

## **GHS Board of Directors: Candidate Bios - 2024**

### **Carrie Connelly**

Carrie Connelly joins the board with a rich background in Human Resources, previous executive board experience and a lifelong commitment to animal welfare. Born and raised in Guelph, Carrie's deep-rooted connection to her community has profoundly influenced her dedication to service, both in her professional career and her charitable endeavors. A seasoned HR professional, Carrie brings over two decades of experience in fostering supportive and effective workplace environments with expertise in talent acquisition, organizational development and change management.

As a proud pet parent to two adopted dogs, Carrie's involvement with the GHS is a natural extension of her love for animals and her desire to make a positive impact in her community. As a new board member, Carrie hopes to leverage her professional skills and personal passion to advance the mission of the Guelph Humane Society.

### **Adelaide Earl**

Adelaide is a lawyer practicing in commercial litigation and employment law at McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP in Guelph. Adelaide grew up in and currently lives in Guelph and has a strong connection to the community. Animals have always been integral to Adelaide's family and life. She has personal experience with the GHS through its adoption program, and has two adopted rescue cats, Felix and Oscar. Adelaide has always had a strong desire to support animal welfare and is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the GHS Board.

In her spare time, Adelaide enjoys bouldering, both indoors and outdoors.

### **Stefanie Ferraro**

Stefanie first moved to Guelph in 2006 for studies at the University of Guelph and has called it home ever since. She values the City's strong sense of community and is excited about the opportunity to give back through the Board. Stefanie is currently a manager in provincial government and brings over a decade of public administration and regulatory compliance experience. As a pet parent to Australian Shepherd "Harvey", Stefanie knows first-hand how enriching animals are to the human experience and was drawn to the GHS as an opportunity to support animal welfare in the community. In her spare time, Stefanie and her husband can be found out for a walk on one of Guelph's trails, enjoying a cup of coffee or meal at a local cafe and spending time with family and friends.

### **Emma Harris**

Emma Harris is a PhD Candidate at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. Her research is focused on economic and demographic factors that impact access to companion animal veterinary care in Ontario, Canada. She currently holds a Vice President role at Vetster, a global veterinary telemedicine company based in Toronto, Canada. She is very passionate about advancements in innovation and technology within veterinary medicine and holds a variety of volunteer committee positions across several different community organizations. She is a mother of three children under the age of three and

is also the caretaker of two Labrador Retrievers and one Norwegian Forest Cat. She, her husband, and their children and pets reside in Ancaster, Ontario. In her free time, she enjoys functional fitness training and reading.