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Susan Atherton (California) | 2018-

Susan Atherton is a longtime animal advocate based in San Francisco and co-chair of the HSUS Board of Directors. She is the chair of Humane Society International's board and a member of the Humane Society Legislative Fund board.

Atherton also serves as a board member of the San Francisco SPCA and on the board of trustees of University of California-Riverside as its immediate past chair. She co-chairs the UCR Student Success Initiative, a multimillion-dollar capital campaign focused on student needs and experiences. She also advocates for the University of California system as a member of the UC Fiat Luxe Alliance. As part of her commitment to making the world a more compassionate place for all animals, Atherton encourages the next generation of students to serve as inspired, impactful members of society.

In her free time, she enjoys traveling with her husband, David, and their family and friends, whether it is watching wildlife on the beautiful plains of Africa or tasting incredible food and wine in Italy.

Yolanda Berkowitz (Florida) | 2021-

Yolanda Berkowitz is the founder and president of Friends of Miami Animals Foundation, a nonprofit working to help save and improve the lives of homeless and at-risk pets in Miami-Dade County. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2021 and serves on the Human Resources committee.

Berkowitz, a resident of Miami, also serves on the board of the Miami Foundation, and has dedicated more than 20 years to the Guardian Ad Litem Program and Voices For Children Foundation as a volunteer.

She is passionate about offering her time, talents and resources to civic and social causes. In her free time, she loves spending time with her husband, Jeff, her stepsons and their families and their many pets! She particularly enjoys spending summers with family and friends in Maine.

Georgina Bloomberg (New York) | 2017-

A competitive equestrian show jumper and dedicated animal advocate, Georgina Bloomberg joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2017 and serves on the Nominating and Philanthropy committees. She also co-chairs the HSUS Humane Generation committee, which engages next-generation philanthropists.

Bloomberg serves on the boards of the Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Foundation, the Bloomberg Family Foundation and a number of equestrian-focused foundations and shows. She is the vice president of Animal Aid USA and founded The Riders Closet, a program that collects used riding clothes and donates them to riders in need.

A visit to an animal shelter in Florida first sparked Bloomberg's interest in animal welfare—after adopting a pup, Bloomberg began wondering why so many dogs end up in the shelter system. Since then, she's worked with the HSUS to end puppy mills and even assisted on a puppy mill rescue. She's also volunteered with the HSUS in Puerto Rico, helping animals including dogs and horses.

In her free time, Bloomberg rides competitively and has co-authored four young adult novels about the equestrian show circuit. She resides in New York and South Florida with her son, Jasper, and their four-legged family.

J. Elizabeth Bradham (South Carolina) | 2018-

A prominent animal advocate, J. Elizabeth Bradham joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2018, chairs the Finance committee and serves on the Executive and Nominating committees. She also serves on the board of Project Chimps, a chimpanzee sanctuary in Georgia supported by the HSUS, and of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary, which cares for approximately 200 dogs and 150 cats in Charleston, South Carolina.

Bradham, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and an MBA from Harvard University, worked in mergers and acquisitions at Salomon Brothers, S.G. Warburg Inc. and Rothschild Inc.

A native of Charleston, Bradham has served as vice chair of the ASPCA and is the past president of the Gibbes Museum of Art, the Preservation Society of Charleston, Social Venture Partners of Charleston and Charleston Animal Society. She resides in Charleston with four rescue dogs.

Marcus East (California) | 2021-

Marcus East is the senior vice president and chief digital officer at T-Mobile USA, America's largest 5G wireless network. He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2021.

East is a digital technology and product leader with a passion for driving positive change through the use of technology—a love affair that started when he was taught to program in elementary school at the age of 9. He attended the Latymer Grammar School in London and subsequently read for an honors degree at the London Metropolitan University, majoring in management and information technology. He also earned a master's degree in management (major in social enterprise) from the University of Cambridge. He is a fellow of the BCS (British Computer Society) Chartered Institute for Information Technology and a member of the Chartered Management Institute. He is an Expert in Residence for the University of Oxford Foundry.

Today, he lives in San Francisco with his wife and their cat, Cesaré, and puppy, Bella. In his spare time, he enjoys watching soccer, building computers, investigating tech for social good, exploring artificial intelligence and traveling to unusual and exotic places around the world.

Carolyn Everson (New Jersey) | 2021-

Carolyn Everson is the president of Instacart, the largest online grocery platform in North America. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2021 and serves on the Human Resources committee.

