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## Spokane Humane Society Brings Animal Welfare Veteran Onboard as Executive Director June 1, 2020

**SPOKANE, Wash., June 1, 2020** – Bringing more than 20 years of experience with animal welfare organizations in Arizona, California, and New York, Edward Boks joins Spokane Humane Society as Executive Director.

"After conducting a thorough search process, the Board of Directors are pleased to welcome Ed Boks to lead Spokane Humane Society," said Melissa Williams, President of the Board. "His passion and commitment to animal advocacy along with his wealth of experience and knowledge in animal welfare will enable him to guide our organization as we adapt and prepare for the future."

Relocating from Los Angeles, CA, Boks comes onboard during a critical time and will focus on furthering the shelter's mission by infusing his compassionate programs into their established humane practices.

"It is an honor to have been selected to serve as the Executive Director of the 123 year old Spokane Humane Society", Boks said. "SHS has a rich heritage of animal welfare stewardship - and I am thrilled to be part of this organization as we launch into another decade of progressive, innovative and life-saving programs."

Although new to Spokane, Boks is no stranger to the plight of homeless and neglected animals. He started his animal welfare journey while serving as the Pastor of Grace Chapel of Phoenix and retired from the ministry to focus his commitment to protecting the welfare of animals. Boks served as Executive Director of Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, Executive Director of Animal Care & Control of New York City, and General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services. Most recently, he was Executive Director of Yavapai Humane Society.

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## ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane. They are a 501c3 private, non-profit serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and placement into loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area through adoptions.

To view adoptable animals or provide life-changing support to furry friends, please visit the SHS website at <a href="https://www.spokanehumanesociety.org">www.spokanehumanesociety.org</a>. Stay updated by following the SHS Facebook page <a href="https://www.spokanehumanesociety.org">here</a>.