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Margie Taylor announced today that she will be leaving her position as executive director at Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter in the coming months. Taylor noted: "I have achieved the goals that I set and it is time to pass the torch." Board President Tom Klein commented that Taylor "leaves Heart of the Valley in great shape and on a stable course in its new facility. She was instrumental in helping the community achieve its interest in having an animal shelter of which it can be proud."

Taylor joined Heart of the Valley in 2005 about a year after the merger of the Gallatin Valley Humane Society and the Animal Services Center. She oversaw a capital campaign to raise \$4 million, the design and construction of a new shelter facility, and the move to the new facility. Her recent focus has been to launch the shelter's endowment fund. "There is nothing like an economic downturn to emphasize the importance of having a rainy day fund," said Taylor.

Board member Marcia Anderson remarked, "She leaves big shoes to fill—we will really miss her and are so grateful that she will be staying in the area to lend a hand."

The Board of Directors has formed a search committee and hopes to have a new director in place by September. Candidates interested in the position should send a cover letter and resume to info@heartofthevalleyshelter.org.

For more information contact Margie Taylor at 388-9399, ext 102.