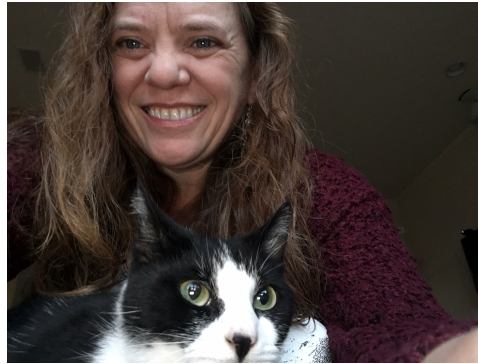**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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National Animal Group Recognizes California Science Teacher as Humane Educator of the Year

Angela Higgerson and her cat Clover

Jenkintown, PA (December 2018)—California science teacher Angela Higgerson has been selected as Animalearn's 2018 Humane Educator of the Year. Ms. Higgerson is being recognized for her efforts to provide her students with humane alternatives to cat dissection in her anatomy and physiology classes. She is a teacher at James Logan High School in Union City.

Sadly, cats are commonly used as dissection teaching tools in classrooms nationwide. Fortunately, there are many hands-on, innovative alternatives available that can help students learn anatomy and physiology, without the harmful use of animals.

Higgerson, who has three companion cats at home, started using the ANATOMY IN CLAY® Learning System models in her classes a few years ago. The ANATOMY IN CLAY® Learning System encourages hands-on learning, as students work with clay to build body systems—layer upon layer—onto customized, scale human and animal models.

"I have really enjoyed using this method for teaching," said Ms. Higgerson. "I found that having students build the clay muscles and place them in the models really gave them a deeper understanding of not only the structures, but also how those muscles moved."

"We are proud to honor Angela Higgerson as our Humane Educator of the Year because of her commitment to offering humane options to cat dissections in her science classes," said Animalearn Director, Nicole Green.

As a part of her award, Animalearn will donate $1,000 towards the clay model systems for Ms. Higgerson to use in her classroom.

Animalearn, a division of the American Anti -Vivisection Society, works with educators, students, policy makers and others to achieve quality humane science education without the harmful use of animals. Animalearn's free loan program, The Science Bank, is the largest lending program in the U.S. and offers humane science products that enable educators to teach and students to learn anatomy, physiology, and psychology lessons without harming animals. For more information visit Animalearn.org.

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