

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE HSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JANUARY 2013

Joan Arnold

Joan was born and raised in Harrogate, England. She met her husband there when he was stationed at the U.S. Army Base in Menwith Hill, England. They moved to Pagosa in 1993. Joan was a veterinary assistant most of her adult life and has been a volunteer for the Humane Society since moving here and a member of the Board of Directors numerous times. She volunteers twice weekly at the Thrift Store and at most events such as auctions etc. Joan and her husband have been married 50+ years and have had dogs all their lives. Presently they have two rescued Golden Retrievers and Joan is interested in animal welfare, antiques, reading and walking.

Bonnie Hite

Bonnie and her husband Bob moved from the Tampa Bay area to Pagosa Springs in 2007. She has a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Eckerd College and two years of graduate work in Freshwater Biology at USF. Currently, Bonnie is an active volunteer with the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. She served on the HSPS Advisory Council from 2008 until she was elected to the HSPS Board of Directors in 2010. Bonnie has helped with several fundraising events, grant writing and dog walking throughout the years. She currently serves on the Board of St. Francis Wildlife Rehabilitation in Arboles and has been a regular volunteer at the Hershey Ranch coordinating with Audubon and our elementary school kids to teach nature studies every fall. Bob and Bonnie live with their dogs, cats and parrots (many of which are rescues) and looks forward to continuing volunteering in our area. Bonnie served as the HSPS Board Secretary in 2012.

Previously, Bonnie worked for a large engineering firm in Tampa as a private environmental consultant and partnered with her husband in an online business in Tampa named The Media Factory. She started an animal shelter in Tampa Bay with three others called Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) in Ruskin, FL in 2001 and served as V. President and then President of the Board for 3 years, was responsible for a monthly newsletter, web site design and maintenance, oversaw employees prior to hiring of shelter director, and was a weekly regular and WFLA-TV's morning television show "Daytime" for the Pet of the Week segment for two years. Bonnie worked for several weeks with United Animal Nation's Emergency Animal Rescue group in central Florida during the 2004 hurricane disasters and coordinated supplies to LA after Katrina for the group and remains active with the organization. She also served as Chair for the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program.

Linda Lawrie

Linda Lawrie has her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Computer Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Retiring from Federal Civil Service with the US Army Corps of Engineers (30 years), her work experience includes software development, research, supervision, and contract management. She is active in Golden Retriever Rescue, serving as Secretary and Webmaster for GRRRR Midwest, Blue Springs, MO. Linda has been volunteering at the shelter, walking and socializing dogs since moving to Pagosa Springs in 2003. She attained a place on the HSPS board in January 2005 and has filled the offices of both Treasurer and President.

Nita Niece

Nita has resided in Pagosa Springs since 1992. She feels her time here has given her an understanding of the growth potential and future needs of the community, with reference to goals and services that would best serve Pagosa Springs and its Humane Society. Her background vocations consist of Office Management and service in public related fields. Nita has been a volunteer at the Humane Society for fifteen years, providing tax receipts, thank you letters, participates on fund raising committees such as the Chocolate Auction and the Auction for the Animals and has been serving on the Humane Society's Board of Directors since 2008. She has two dogs, the second adopted from the Katrina Hurricane animals sheltered by the Pagosa Springs Humane Society. Working with these animals gave her a sense of accomplishment that will last for a lifetime.

William "Rex" Shurtleff

Rex is a former President of the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs and has volunteered as a dog walker and trainer. He is a former co-chairman of the grants committee and the committee generated over \$20,000 in grants for HSPS. Rex retired as a department manager from Sandia National Laboratories in 1997 after 32 years. He subsequently worked for Iowa State University for two years as executive director of a program for the Federal Aviation Administration. Rex has also volunteered for the USFS and as a county planning commissioner. Rex has been an HSPS Board member since 2011 and served as Treasurer in 2012.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs **Annual Meeting** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on **January 15, 2013** at the Humane Society Thrift Store meeting room located at 269 Pagosa St. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect Directors for the upcoming year and to conduct such business, which may come before the meeting. **Annual meeting attendance is limited to persons who are current members.** You must be a new member in good standing by January 1, 2013 or have renewed your membership prior to the annual meeting to attend. Membership can be purchase at the Thrift Store or Animal Shelter front counter or at our website: www.humanesociety.biz