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Executive Director of Saint John Animal Rescue League announces retirement

Saint John, N.B – Janet Foster, Executive Director of the Saint John Animal Rescue League, officially announced her retirement from the League today after 6 years of outstanding service.

“It’s been an honour to be part of the metamorphosis of the Animal Rescue League. I will dearly miss the staff, the animals, and the many friends I have made over the past six years. I was hired to turn the Animal Rescue League around and this I have accomplished, so it feels right that I should retire at this time. I wish the staff, the board and the volunteers all the very best in their future endeavours... to build a new home for our beloved animals. I thank you all for supporting me and the animals I hold so dear to my heart.” – Janet Foster, Executive Director, Animal Rescue League

Joining the League as Executive Director in February 2004, Janet has led the organization through an extraordinary period of transition and growth. From near collapse, Janet guided the League into a stronger and more stable position. Through a focus on creative fundraising, staff and service development, and customer and public relations, Janet has transformed the once shaken organization into a vital advocate for animal welfare in our region.

“When Janet took over leadership of the ARL she faced challenges that would have intimidated anyone. Her personal strength and perseverance, her fearlessness, and most importantly her dedication to the animals, have allowed her to achieve an amazing turn-around story. We are so grateful to Janet for her hard work and for everything she’s done for the companion animals in our community.” - Sara Stashick, President, Animal Rescue League Board of Directors.

Janet’s final day with the organization will be March 30th but she plans to continue her involvement with the League. A transition plan is being implemented and will guide the League through the next phase of its development. A search for a new executive director will commence shortly.

A public recognition event to thank Janet for her commitment and achievements will be hosted by the Animal Rescue League. More information on these plans will follow.

The Saint John Animal Rescue League (ARL) is a charitable, not-for-profit organization. Operating in our community for nearly 100 years, the League provides care and shelter to stray and unwanted animals. The organization receives no government funding and is entirely funded through public and corporate donations.

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