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In Anticipation of Growth, San Diego Humane Society Hires CFO and VP of Animal Welfare

Michael Lowry, CPA, and Beau Archer bring their expertise to the forefront of animal welfare

SAN DIEGO —Beginning July 1, San Diego Humane Society will become the animal service provider in six additional cities: Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, San Diego, Santee and Solana Beach. This is the biggest milestone San Diego Humane Society has achieved in its 138-year history, which will increase the number of animals it cares for from 30,000 to more than 50,000 each year.

In anticipation of nearly doubling the number of animals it cares for, San Diego Humane Society welcomes Michael Lowry and Beau Archer to its leadership team. Lowry will serve as the senior vice president and chief financial officer. Archer will fill a position new to the organization: vice president for animal welfare.

Michael Lowry: Lowry brings over 23 years of experience in nonprofit accounting and finance to San Diego Humane Society as its chief financial officer. His professional experience began at the Deloitte office in San Diego where he worked with clients such as the University of San Diego, Children’s Hospital and Health Center and The Salk Institute. He left Deloitte to pursue his career in nonprofit accounting and finance working as controller at Rady’s Children’s Hospital and then CFO at Francis Parker School. Most recently, Lowry spent nearly seven years as CFO at San Diego Opera Association.

His primary role as the humane society’s CFO will be to oversee the organization’s accounting, management reporting, budgeting, risk management and business planning initiatives.

“We’re fortunate to have someone with Michael’s level of experience and knowledge as our chief financial officer,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. “He’s the ideal candidate for this important position as our organization grows and, perhaps most importantly, he’s deeply committed to our mission.”

Beau Archer, CAWA: With an extensive background leading shelter operations, Archer embodies the culture of care and compassion San Diego Humane Society stands for. In this new role, Archer will oversee the day-to-day management of all three San Diego Humane Society campuses, including animal services, guest relations, veterinary medicine, the Kitten Nursery and the behavior and wildlife programs.



Previously, he was with the Humane Society of the United States and more recently, the Humane Rescue Alliance in Washington, D.C., where he served as vice president of strategic operations. While there, he oversaw shelter operations including animal care, admissions and adoptions, veterinary services, the development and training of staff, facilities, information technology and purchasing and retail. Archer helped with the merger of the Washington Humane Society and Washington Animal Rescue League as it became the Humane Rescue Alliance.

“Beau’s tremendous influence on the organizations he’s served on the East Coast is a testament to his commitment to animal welfare,” Weitzman continues. “It’s exactly what we need as we expand our services in San Diego County. He will ensure we consistently provide high-quality, and innovative, animal care and services.”

More About Michael Lowry

Michael was born and raised in San Diego. He graduated from Mission Bay High School, where he was valedictorian, and attained a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of San Diego. He and his wife Amy are the proud parents of two children and have opened their home to foster more than 45 puppies over the past four years.

More about Beau Archer

Beau Archer, grew up in Oklahoma and has a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. He’s a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator. Archer served as director of operations at Animal Haven, Inc. in New York, NY prior to joining The Humane Society of The United States in Gaithersburg, MD.

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About San Diego Humane Society

Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society’s scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets.

As San Diego’s oldest nonprofit organization, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside select Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, municipal contracts, investments and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit www.sdhumane.org.

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