



Furry Friends Board of Directors also called Executive Committee

The board is comprised of select volunteers who oversee the activities of Furry Friends. The members of the board are responsible for governing the organization, approving budgets, approving an organization's policies and other similar tasks. Board members have an obligation of allegiance, care and duty to Furry Friends. We seek to fulfill our mission statement by providing advice and implementing long-term goals that will assist Furry Friends in planning for the future and creating the vision of what it will become.



Jaimie Garver

Jaimie has just become the president of Furry Friends, replacing Jennifer Hart. This is what Jaimie has to say, "Hi everyone, for those of you that I haven't met, my name is Jaimie Garver and I have been volunteering with Furry Friends for a year now. I wish I could have been at the volunteer luncheon to introduce myself and thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the organization! I am very excited for this opportunity to be President and work with all of you to make a difference in our cats' lives and the community.

Two of my biggest passions in life is volunteering and cats, so it is amazing to find a place where I can combine them both into one! Any day you can get some volunteering done while you pet a cat, is a good day in my book! Some other places I volunteer with include Habitat for Humanity, Share of Vancouver, and local

homeless shelters. I truly believe that through volunteer work we can make a big impact within our community.

I look forward to working with you all and really appreciate the time and commitment that you make to Furry Friends. This organization exists because of kindhearted people like you and I can't wait to be a bigger part of this! I prefer to work through transparency so if you have a question, just ask; you can reach me through my dedicated FF email or my cell phone. Again, I can't wait to meet everyone and am excited for an amazing 2020! Cheers. "



Jennifer Hart

Jennifer has been with Furry Friends since 2004. She has been on the EC Board for the last 12 years and will continue to be on the board. For the last five years she has served tirelessly as our president. She has sacrificed much in these years. On top of her real job that she works 40 hours a week at, she has also put in at least 30 hours a week of volunteer time keeping our organization together. She has seen us through many crises and the organization has grown quite a bit under her leadership. We greatly appreciate all that she has done and her friendship. Her care and love for the kitties and fellow volunteers has contributed to making our organization a very special place.

In her new role she will be involved in the cat intake, keeping up the cat list, medical assistant and mentor to Jaimie Garver. Maybe she will have a little time now to pursue her mosaic artwork. Jennifer was presented a plaque at the recent Volunteer Appreciation Lunch which reads, "In appreciation for all the time, effort, and love you have devoted for making Furry Friends the thriving organization it is today and for being a great leader, we thank you."



Margie McGhee

Margie has replaced Donna Hooker as our EC Board Secretary. Donna will continue her duties in the medical room. We are thankful for Donna and the time that she has spent with the secretarial duties on top of her already full time volunteer work she does assisting our vet tech.

Margie has just wrapped up a very successful Giving Tree campaign for Furry Friends. She had about 11 businesses gathering donations for us. She did a great job of this task. Let's see what Margie has to say about herself.

“Let me tell you a bit about me. I have a history in construction management and retail management and was looking for something different. I decided to do what I'm passionate about, so I designed and opened Cats Play While You're Away. It's a feline boarding and eventually spa facility here in Vancouver. I reached out to Furry Friends because a friend volunteered at the HH in the past. Diane Stevens posted help needed for the Giving Tree and that seemed right up my alley. I have taken the task of coordinating the Giving Tree project this year. With assistance, we've placed Giving Trees at 10+ businesses and become one of Mud Bay's shelter partners. We are just collecting the GT donations at this time.

I have served several non-profits in the past 25 years in many capacities, primarily financial but other roles as well. I served as Treasurer for 4 weekend-long spiritual conferences with attendance of 500-2,000. This included managing the conference budget, assisting the various committees with creating and adhering to their budgets, ensuring we were fiscally responsible and ended with excess. Additionally I served as the corporate Treasurer that oversaw these conferences, with an administrative annual budget of approximately \$150,000 and conference budgets of \$40,000 - \$100,000 (2 or 3 conferences per year). I also served as the Board President and assisted in a restructure of that entity together with one other interested member and the attorney. I have just finished serving as conference Chair for a weekend conference held at the Vancouver Hilton earlier this year. I am currently serving a women's retreat in the capacity of secretary, however, this is quite an informal committee. “

Other Leadership

We are so privileged to have so many talented people on our board and leadership. And to think that all these people work tirelessly for no pay.

Linda Rader: Vice President, Adoptions and Foster lead

William Miller: Treasurer

Marci Koski: Feline Behaviorist

Diane Stevens: Communications, Publicity, Creative Lead, Social Media, Auction

Sandy Bush: Licensed Vet Tech

Marion Edwards: Socializers, Adoption Events, Yard Lead

Sandi Long: Grants & Property

Lori Landahl: Adoption Counselor

Donna Hooker : Medical Assistant

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Leadership



Jaimie Garver, Board Member
President, Operations, Park Events and Grants



Linda Rader, Board Member
Vice President, Fosters & Adoptions Lead



Jennifer Hart, Board Member
Cat Intake, Cat List and Medical Assistant



Margie McGhee, Board Member
Secretary



William Miller, Board Member
Treasurer



Diane Stevens, Board Member
Publicity, Marketing, Creative Director
Social Media, Auction



Marci Koski, Board Member
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