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## September 2017

Dedicated readers of this newsletter may have noticed that our September issue is a bit late. That's because we have some exciting news to share - we've hired a new Executive Director! Linda Huebner has worked on behalf of animals for decades. She has significant hands-on experience caring for a variety of domestic, farmed, and wild animals and has also advocated for non-human animals via friend/fundraising, outreach, education, public-speaking, media relations, and legislative advocacy for various organizations.

Linda has a BS in Animal Science from Cook College, Rutgers University. From there she went on to earn her MS in Animals and Public Policy from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. She continued to further her education via PhD coursework in Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management at the University of Massachusetts.

In the past, Linda has served as the Executive Director of two New England animal shelters, and



worked for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and The Humane Society of the United States. Additionally, she has served on the boards of the New England Federation of Humane Societies and Valley Veg, which founded and organized the Valley Vegfest. Through these organizations, Linda worked on a wide variety of animal issues, lobbied on animal related

legislation, and worked closely with other animal protection groups by providing educational resources and support.

Most recently, Linda has been doing contract work for various animal protection nonprofit organizations, including The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust, the Companion Animal Protection Society, Protect Our Wildlife, and Citizens for Farm Animal Protection.

Linda has volunteered to support a variety of causes, including public radio, hospice, pet loss, pet therapy, animal shelters, spay/neuter clinics, greyhound rescue, wildlife rehabilitation, environmental issues/education, and wetland protection. She currently volunteers for Farming Connections, which provides Animal Mediated Therapy to kids who face both emotional and behavioral challenges and offers sanctuary to homeless animals until appropriate placements can be found.

We feel that Linda will be a great fit for ASI and we think you'll agree as you get to know her in the coming months. We are very excited to have her as ED and hope you'll join her, and the rest of the staff, as we continue to create more compassionate communities for all!

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