DCHS Board Candidate Profile

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Statement of Intent - Policy Interests & Priorities

Animals and animal welfare play a central role in my life. I strongly believe in the importance of spaying and neutering pets and of adopting/rescuing pets instead of buying them from pet stores or breeders. I am deeply concerned by the breeding and use of animals in research, and by the dog and cat meat industry. I support the vigorous prosecution of animal abuse cases. I believe in the importance of teaching children from a young age to have compassion and respect for *all* animals.

Dane County Humane Society Background and Experience

My first experience with Dane County Humane Society was in high school when my family adopted Cassandra-a scruffy mutt. I vividly remember crouching down next to a cage at the old Humane Society location to get close to an adorable puppy who I wanted my family to adopt. Cassandra, getting no attention in the cage next door, delicately placed her paw on my arm and asked me to look at her. We adopted Cassandra and she was a wonderful dog, full of quirks and love. During college I volunteered at DCHS as a Canine Companion-level 2. It was not long before my little beagle Nelly and I found each other. I adopted Nelly when she was about three years old and lost her in 2018 to cancer. In 2019 I adopted Tullio from DCHS. Tullio is a spunky Boston Terrier who was found on the side of the road in Alabama with a broken leg. I also have my adorable little beagle, Pia, a retired puppy mill mama who I adopted from a shelter in Tomah, Wisconsin, in 2018.

I have proudly served on the Board of DCHS since 2017 and look forward to continuing in this role. It is an immense honor to serve on the Board.

Professional Background & Education/Training

I have an English degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. Since 2015, I have worked at Neider & Boucher, S.C. in Madison as an estate planning and estate/trust administration attorney.

Memberships and Affiliations

I am a volunteer for Dane4Dogs and for the State Bar Attorney Hotline.