



## **ADVOCACY 101: SPEAK UP FOR ANIMALS**

**January 4, 2020: New London Public Library**

**January 11, 2020: Danbury Public Library**

### **10:00 to 10:30 Registration**

**Welcome:** Jo-Anne Basile, Executive Director, CT Votes for Animals

**(10:30 to 11:10) Legislators Panel:** Why You Should be Involved and How to Be Most Effective. New London: State Reps Holly Cheeseman, Joe de la Cruz, former State Rep Diana Urban, DOAG Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt. Danbury: State Reps Raghieb Allie-Brennan, Stephen Harding, David Michel

**(11:10 to 11:40) Legislative Process** Joe Grabarz, Gallo & Robbins, CVA Advisory Committee: How the CT General Assembly Works - Short or Long Session, what's the difference; Committee Process - which committees handle animal welfare Issues; Legislative Timelines – why they are important; How to Track a Bill.

### **(11:40 to 12:15) The Issues: Panel presentation on key issues to be addressed in 2020 Session**

- Prohibiting the sale of inhumanely bred dogs, cats and rabbits in CT pet stores – Debora Bresch, Senior St Director, ASPCA
- Co-existing with bears and other wildlife: How to protect CT's wildlife – Annie Hornish, CT State Director, HSUS
- Desmond's Law & Animal Cruelty Advocacy – Robin (Z) Cannamela, President Desmond's Army
- Animal Cruelty Reform & other animal welfare issues – Jo-Anne Basile, CVA

### **(12:15 to 12:30) Citizens Lobby: Make Your Voice Heard for CT's Animals**

**Jo-Anne Basile, Executive Director CVA**

- Get to Know Your Legislator
- Lobby Dos and Don'ts
- How to testify
- Organize a District Meeting
- Other Tools in the Tool-Box

### **(1:00 to 2:30) Film: *A Dog Named Gucci* by Gorman Bechard**

**Vegan Lunch**