



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

July 10, 2021

Dear Dr. Miller:

It is a pleasure to join with your family, friends, and all those attending the ASPCA Cornell Maddie's Shelter Medicine Conference in congratulating you on receiving the 2021 Avanzino Leadership Award from Maddie's Fund.

A proud daughter of Harlem, you broke barriers as the first African American woman to graduate from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and you went on to serve as a fierce advocate for homeless and abandoned animals and a trailblazing leader in advancing shelter medicine. Throughout your more than four decades as a veterinarian with the ASPCA, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable animals in the five boroughs and far beyond, establishing guidelines to ensure the humane treatment of shelter animals and co-editing the first textbook on shelter medicine. You have also supported the future vitality of your profession by teaching the next generation of veterinarians. Today, I am delighted to join in applauding the indelible impact you have made in the animal welfare field and the positive difference you have made in the lives of countless pets in need.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations on receiving this honor and best wishes for continued success in all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor