



# County of Bucks

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Dr. Dale Mantell  
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Dear Dr. Mantell:

Thank you for your support with the recent conference on Animal Hoarding held at Bucks County Community College. The event was a tremendous success with significant positive feedback and a commitment from participants to continue working in this area. We know it was one of the first in the area to focus on this important topic and included a variety of stakeholders from code enforcement officers to social workers to veterinarians.

One of the best parts of the event was the coordination and cooperation of so many different agencies and groups to pull the event together. There was a high degree of energy from government, social service and animal welfare groups from the very beginning. Clearly this is an issue people are concerned and hungry for knowledge on. Your financial support reduced costs and truly made event attendance possible. This is significant given both the challenging economic climate and the contemporary nature of the topic.

At the close of the conference a number of attendees remained to discuss next steps including the need for a response protocol and identified expertise. As we begin this next step, we are grateful for your partnership and commitment to progress in Bucks County for humans and animals.

Respectfully,

Diane M Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW  
Bucks County Commissioner