pass or defeat bills based on their impact on the state's network of animal shelters, the Federation offers a wide array of member benefits.

“Our shelter has enjoyed many advantages as a result of our NYSAPF membership. We are kept up to date on shelter issues involving New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, we have received guidance and technical assistance with our local advocacy efforts, assistance with the Companion Animal Capital Fund grant process, and we have attended countless workshops on animal cruelty coordinated and/or sponsored by the Federation,” explained Haynes. “We have also received shelter improvement consulting services, which has significantly upgraded our operations. I urge all New York State animal shelters to join. It is an opportunity to strengthen your organization and to make a meaningful, lasting difference.”

Haynes is especially proud of the NYSAPF’s role in securing the New York State Companion Animal Capital Fund in the FY17 budget and ensuring it has remained in the state’s annual budget in four of the last five years. COVID zeroed out many programs and services in that year’s state budget.

“The Companion Animal Capital Fund helped to launch the SQSPCA’s new facility. I look forward to continuing advocating for this fund to help other animal shelters and, ultimately, more animals statewide,” Haynes said.

For more information about the NYSAPF and the Federation's Education Fund, visit [nysapf.org](http://nysapf.org).