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Via Email and Hand Delivery

Planning and Zoning Commission
Town Hall Annex
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Attn: Mr. Michael E. Wrinn – Director of Planning and Land Use Management

Re: Connecticut Humane Society – Application for Special Permit and Site Plan Review
(SP#480)

Premises: 863-875 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission:

For your review and for inclusion in the public file, I enclose a template of the letter which the Connecticut Humane Society sent to nearby veterinarians and pet businesses in November of last year. This is the template for the letter to which Dr. Lori Brault refers in her email of October 24th.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory and Adams, P.C.

James D'Alton Murphy

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. James Bias – Connecticut Humane Society

Mr. Thomas Quarticelli, Mr. Michael Tyre and Ms. Debra Seay – Amenta Emma Architects

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Mr. Craig Flaherty and Mr. Vincent Hynes – Redniss & Mead

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Mr. Kevin Peterson - SHAcoustics

November 12, 2020

«Address_Line_1»
«Primary_Addressee»
«Address_Line_2»
«City», «State» «Zip_Code»

Dear «Primary_Salutation»,

As a local partner in providing quality service to pets, we want you to be among the first to hear exciting news!

The Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) is planning to build an Animal Resource Center in Wilton, replacing its aging and too-small facility in Westport. This center will offer an innovative adoption space for pets in transition, and a donor subsidized, high quality veterinary clinic that will serve owned pets in need. The clinic will help families in financial crisis to respond to unexpected veterinary medical care.

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Our clinic in Newington has been in operation for twenty one years, and what we've learned is that there is a layer of the population who needs a safety net in order to keep their pet and not surrender them. The population we are working with in Greater Hartford avoid seeking out medical intervention for their pets because they are afraid they will have to surrender them. When the medical need becomes dire, they come in to our clinic for help. As you know, at that point it's often at a critical care level.

We are committed to keeping pets fed, healthy and *at home with the families they love*. The new resource center will fill a gap, providing Connecticut's most vulnerable pets with care, shelter and medical treatment.

"This new facility will give me a place to refer clients who cannot afford treatment for their pet," said Dr. Patricia Hart, owner and veterinarian of Southport Veterinary Center. *"It's a win-win."*

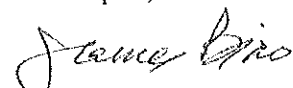
An 18-acre piece of land at 863 Danbury Road in Wilton is shaping up to be the ideal future home for CHS' Animal Resource Center. Its bucolic meadows and woodlands make it ideal for pets who need a safe haven and healing. We have an agreement of sale and are evaluating the property's viability. As you imagine, there are many steps ahead (wetlands assessment, planning and zoning approval, etc.), which could take several months to a year to complete, but we are very hopeful.

CHS remains in the quiet phase of the fundraising campaign, so *we will not publically announce the plan just yet*. We did, however, want you to be among the first to hear the good news, because of your commitment to the pets in Fairfield County.

We invite you to visit the property on a small group tour. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be observed. Tours are scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. We can also accommodate a private tour at your convenience. To schedule your visit, contact Eve Basher (ebasher@ccthumane.org or 203-227-4137, ext. 6612).

Thank you for supporting the pets. We look forward to one day being your neighbor!

For the pets,



James Bias
Executive Director