As president of Instacart, Everson oversees the company's retail, business development and advertising businesses, as well as the People, Policy & Government Affairs, Legal, Partnerships, Instacart Pickup and Care teams. Before joining Instacart, Everson served as vice president of Global Marketing Solutions at Facebook, leading the company's relationships with top marketers and agencies for its family of apps. She was previously the corporate vice president of Microsoft's Global Advertising Sales and Trade Marketing teams and the chief operating officer and executive vice president of U.S. ad sales for Viacom's MTV Networks. She has been named to AdWeek's "AdWeek 50" since 2013.

Committed to positive social change, Everson founded the Gun Safety Alliance and serves as the chair of WE Day UN, a youth empowerment event. She also serves on the boards of the Creative Artists Agency, the Mobile Marketing Association, Effie Worldwide, She Runs It and Villanova University.

Everson received her MBA from Harvard Business School, where she was a Baker Scholar, and a bachelor's degree in communications from Villanova University. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Doug, their twin daughters, Taylor and Kennedy, and their four dogs.

Neil B. Fang, Esq., CPA (New York) | 2005-

Neil B. Fang is a partner at the law firm Schwartz, Fang & Keating, P.C. and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in New York. He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2005 and serves on the Audit committee. He chairs the Fund for Animals Board of Directors, previously chaired the HSUS Board Audit committee and served on the HSUS Board Executive committee.

Fang, a resident of Dix Hills, New York, is passionate about helping local nonprofits on Long Island. In his free time, he provides pro bono legal services to various local animal shelters and rescue groups and is active in a trap-neuter-return program for community cats.

Caren M. Fleit (New York) | 2018-

Caren Fleit is a managing director and global practice leader at Korn Ferry, an organizational consulting firm. With deep expertise advising organizations as they transform in the wake of digital disruption, she leads teams that advise executives and boards of directors across solutions, including culture change, succession planning, organization design, talent acquisition engagement and retention, leadership development, and diversity and inclusion. Before joining Korn Ferry, she spent the first half of her career as an operating executive, leading marketing and running operations at companies including Revlon, LVMH and Nestlé, in the U.S. and abroad.

Fleit joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2018. She chairs the Human Resources committee and serves on the Executive and Philanthropy committees. Passionate about animal welfare and protection, Fleit was one of the founding members of the HSUS New York State Council, now part of the HSUS Humane Policy Volunteer Leader program, and also serves on the boards of the Animal Care Centers of NYC and Catskill Animal Sanctuary. She is also on the advisory board of HowIMetMyDog.com.

Fleit received an MBA from INSEAD, a bachelor of arts from Johns Hopkins University and is a graduate of Columbia University's Coaching Certification Program. In her spare time, Fleit enjoys hiking, horseback riding and yoga and is an amateur cabaret singer. She lives in New York City and the Hudson Valley with her rescue dog, Daisy.

Robert A. Greenspon (Connecticut) | 2019-

A graduate of Columbia Law School in New York who practiced law for many years (specializing in aircraft finance), Bob Greenspon is excited to help fight the big fights for all animals as an HSUS board member. He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2019 and chairs the Audit committee. He also serves on the Executive and Finance committees.

Greenspon says he has always kept an eye out for animals, noting that he's still traumatized by the ending of Old Yeller. He lives in Darien, Connecticut, with his wife of 50 years, Claire, and spends his summers on Nantucket in Massachusetts. His previous residences include Ireland and England. His civic activities outside of the HSUS include many years as a board member and chair of the Nantucket Atheneum (public library) and his current efforts as a board member of the Nantucket Historical Association.

He and Claire have two grown children, five rambunctious grandsons and a wonderful but sometimes noisy dog, Miles, who fancies himself a watchdog despite weighing in at 14 pounds.

Brad Jakeman (New York) | 2019-

Brad Jakeman is the co-founder and managing partner of Rethink Food, LLC, a nonprofit that increases access to healthy food by investing in new ideas and technologies. He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2019 and serves as a member of the Nominating and Philanthropy committees. He also serves as co-chair of the board for The Center, which supports the LGBTQ community in New York City, and is a member of other nonprofit boards.

Jakeman previously held positions as president of Global Beverages, PepsiCo, Inc.; executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Activision/Blizzard, Inc.; executive vice president of marketing at Macy's, Inc; and managing director, global advertising, of Citigroup, Inc.

He firmly believes that how we treat animals is a bellwether for how healthy we are as a society. Jakeman is a native of Australia and holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication and psychology from

Macquarie University, Sydney. He currently resides in Bridgehampton, New York.

Cathy Kangas (Connecticut) | 2012-

Cathy Kangas is the founder of PRAI Beauty, a cruelty-free skincare company that donates a portion of each purchase to animal rescue efforts. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2012 and serves on the Nominating and Philanthropy committees.

A passionate animal welfare advocate, Kangas also founded the Cathy Kangas Foundation for Animals. Through its Free the Shelters campaign, the foundation sponsors free adoptions for shelter animals. Kangas is proud to have received the HSUS Compassion in Action award in 2012 for her dedication to animal protection. Kangas lives in New Canaan, Connecticut, with her husband, Ed, and their five rescue dogs.

Sylvia T. Kaser, Esq (Washington, D.C.) | 2019-

Sylvia T. Kaser has extensive experience working in the federal government and joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2019. She serves on the Governance, Philanthropy and Finance committees.

Kaser has held multiple high-level positions within the U.S. Department of Justice, such as senior counsel for Counterterrorism Policy, Legal Counsel, Office of Law and Policy and prosecutor, in the Counterterrorism Section of the National Security Division. Kaser also served as general counsel to the multiagency High Value Detainee Interrogation Group under President Obama and was also a senior counsel in the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division and Counsel for Appellate Litigation for the Solicitor of Labor. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and two dogs. In her free time, she supports local and national animal protection groups.

Adi Kumar (Washington, D.C.) | 2020-

As a senior partner at the management consulting firm McKinsey & Company, Adi Kumar advises CEOs, governors and other senior public and private sector leaders on topics that include strategy, operations, technology and organizational effectiveness. He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2020 and serves on the Governance and Human Resources committees.

At McKinsey, Kumar led the firm's Global Public Sector COVID-19 response, as well as the firm's Government Transitions Initiative, which he founded. He served in the White House from 2009 to 2012, where he oversaw the implementation of the \$800 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and served as an adviser to the president, vice president and White House chief of staff. More recently, after the March 2021 passage of the American Rescue Plan, he served as a White House senior adviser on implementing the \$1.9 trillion act. He has also worked on or advised three U.S. presidential transition teams, as well as several gubernatorial transition teams. Kumar, who holds an MBA from Stanford University, is an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Charles A. Laue (Kansas) | 2013-

Chuck Laue is the executive chair of Companion Protect, LLC, as well as the chair and long-time board member and supporter of Great Plains SPCA, a large animal shelter in the Kansas City metro area. Laue joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2013 and serves on the Audit and Executive committees. He chairs the board of the Humane Society Legislative Fund and serves on the board of several other animal welfare-focused nonprofits.

Laue and his wife, Jennifer, founded Stray Dog Capital in 2013 to fund more humane, sustainable food systems through venture capital. Laue also co-founded three private foundations—The Quinn Foundation, Stray Dog Institute and Ringo’s Fund—that focus on collaboration and charitable giving for animal and human welfare causes. In his free time, Laue enjoys vegan food and spending time with his wife and pets at their home in Leawood, Kansas.

Kathleen M. Linehan, Esq. (Washington, D.C.) | 2006-

A lawyer by training, Kathleen Linehan is a former executive at the Altria Group Inc., Washington D.C and Switzerland, and a former special assistant to the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2006 and is honored to serve and work with the HSUS as it fulfills its mission “to protect the animals we so admire and adore.” She chairs the board’s Governance committee and serves on the Executive and Finance committees; she is also a former board treasurer.

Linehan splits her time between Washington, D.C., and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. In Maryland, she has served on the boards of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and the Academy Art Museum; she also supports numerous local humane foundations.

While she enjoys watching wildlife activity in the Chesapeake Bay region, Linehan says her greatest joy comes from “living with my terriers and enjoying their intelligence, curiosity, humor, bravery, loyalty and pure love. We have so much to learn from all animals.”

The Honorable C. Thomas McMillen (Washington, D.C.) | 2013-

Tom McMillen is the CEO and president of the LEAD1 Association (formerly the Division 1A Athletic Directors Association). He joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2013 and serves on the Governance committee.

Following a career as a professional basketball player, McMillen served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Maryland’s 4th Congressional District from 1987 to 1993. He serves as a board member of Nexstar Media Group and as chairman of the National Fitness Foundation.

“My love of animals has added humanity to my life and empathy to my heart,” says McMillen, who also

serves on the board of the Humane Society Legislative Fund and supports numerous humane foundations. He and his wife live in Washington, D.C., and care for a variety of animals, including dogs, peacocks, guineafowl, chickens and finches, all of whom they consider members of their family.

