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Scituate Animal Control Officer Kimberly Stewart Named “ACO of the Year”
Animal Rescue League of Boston and MSPCA note her compassion and skills

Marlborough, MA – On October 27, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) presented the **Animal Control Officer of the Year** award to Scituate Animal Control Officer (ACO) Kimberly Stewart. The award presentation took place at the annual meeting of the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts (ACOAM).



The ARL and MSPCA established the ACO of the Year award to honor an animal control officer whose efforts in his/her local community throughout the year have promoted responsible pet ownership by:

- manifesting a dedicated, humane attitude toward the treatment and well-being of all animals
- effectively enforcing pet responsibility laws
- conducting public awareness and humane education programs
- maintaining cooperative working relationships with other agencies involved with animals, such as state and local government departments, other ACOs, and animal protection groups

Officer Stewart had several nominations from members of the community.

Stewart exemplifies the traits the MSPCA and ARL look for each year in an ACO.

“Her efforts to collaborate with shelters, law enforcement, public health officials, and her work for the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts were especially laudable,” explained Lt. Alan Borgal, director of the ARL’s law enforcement team. “Her nominations emphasized her commitment, hard work ethic, and problem-solving capabilities.”

“It is clear that Officer Stewart is dedicated and driven in her mission to help animals in need,” stated Kara Holmquist of the MSPCA. “She clearly cares about each animal and each situation she encounters and works to ensure the best outcome.”

Nominations noted how she deeply care about the community she serves – both people and animals -- and what a good listener she is. It was also noted how she helps animals in her personal life, too. Her knowledge, compassion and expertise in handling domestic pets and wildlife were also noted. Officer Stewart holds lost-cost rabies vaccine clinics for residents and reinforces the importance of animal

care. The nominations noted she works well with other groups and her demeanor is always calm and level-headed even in the most stressful situations.

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