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AWA Earns Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

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Voorhees, NJ: Animal Welfare Association (AWA)'s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the fourth consecutive time that AWA has received this status.

Since 2002, using objective, data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. "AWA's coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars -- a rating that demands rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. AWA's supporters should feel confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating."

"It's important our donors trust that we're using our funding wisely to accomplish AWA's mission," said Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously." AWA's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

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About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities.

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. In 2016 over 22,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.