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CHARLESTON ANIMAL SOCIETY CEO TO STEP DOWN IN 2019

Joe Elmore Led Animal Society Out of Crisis to Become National Lifesaving Model

(CHARLESTON, SC) – Charleston Animal Society's Chief Executive Officer, Joe Elmore, will bring his tenure to a close in late 2018 or early 2019, pending a national search for the organization's next chief executive. "My goal was to lead the organization out of crisis and bring the Board's dream of the first No Kill Community in the Southeast to realization," Elmore said. "Charleston County has been a No Kill Community for five full years now. Our fire is out; It's time to fight fires elsewhere."

Under Elmore's leadership, Charleston Animal Society launched the boldest animal rescue initiative ever undertaken in the Southeast – No Kill Charleston, a 3-year initiative achieved in its first year. Last month marked the 5th anniversary of that achievement and Elmore said the No Kill Community is here to stay. Not only did the Animal Society achieve that landmark feat, it also launched No Kill South Carolina to help the state's 375 animal organizations save tens of thousands of lives each year, inspiring other states to do the same.

Elmore will work closely with the Board of Directors this year to find a new chief executive to sustain the organization's success and drive its next 5-year strategic plan beginning in 2019. "Joe has helped all of us in Charleston County and South Carolina reimagine what animal rescue can be," said Charleston Animal Society Board of Directors President Hank Greer. "His accomplishments are overwhelming and he has been recognized as one of nine innovative leaders nationwide for their incredible efforts in animal lifesaving."

Elmore specializes in organization turnarounds following crises. Although having committed to only 3 years at Charleston Animal Society, he has remained there over 6 years, which is longer than anywhere in his 30-year nonprofit career spanning 6 states and 3 times overseas. During that 6-year tenure, Charleston Animal Society set numerous lifesaving records and became a national model for lifesaving success, along with being a major educational venue, both nationally and globally, for best practices.

"One of our proudest achievements is being South Carolina's most honored charity for over 5 years and we expect this year will be the sixth," said Hank Greer. "The incredible lifesaving team that Joe has organized and developed is second to none in the nation and will continue setting the pace as the Southeast's flagship for animal rescue."

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