David S. Niekerk (Washington) | 2019-

A dedicated animal advocate with a professional background in human resources, David S. Niekerk joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2019 and serves on the Human Resources, Finance and Audit committees.

Niekerk also serves as the board chair of Jewish Veg and is a major supporter of Seattle Humane. Before retiring, he held leadership roles in human resources at Honeywell Aerospace, Mobil Oil, PepsiCo and Amazon. While working at Amazon, Niekerk helped establish a dog-friendly work environment and bring plant-based options to all company restaurants. He is a U.S. Army veteran and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Niekerk's philanthropic endeavors exemplify his ethics of responsibility and care toward animals and the earth. He and his wife, Elaina, currently share their home in Bothell, Washington, with three rescue cats.

Sharon Lee Patrick (New York) | 2008-

Sharon Lee Patrick is the president of Patrick Partners Inc. Formerly, she was a partner of McKinsey & Company, founding the firm's media and entertainment practice, and co-founder and CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia (MSO). She is the architect of MSO's groundbreaking business model, coining the term "omnimedia," which has broadly transformed media and consumer retail branding and operations. She also led the creation of popular television networks including ESPN, AMC, Bravo and Martha Stewart Living.

Patrick joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2008 and serves on the Finance, Human Resources, and Governance committees. She led the HSUS fundraising campaigns underpinning efforts to successfully pass Proposition 2 ending California's extreme confinement of farm animals; and the EU's legislation closing European markets to Canadian sealers, reducing the numbers killed from 218,000 in 2008 to 26,000 in 2021.

She is the vice chair of American Ballet Theatre and trustee of the Irish Arts Center and of Nazareth Regional High School. She was previously a trustee of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Cablevision Systems, CMP, Lincoln's Cottage and World Monuments Fund. Patrick lives in New York City.

Marsha R. Perelman (Pennsylvania) | 2013-

Marsha Perelman is a former energy executive and a dedicated animal advocate who led the effort to pass two Pennsylvania laws to ensure commercially bred dogs get adequate care, including the major revision

in 2008 to the Pennsylvania Dog Law. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2013, serves as chair of the Nominating committee and serves on the Executive, Audit and Governance committees.

Perelman started her career at Buckeye Pipe Line, where she was one of the company's first female executives. She co-founded Clearfield Energy and served on the boards of two New York Stock Exchange energy companies.

Passionate about helping animals, Perelman serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Dog Law Advisory Board and as co-chair of the Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia (ACCT Philly). She is a founding board member of Project Chimps, an HSUS-supported sanctuary in Georgia for chimpanzees formerly used in medical research. She also serves on the boards of The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia, which she co-chairs, and she chairs the board of Calder Philadelphia, a museum that will open in Philadelphia in 2024. Perelman lives outside Philadelphia with her husband, Jeffrey, and their many rescue dogs.

Thomas J. Sabatino, Jr. (Connecticut) | 2018-

Tom Sabatino, an attorney with nearly 30 years of experience as senior general counsel for global corporations, has long been involved in local animal rescue efforts in Florida and the Northeast. Driven by his desire to create long-lasting change for animals at the national level, Sabatino joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2018 and was elected co-chair in 2019.

Through the Sabatino Family Foundation, he and his wife, Joan, support charities focused on animal welfare, education and people with developmental challenges. He is also passionate about promoting public interest law and empowering attorneys to advance social justice causes.

Sabatino is currently the executive vice president and general counsel of Tenneco Inc., a multinational automotive parts manufacturer; chair of the International Center for Conflict Prevention and Resolution; a board member of the South Florida Wildlife Center; and a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. He and his wife live in Naples, Florida, and Bay Harbor, Michigan, with their Norwich terriers, Nigel and Peg.

Suzy Welch (New York) | 2021-

Suzy Welch is a bestselling author, entrepreneur and TV correspondent with a lifelong passion for animal protection. She joined the HSUS Board of Directors in 2021 and serves on the Human Resources and Philanthropy committees.

Over the course of a career in journalism and business management, she has worked as a consultant at Bain & Company, written for O, The Oprah Magazine and appeared as a contributor on NBC's The Today Show and CNBC's Power Lunch. She currently serves as chair of Quadio, a social media platform for

college creatives, and the digital home services giant ANGI.

Welch is part of a growing movement uniting several religious communities—Christian, Jewish and Muslim—that hopes to heighten awareness of the faith-based case for compassion to all animals. She is the mother of four children and lives in New York City and the Hudson Valley with her rescue dogs, Happy and Miley.

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