



Nomination for FACA Board of Directors

NAME: Amy Wade-Carotenuto

JOB TITLE: Director

AGENCY: Flagler Humane Society

COUNTY WHERE LOCATED: Flagler

A native Floridian, Amy's career in animal advocacy began in 1984. Carotenuto worked through the ranks as a cruelty investigator, veterinary technician and supervisor at Halifax Humane Society in Daytona Beach and became the director of Flagler Humane Society and Animal Services in 1992. Over the course of fifteen years, she led the organization through construction of new building, prosecution of large cruelty cases including the Brinkley puppy mill in which over 500 dogs were rescued and received international attention. Then a county-wide evacuation due to forest fires. FHS was the lead animal rescue agency, safely relocating hundreds animals that had been left behind.

She also was the Administrator for Edgewater Animal Services, worked with Volusia County to establish and operate a mobile spay/neuter hospital, and founded a non-profit animal welfare organization. Back at Halifax Humane Society in 2010, she played an integral role in the formation of the Prison Pups and Pals Program and the opening of an offsite spay/neuter facility.

In 2013 Amy was asked to return as Executive Director of Flagler Humane Society and Animal Services. Since her return: FHS opened a pet food pantry for those in financial crises. A thriving wellness clinic was established. Adoptions have increased. FHS helps less fortunate shelters, thus animals saved through transfers have increased exponentially. FHS live release rate averages nearly 95 percent. Amy and her team are active in Florida legislative issues. They were instrumental in the passing of Amendment 13 which ended greyhound racing in Florida.

Amy has been a certified humane euthanasia instructor for 28 years, providing input for the current manual and test. It is her passion to ensure that if we must euthanize, it is done with respect and compassion.

Amy has been on the FACA board of directors since 2016 and has been on the board of Florida Association of Animal Welfare Organizations since 2018 and acts as the head of the legislative committee.