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**The Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs Announces Change in Leadership**

Portland, Oregon – The Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs (ACC&D) is pleased to announce a planned transition in its leadership. After nearly 20 years of impactful service, Joyce Briggs will be stepping down from her role as President on December 31st, 2023, and Gary Evans, joining ACC&D this month as Incoming President, will take over formally on January 1st, 2024.

Joyce Briggs has had tremendous success advancing the cause of non-surgical sterilization in cats and dogs since becoming ACC&D's first president and first staff member in January of 2006. Under her leadership, the organization has built dramatic momentum in the pursuit of a "spay shot", raised significant funds to support research and brought together an impressive array of world-renowned academics, veterinarians, non-profit leaders and businesspeople to address challenges and opportunities arising from the development of important new methods for humanely managing animal populations.

Says Elly Hiby, Chair of ACC&D's Board of Directors, "Our ACC&D board has been blessed to have worked with someone with Joyce's talents all these years, we will miss her! But we are equally thrilled that Gary is joining us as our new ACC&D President. He brings his own significant suite of skills and experience, along with the same heartfelt dedication for our mission."

Having started his career in the commercial software space before transitioning to animal care, Gary Evans combines a humanistic leadership approach with a deep background in transformational technology. He has significant experience in non-profit leadership & operations, strategic partnerships, communications & marketing, and productization. He is excited to help write ACC&D's next chapter, building on the strong foundation laid by Joyce Briggs and the ACC&D team.

"I am proud and extremely excited to take on the role of President at the Alliance for Cats and Dogs," says Evans. "I have long admired the organization's dedication to animal welfare and believe passionately in our mission. I look forward to working with our talented team, our dedicated Board of Directors and Advisory Boards, and our committed stakeholders to help us realize an important evolution in cat and dog population management."

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About the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs: ACC&D works tirelessly to bring together key stakeholders to advance new methods of sterilization for cats and dogs that are faster, easier, more accessible, and less expensive than surgery. It serves as a trusted source for scientific and educational information, and advocates for products to be available to the animals, people, and communities who need them most.

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