

Candidates for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Board of Directors

Election to be held January 21, 2014

Barbara Harris:

Barbara moved to Pagosa Springs on a full-time basis approximately 2 years ago, following retirement from careers with the Department of Defense Overseas Schools and with Government Retirement and Benefits as a Federal retirement counselor.

Barbara has served on several non-profit boards as treasurer, including the American Women's Club of London and the NATO Wives' Club of Naples, Italy. She is currently the treasurer of the Weminuche Audubon Club. She also volunteers with the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association as a host at the visitors' center.

Barbara started her involvement with HSPS as a dog walker. More recently, she has assisted with volunteer events such as the Chocolate Auction and coordinated the guest list for the Volunteer / Staff Appreciation picnic. She would be pleased to become further involved in HSPS activities as a member of the Board of Directors.

Kristi Nolan:

Kristi started volunteering in 2001 for the Frisco (Texas) Humane Society, an all-foster organization, as a cat cage cleaner at the local PetSmart several days a week and participated in adoption events every other weekend. In 2002 she added the position of treasurer to her original duties and a year later stepped in as president of the organization. As president she worked with local veterinarians to arrange medical care of cats and dogs that entered the program and went to town shelters to pull dogs about to be euthanized because of space constraints at the shelters.

Kristi moved to Pagosa Springs in 2010 and accepted a position at the HSPS shelter working the front desk for a year and a half. Since that time she has been a regular volunteer "Wednesday Dog Walker" and has also helped with animal transport. In late 2012 she took on the task of recording volunteer hours for HSPS and helping to coordinate some volunteer activities.

With her background and involvement in animal welfare Kristi would like to be considered for a position on the HSPS Board of Directors in 2014.

Lauren Wolan-Zak:

Lauren is a registered nurse currently working at the Pagosa Springs hospital in the OR and setting up the chemo/infusion unit. Most of her previous volunteer work centered on school and medicine. While her children were growing up she was very involved in school activities including being president of the PTA. Under her guidance the PTA significantly expanded and diversified membership. She chaired a number of successful fundraisers that brought much needed money and improvements to the school system.

Lauren organized and assisted with numerous fundraisers during her medical career. She assisted with a fundraiser that helped open a hospice house in CA, raised money for breast cancer on numerous occasions, and help raise money for patient assistance. During her time as a hospice nurse she helped patients find homes for their animals prior to their death.

Lauren describes herself as a fierce animal advocate and she has cared for, nursed back to health, and found homes for the numerous stray animals that have arrived on her doorstep over the years. Lauren has been a dog walker at the HSPS shelter over this past year and would like to turn her energy and love for animals to helping HSPS as a member of the Board of Directors.