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MIDCOAST HUMANE APPOINTS FIRST MEDICAL DIRECTOR

BRUNSWICK, ME – Midcoast Humane, celebrating its 70th year as a nonprofit providing animal welfare services to 40 municipalities in the state of Maine, today announced the appointment of Alison Pare, DVM as its first Medical Director since commencing operations in 1950.

Dr. Pare has already elevated the standard of care for all animals in our shelters through her medical and surgical expertise and her passion for animal welfare,” stated Mary P. Sundeen, President of Midcoast Humane. “Dr. Pare is an exceptional animal advocate, leader, and veterinary practitioner and we are certainly fortunate to have her leading the medical team at Midcoast Humane.”

Dr. Alison Pare, Medical Director of Midcoast Humane commented, “The scale and complexity of medical issues that we encounter in our homeless animal population at the shelter can be staggering at times. It is not uncommon to perform 20 surgical procedures in one day which equates to an incredible need for donations to support our mobile surgical unit and our in-house clinic. I am grateful to the residents of Midcoast Maine who have so graciously supported us over the years.” Dr. Pare continued, “We have an incredible team at Midcoast Humane and I am pleased to serve with them as we work each day to place our shelter pets in loving and supportive homes.”

Dr. Pare obtained her undergraduate degree in animal science with a concentration in veterinary medicine at the University of Maine in 2006 where she was named the class salutatorian. She then attended veterinary school at the University of Minnesota and graduated as the class valedictorian. After returning to Maine, Dr. Pare worked in private practice before dedicating herself to the medical care of the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals at Midcoast Humane.

About Midcoast Humane

Brunswick Animal Shelter was founded in 1950 by a group of Brunswick citizens concerned with the welfare of the area's stray animals. The modest accommodation was operated and maintained by volunteers in an old barn not far from where the shelter currently stands at 30 Range Road. In 1965, the Brunswick Animal Shelter was dissolved and replaced by the *Brunswick Area Humane Society* which was incorporated as a non-profit. Known for decades as Coastal Humane Society, the nonprofit took over operations for Lincoln County Animal Shelter in Edgecomb, Maine in July 2015, and officially merged operations with that shelter in October 2018. The two organizations were rebranded as Midcoast Humane which now serves 40 municipalities in the state.

For more information, to make a donation, or to see dogs, cats, puppies and kittens available for adoption, please visit www.midcoasthumane.org or call 207-449-1366.

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