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## **DCSPCA Seeking Permits for new Adoption Center**

**HYDE PARK, NY** – The Dutchess County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recently announced that it has applied for permits from the Town of Hyde Park Planning Board to build a 15,000 square foot adoption and education center on its Hyde Park property. The design of the new facility is environmentally friendly and will improve the health and well-being of animals under the SPCA's care.

The new shelter features more spaces for animals to exercise. Kennels and cages are designed to better meet the needs of animals. This will reduce stress on all animals and reduce dog barking. The shelter plans to use innovative green technology to treat wastewater and to meet energy needs. Walking paths and a public dog park are planned on the property at 636 Violet Avenue.

To date, the organization has raised 64% of the \$3 million goal. Donors have included the ASPCA in New York City, Dyson Foundation, The Jane W. Nuhn Trust and the Animal Farm Foundation. The lead gift was made from the estate of Dr. Edith Har-Esh. The shelter serves about 1,500 animals each year.

Joyce Garrity, Executive Director of the DCSPCA, stated that, "This project allows us to better care for animals and to give back to the community that has supported us for 138 years. When this project is finished, people will be able to come and enjoy the trails. They will see a lovely garden instead of a lot of machinery to treat our wastewater. They will enjoy visiting the animals and we hope they will want to adopt them and give them loving homes."

Future plans include rehabilitating the existing shelter, which will feature an expanded medical clinic and more space for holding animals involved in humane law cases.

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter

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with a 138-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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