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PRESS RELEASE: Hiring of Lincoln County Animal Services Director
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(Lincolnton) County Manager Davin Madden announced today that Jana Aviles has been named as the new Animal Services Director for Lincoln County effective March 28, 2023. Aviles brings over 12 Years of Animal Services welfare experience. She has initiated and implemented lifesaving programs for two municipal animal shelters in North Carolina. Aviles was previously the Placement Coordinator for Cabarrus County for four years, and then promoted to Shelter Care Supervisor. Aviles has been the Director of Animal Services for Stanly County over the past two years, and she implemented policies and procedures to dramatically increase the live release rate. Stanly County Animal Protective Services remained a no kill shelter during her tenure. She has a strong focus on community outreach, placement of special needs pets, and addressing compassion fatigue in the animal welfare field.

“I am excited for the opportunity to work alongside County Manager, Davin Madden, and the incredible team of people at Lincoln County Animal Services. Lincoln County has been a leader in the No Kill Movement across North Carolina, I am hopeful that my skills, experience, and connections can lead LCAS into the next phase of success. I look forward to making connections with local organizations in order to promote continued lifesaving, and community support for the pets and people of Lincoln County”, says Aviles.

Aviles has always been passionate about animals and has extensive experience with veterinary medicine in general practice and ER, but she found her ultimate passion in shelter medicine. She has been directly involved in the adoption and rescue placement for over 15,000 dogs and cats throughout her career. She holds an Associates in Science Degree, and has future plans of achieving her Masters in Shelter Medicine. She is also pet CPR certified, and Fear Free shelter certified. She has connections with many national welfare organizations including Best Friends Animal Society, Bissell Pet Foundation, and Humane Society of the United States.

In her free time, Jana enjoys spending her time reading, shopping, watching rom coms, and trying new restaurants. She also enjoys traveling, trips to Disney World and all things Disney! Jana can be found spending time with her husband, Jonathan, and their large family of pets including an old tabby cat named Tig!



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“Jana has a vast degree of experience and knowledge regarding animal services and welfare, especially in the area of No Kill sheltering. With her leadership and experience, we are excited to see a continuation of our mission and what future opportunities she offers as the Lincoln County Animal Services Director”, says Madden.



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