



Montgomery County Animal Shelter Welcomes New Veterinarian Shelter Director

CONROE, TX June 11, 2009: Montgomery County Animal Shelter ("MCAS") welcomes Dr. Patricia Ryan, DVM as new shelter Director. In this role, she will oversee shelter operations, including veterinary services, kennel care, and animal control. The staff and volunteers are excited to have Dr. Ryan on board, as they foresee positive changes to shelter operations, and look forward to keeping animals healthy and saving more animals' lives.

Dr. Ryan received her degree from Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Previous experience includes private practice, shelter medicine and spay/neuter surgery, and working as the Wellness veterinarian for Fix Houston.

Dr. Ryan's attention will be on saving animals lives. "My focus for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter will be to save lives. We will be working with more volunteers, more foster families, and more rescue groups. We will work to treat as many of the treatable as we can. We will continue our spay and neuter efforts and have re-started our in-house heartworm treatments for our shelter dogs. We are blessed with a dedicated volunteer base, which is key to our success."

"I am pleased with the addition of Dr. Ryan. Her passion for saving animals coupled with her veterinarian experience will make our no kill efforts possible. She is supported by our dedicated staff and compassionate volunteers to help so many sick, injured and abandoned animals," states Tim Holifield, Constable of Montgomery County, who oversees the County shelter program. Montgomery County Animal Shelter receives approximately 1,600 stray, unwanted, injured or abandoned animals each month. Since

the spring, the shelter has received up to 65 animals per day, including puppy and kitten litters. Animal overpopulation in Montgomery County is an educational issue. "We are asking the public to please help reduce the unwanted pet population by having your animals altered at our low cost spay/neuter clinic or your local vet."

About Montgomery County Animal Shelter

Montgomery County Animal Shelter is located in Conroe, Texas. MCAS maintains a shelter to protect, house, feed, and if necessary, euthanize the stray, injured, abused, or unwanted animals within the County. Adoptions and redemption of stray animals, as well as lost and found pet files are handled through the facility. MCAS finds forever homes and provide temporary shelter for all savable abandoned and unwanted animals while promoting responsible animal care and ownership. More information can be found at <http://mcaspets.org>.