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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S 12th ANNUAL SPCA HOLIDAY SUPPORT DRIVE LAUNCHED THIS WEEK



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 4, 2018) — During this giving time of year, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele is hoping residents will show some kindness to furry and non-furry friends in need by donating animal food, toys, blankets, treats and other items during its 12th Annual SPCA Support Drive, running now through Jan. 2, 2019. All collected items will be donated to the Montgomery County SPCA.

The SPCA holiday "wish list" for specific needs includes: dry and canned dog and cat food, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and bleach. These needed items as well as toys, blankets, treats, flea/tick control and other items are being collected at four boxes: at each entrance to the Montgomery County Courthouse, the 4th Floor District Attorney's Office in the Courthouse and the lobby of One Montgomery Plaza.

The SPCA drive is being spearheaded by Assistant District Attorneys Lauren Marvel and Gabrielle Hughes, who handle animal cruelty cases for the DA's Office, as well as animal lovers Assistant District Attorneys Lauren Alessi and Erika Wevodau.

"This year we prosecuted a number of extreme animal cruelty cases, including the freezing death of a dog by his owner," said Marvel. "There is no place legally, morally or ethically for abusing or neglecting animals. So in addition to standing up in court for abused and neglected animals, we also act as the collection point for the courthouse community and visitors to donate items for all sorts of animals taken in by the Montgomery County SPCA."

To report suspected cases of animal cruelty, Montgomery County residents should contact their local police department or the Montgomery County SPCA at 610-825-0111.

Approved for release:

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