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DDA welcomes Elainea Wyatt



The Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) has selected Elainea Wyatt as the coordinator for Delaware's animal emergency response activities. Wyatt's selection is in keeping with the Department's animal health and welfare responsibilities and will aid Delaware residents during emergency situations.

In 2007, DDA and other groups initiated development of a Delaware State Animal Response Team for Companion Animals (DESART). In July of this year, DESART officially became a program administered by DDA and has been integrated into the Delaware animal response network now coordinated by Elainea Wyatt, under the supervision of the Office of the State Veterinarian.

Regarding her new position, Elainea said, "I am very excited to become part of the Delaware Department of Agriculture. I have always had a passion for animal health and welfare and I will use this passion, my knowledge and my skills to continue the on-going development of the companion animal portion of Delaware's emergency preparedness. I will coordinate the Department's outreach to livestock owners to help them plan and prepare for emergency situations and set up a network of partners to assist them as needed."

For the last 8 years Wyatt has been with the Kent County SPCA. During that time she has worked in animal control and in the shelter. She helped create the Delaware Animal Care and Control Division of the Kent County SPCA, facilitated the successful transition to a state wide rabies program in 2004, and facilitated a state wide dog control program in 2006.

In 2008 Wyatt transferred from the Animal Control Division to the Shelter Division becoming the Animal Care Manager. During this time she managed the care of all shelter animals including companion animals such as dogs, cats, other small animals and pocket pets and large animals such as cows, horses, and goats.

Elainea has been a Delaware Resident since age two and is a graduate of Lake Forest High School. She and her family live in Kent County and share the passion of animals in their personal lives as well. Elainea and her 2 daughters (Samantha age 8, and Elizabeth, age 3) share their lives with draft horses, dogs, and cats as part of the state's population of pet owners.

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