



HOPE.
CARE.
COMPASSION.

2019 Board of Director Candidates

Clare Wooding

Communications Lead, Corporate Affairs, Syngenta Canada Inc. in Guelph.

For the past six years, Clare has had the privilege volunteering on the Guelph Humane Society board as Secretary and would be honoured to continue that service. She has lived in Guelph for more than 20 years now and has had the opportunity to see how much GHS invests into this community. In addition to being a long-time GHS supporter and community volunteer, she brings a considerable amount of experience from being on not-for-profit boards. She has been able to contribute expertise as a communicator with 15+ years of experience along with an understanding of animal welfare through her degree in Agricultural Animal Biology. She has enjoyed being part of the growth of GHS and would love to continue that work over the next year.

Gloria Kovach

Gloria joined the Guelph Humane Society Board in 2018. She is a registered nurse with a Masters in Nursing, a Masters in Healthcare Management and a Bachelor of Education. Gloria retired from City Council after serving the citizens of Guelph for 24 years. She has contributed to numerous boards and commissions, locally, nationally and internationally. Gloria has experience working to improve health outcomes for people with therapy and service animals. She brings her diverse experience in governance, community engagement, healthcare and her love for animals to the Board.

Linda Murphy

Over the past 10 years, Linda has served as Director, Treasurer, and a passionate volunteer for the GHS Board. Linda brings years of financial knowledge to the GHS as well as a compassion for all the animals that come through the GHS doors. Outside of her work for the GHS, Linda is a Financial Controller for Brian Kurtz Trucking, and a volunteer for other community not-for-profits. In her downtime, if any, she loves to create art and to share her creations with others. Linda is a lifetime resident of Guelph and shares her home with her husband of 30+ years, their two sons, and their beloved cat and dog (Athena and Wilson).

Maureen McCafferty

Maureen McCafferty's passion for animals can be traced back to her childhood. Whether it was an animal in distress or needing some extra attention (other than snakes...sorry), her values of compassion and respect ran true. Maureen's role as team member, advocate and advisor on the Guelph Humane Society Board just makes sense. Maureen and her husband, Glenn, enjoy fostering dogs and cats at GHS. *"Our hearts break every time one of our fosters is adopted but we will do it over again!"*

Outside of the GHS, Maureen is committed to making health care a better place to receive care, a better place for employees to work and a better place for the health care team to practice. As a national health care consultant, she brings skills in governance, strategic planning, accountability systems, quality/process improvement and leadership to the Board.

Maureen and Glenn have two grown children and live downtown Guelph with their older and much wiser puggle, Winston.

Randy Valpy

Randy Valpy is the President and CEO of LifeLearn, Inc. Previously, Randy served as Vice President and Managing Director at Pets Plus Us, where he launched the company with the purpose of re-imagining pet insurance, and as President and CEO of Western Financial Insurance Company, which he grew to be the largest pet insurance company in Canada. In addition to his business credentials, Randy currently serves on the board of the Farley Foundation, the charitable arm of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, and until his appointment to LifeLearn, served as the President of the North American Pet Health Insurance Association (NAPHIA).

Troy Ford

Troy joined the Guelph Humane Society board in the summer of 2018. He wanted to give his time back to the community through an organization who was known for their care and compassion. GHS provides that both to the people and the animals who make up this great city. Professionally, Troy has worked in the financial services industry for over 20 years and willingly brings his experience and knowledge to the board.