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## **STAMFORD HELPING PAWS ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH STAMFORD ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE CENTER**

JANUARY 31, 2017 (Stamford, CT) – Stamford Helping Paws, a new non-profit organization, is now the official fundraising partner for Stamford Animal Control and Care Center (SACCC).

Stamford Helping Paws is a local non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the comfort and care of animals in the SACCC facility, including fundraising for the design and development of a new SACCC structure in Stamford.

In the short term, SHP will supplement city funding to the SACCC to support initiatives not covered in the city budget, but its primary objective is to raise money to build a state of the art, modern animal shelter.

SHP President, Eileen Heaphy said, “the current shelter is over 50 years old and is in desperate need of an update, but there are competing demands for both capital and operating budgets in the city of Stamford, so SHP was created to help meet that need. We’re a non-profit 501(c)3, but we’re different from other area animal welfare groups because we’re institutionally linked to both the city and the SACCC. Our board is made up of community members as well as city employees and the Director of the SACCC.”

The city has investigated the possibility of moving the shelter to a new location, and a preliminary design was developed a few years ago but, “as of yet, we don’t have a decision on the location. We welcome suggestions from the public, or especially a land donation for the site,” Heaphy added.

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## ANNOUNCING STAMFORD HELPING PAWS

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#### *History & Info*

Stamford Helping Paws was organized in 2016 as the official fundraising arm of the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center (SACCC). We work closely with the City of Stamford on all issues related to the SACCC, especially to establish a new shelter site and design.

#### *Vision*

Stamford Helping Paws is a local, not-for-profit organization that enhances the quality of life for pets at the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center through fund-raising, adoption advocacy, and community outreach. Our top priority is to raise funds to build a new, state-of-the-art shelter for the homeless pets in Stamford. We are an independent non-profit 501 (3) organization.

#### *SHP Board*

Our all-volunteer board consists of:

Eileen Heaphy:	President
Melanie Soper:	Marketing Chair
Cheryl Palmer:	Nominating Chair
William Timlen:	Treasurer/Finance Chair
Val Pankosky:	Ex Officio representing Mayor Martin
CPT Beth Erickson:	Ex Officio representing Director Jankowski & Secretary
Anne Marie Mones:	Ex Officio representing Director Handler
Tilford Cobb:	Animal Control Manager
Steve Zeide, DVM	
Sandy Bonom	