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Animal Medical Center Invited to March in NYC's 'Hometown Heroes' Parade Thanking Essential Workers Throughout the Pandemic

(New York, N.Y. – July 7, 2021) The Animal Medical Center (AMC), the largest non-profit animal hospital in the world, is proud to announce that it has been invited to participate in NYC's 'Hometown Heroes' parade for essential workers on July 7th. Three team members will represent the hundreds of AMC heroes who have tirelessly served animals in need throughout the pandemic.

Animal Medical Center will be among representatives from 260 groups of essential workers to be honored for helping the city through the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The parade will feature 14 different floats, making it one of the largest ticker-tape parades in NYC's history. Queens nurse Sandra Lindsay, the first person in the country to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, will serve as the parade's Grand Marshal, with Mayor Bill de Blasio thanking marchers at the end of the parade.

AMC parade participants include: Rufai Ahmed, a Clinics Veterinary Assistant; Samantha Baine, a Licensed Veterinary Technician; and Dr. Ann Marie Zollo, an Emergency & Critical Care Staff Doctor. These healthcare heroes have been working on the frontlines since the pandemic started, along with the entire AMC team.

"The Animal Medical Center is deeply grateful for the opportunity to be recognized in NYC's 'Hometown Heroes' parade," said Kathryn Coyne, President and Chief Executive Officer at AMC. "An iconic NYC institution, AMC has been there for people and their pets for over a century. Our doors have remained open 24/7 through some of the hardest times New York City has ever experienced: the 1918 Flu, 9/11, Hurricane Sandy, and now, the COVID-19 pandemic."

"We are incredibly proud of everyone at AMC for their extraordinary commitment to helping animals in need, and keeping families together, during the pandemic," said Dr. Katherine Quesenberry, Chief Medical Officer at AMC. "In 2020, while the global pandemic raged, our team saw nearly 55,000 patient visits, ensuring the best possible care of our animal companions."

About Animal Medical Center

The Animal Medical Center (AMC) is the world's largest non-profit animal hospital with 100+ veterinarians providing the highest quality medical care across more than 20 specialties and services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our mission to provide the best in care, research, and education has been the foundation of our work for over a century. Learn more at: www.amcny.org/giftoflove.

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