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## **The Capital Area Humane Society welcomes new trustees and officers**

(Columbus, OH) – The Capital Area Humane Society recently elected new trustees and officers for 2015-16. The new officers are President: Laurie Stein Marsh (Executive Director of Leadership Columbus); 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lisa Swartzwelder (Director, L Brands Flight Department); 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Randy Schoedinger (CEO, Schoedinger & Co.); Treasurer: Matt Hall (SVP, Learning and Development Director, The Huntington National Bank); Secretary: Trish Elkind (Co-Founder/Co-Owner, PetPeople Enterprises, LLC); Member at Large: Linda Stickney (Community Advocate) and Denny Tishkoff (CEO, Drew Shoe Company); Past President: Pete Dunlap (Director of Investment Sales, Charter One).

New members of the board of trustees are Stephanie Fortener (Attorney, Crane Investment Company); Rebecca Littman (VP Marketing & Merchandise Presentation, Big Lots), Dr. Katherine Mizelle Bates (Pediatric Cardiologist, Nationwide Children's Hospital); Randy Schoedinger (CEO, Schoedinger & Co.); Karin Stump (Consultant, Yaffe Stump Consulting ) and Rita Wolfe (Corporate Director of Civic Affairs, WBNS-10TV).

According to new board president Laurie Stein Marsh: "With the creative and proactive leadership of our recently named nonprofit executive director of the year, and our dedicated and passionate board of trustees, we are well positioned to not only fulfill our mission, but to provide innovative programming solutions that create more "happy beginnings" for families than ever before."

The Capital Area Humane Society serves more than 9,200 homeless, abused and unwanted animals each year. The 501(c)3 non-profit organization was founded in 1883 and is governed by a 19 member Board of Trustees. The Executive Director is Rachel D.K. Finney, CAWA, who was recently chosen as the Columbus CEO Small Non-Profit CEO of the Year. Finney oversees 50 full and part-time staff members and more than 500 active volunteers.

*The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. It is our mission to fight animal cruelty, help animals in need and advocate for their well-being. More than 90 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services, we are not a government agency and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit [www.cahs-pets.org](http://www.cahs-pets.org).*

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