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OC Animal Care Hires New Director

(Tustin, Calif.) – A new director will join OC Animal Care following a five-month nation-wide recruitment to fill the high-level position.

Mike Kaviani comes to OC Animal Care after most recently serving as the Director of Life Saving Operations for the non-profit Austin Pets Alive! (APA) in Austin, Texas. Kaviani brings more than 14 years of knowledge and experience from the animal care industry with his primary focus on developing innovative solutions for the most challenging five percent of canine shelter populations. Kaviani is an industry expert in volunteer engagement and retention, and has demonstrated successes creating best practices for diverse programs such as Animal Length of Stay, Animal Care and Enrichment and Dog Behavior Training.

“OC Animal Care plays an important role in Orange County, providing shelter and services to about 180 animals each day, licensing approximately 130,000 pets each year, and delivering patrol services to 13 contract cities and all the unincorporated areas of the County. We are excited to welcome Mike, whose expertise will be valuable in continuously improving our delivery of animal care services,” said Chairman Andrew Do, First District Supervisor.

While in Austin, Kaviani has proved to be a dynamic leader implementing the shelter’s forward-thinking initiatives such as the Canine Good Citizen program and has been a champion for the Dogs Playing For Life program. Mike has provided immediate and ongoing support, leadership, and problem solving for the shelter's staff and volunteers in all of APA's animal care programs.

“The County provides essential animal care services, and are fortunate to be able to do so in the new OC Animal Care shelter which has been up and running since March. It is fitting that we are now welcoming a new, highly experienced director to lead the organization during this exciting time for OC Animal Care,” said Dylan Wright, Director of OC Community Resources, the department that oversees OC Animal Care.

Kaviani is expected to start August 17th.

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OC Animal Care services 14 cities and the unincorporated areas in Orange County. For more information about OC Animal Care please visit: <http://www.ocpetinfo.com>