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**Jed Kaylor of the Athens Area Humane Society Receives Prestigious
Certified Animal Welfare Administrator Credential**

ATHENS, GA – Jed Kaylor, Program Director at the Athens Area Humane Society recently earned his Certified Animal Welfare Administrator certification through The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement, an independent agency whose mission is to help develop strong leaders and promote standards of practice in the animal welfare profession. Kaylor is now one of several hundred individuals to hold this prestigious designation.

The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement administers the Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA) program which distinguishes top-level executives and managers working in nonprofit and municipal animal welfare agencies. In addition to meeting strict eligibility requirements for leadership and management in the animal welfare field, Kaylor needed to pass a rigorous exam to earn his CAWA designation.

The CAWA exam covers best practices in animal welfare with questions reviewing leadership, human resources, finance, fundraising, marketing, administration, and animal care. Obtaining his CAWA status validates Kaylor’s work in the animal welfare field and illustrates his competency to contribute to broader animal welfare conversations as they pertain to his community and across the country.

Jim Tedford, The Association’s CEO noted, “Certified Animal Welfare Administrators have demonstrated that they hold specialized qualifications and a commitment to high standards and ethical practices in our industry. We respect their dedication to their own professional development and their pursuit of leadership excellence.”

About the Athens Area Humane Society: AAHS rescues and protect companion animals by providing for their wellbeing, uniting them with loving homes, and advocating for a compassionate society. For more information or to donate, visit athenshumanesociety.org.

About the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement: Since 1970, The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement has been leading the conversation among animal welfare leaders. As the only membership organization dedicated exclusively to animal welfare, care, and control professionals, The Association develops strong leaders, promotes standards of practice, and cultivates collaboration to advance the animal welfare profession with a united voice. For more information, please visit theaawa.org.

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