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## **Humane Society of Charlotte Welcomes Two International Veterinary Interns**

Charlotte, N.C.-April 30, 2013 – The Humane Society of Charlotte will be the host for two international veterinary interns involved in animal advocacy abroad as part of Humane Society International's Expo Internship Program. The goal is to encourage and promote training in all aspects of daily shelter/society operations and spay/neuter programs.

**Danai Markaki from Heraklion, Greece**, is a veterinarian with many years' experience in companion animal rescue work who is extremely involved in projects focusing on long term, sustainable solutions for problems affecting various species of animals. She is employed by Heraklion Municipal Shelter, a temporary shelter facility for dogs as they go through a Catch/Neuter/Release or Adopt Program. She also works for the small, nonprofit organization, Cretan Animal Welfare Society, on their subsidized neutering project.

**Sara Luisa Sousa Grosso from Maputo Province, Mozambique**, is responsible for all animal healthcare and spay/neuter surgery for the Mozambique Animal Protection Society. She specializes in managing animal welfare education programs for children between the ages of 6 and 12 and leads Rabies vaccination and sterilization campaigns in coordination with the local government for Maputo Province and surrounding areas.

"The Humane Society of Charlotte embraced the opportunity to host our international guests because we see the value in spending time and learning from their areas of expertise and experience, and also know, as an organization, that it will allow us to share our knowledge and expertise and highlight the opportunities that living in our community offer us" noted Shelly Moore, President and CEO, Humane Society of Charlotte.

The Humane Society of Charlotte will begin hosting the international interns on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>. On **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, the Humane Society of Charlotte staff and Board Members will host a small reception to welcome them.

**About the Humane Society of Charlotte:** The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. Our vision is for all companion animals to one day live in a community full of care and compassion without the threat of being unwanted. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a non-profit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.

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