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NYC's Animal Medical Center Appoints Judith Harbour, LCSW, as Staff Social Worker

Leading the Veterinary Field with a More Collaborative, Compassionate and Integrated Approach to Patient Care

(New York, N.Y. – February 20, 2019) The Animal Medical Center (AMC) today announced the appointment of Judith Harbour, LCSW, as Staff Social Worker. Ms. Harbour, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, joins AMC with extensive experience in the veterinary field as a support professional and clinician.

As AMC's full-time, on-site Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Ms. Harbour will work closely with veterinary staff and provide support and counseling to clients; facilitate AMC's Pet Loss support group; assist with the AMC Community Funds, which provide subsidized veterinary care to people unable to afford care; and support all Usdan Institute activities that focus on animal health education for clients and pet families. Ms. Harbour will also create and manage a compassion fatigue program for AMC's veterinary staff by incorporating wellness programs and providing essential tools and coping strategies. This comprehensive, integrated, compassionate, and collaborative team approach is designed to enhance and elevate patient care and client services.

Previously, Ms. Harbour served as a Veterinary Social Worker both in private practice and at Riverside Animal Hospital in New York City, where she facilitated a monthly pet loss support group and provided pet loss counseling to individuals and families. She also provided client education around pet diagnoses, treatment, and wellness practices. Ms. Harbour also served as a Hospital Social Worker at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, and as a Senior Mental Health Clinician at the Young Adult Institute in Queens, where she provided psychotherapy to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in relation to issues of community safety and self-determination.

"At AMC, we continue to evolve to meet the needs of our clients as well as our medical staff," said Kathryn Coyne, Chief Executive Officer at AMC. "Judith Harbour's expertise as a support professional in the veterinary field will provide AMC with a unique platform to address these needs and I'm delighted to welcome her to our team."

"I'm excited to join the Animal Medical Center and feel confident that my clinical and advocacy skills, coupled with my passion for veterinary social work with a focus on the human-animal bond can provide a strong support system to both medical staff and clients," said Ms. Harbour.

About Animal Medical Center

The Animal Medical Center is the world's largest non-profit animal hospital with 100+ veterinarians providing the highest quality medical care across 17 specialties. AMC's pioneering clinical research advances veterinary knowledge, and our education programs train the next generation of veterinary leaders and provide pet owners with quality pet health information. AMC is proud to offer our services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To learn more, visit: www.amcny.org.

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