

Shane Bateman

Shane has served on the board for a number of years, contributing in a positive way to the many challenges that face the Society. He is passionate about community engagement and has worked to engage other organizations and individuals within our community and captivate them to understand the work the shelter does, and motivate them to give more generously of their time, attention, understanding, and financial support. In his journey as a veterinarian and academic, Shane has learned the important value of teamwork, compromise, and excellent communication skills, and he brings these qualities to the board table. At the end of his term, success will be defined by improving the markers of a healthy shelter (lower euthanasia, higher adoption, etc) and the celebration that healthy human animal bonds bring to all of our lives.

Stephanie L. Sutherland

Stephanie is a condominium lawyer practicing at Cohen Highley LLP in Kitchener. Volunteering and giving back to the community are extremely important to Stephanie. Aside from the Guelph Humane Society, she also sits on the Board of Directors for Dunara Homes for Recovery, and the University of Guelph's Research Ethics Board. She is also a member of the Zonta Club of Guelph, where she is currently the President as well as Co-Chair of the Golf Committee.

As a vegan, Stephanie is passionate about animal rights and animal welfare. She, her partner, and their son share their home with many animals, both forever animals and fosters, all of whom are rescues. Being a part of the Guelph Humane Society is very meaningful to Stephanie, because it gives her an opportunity to support an organization that does so much good for the animals in our community.

Clare Wooding

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

For the past seven years, Clare has had the privilege volunteering on the Guelph Humane Society board as a director and Secretary. 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.