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What's Happening?

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

Sarge's Board of Directors.

If you feel the desire to contact any of **Sarge's** members of the Board of Directors, let me help guide the way.

[**Editor's Note:** These people have been copied from Sarge's website, so it may not be completely accurate.

<https://www.sargeanimals.org/our-team/>]

[**Editor's Note:** The following information was cross-correlated between the Sarge's website information and the Haywood County Voter Registration List. Apologies in advance for mismatching names and information collected here.

<http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/190920%20voters%20as%20of%209-20-2019%2012%20Noon.pdf>]

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[**Editor's Note:** REP means Republican, DEM means democrat, and UNA is Unaffiliated.]

Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing.

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Si vis pacem, para bellum

Board

Paula Gatens

Secretary

She moved to Waynesville in early 2002 with her husband John and their two German Shepherd Dogs following a 15-year career at an international oil company. Currently, Paula & John share their home with two Shiloh Shepherds, Lambeau and Stella. They have been proud supporters of Sarge's since its inception and enjoy participating in the annual Dog Walk. She is happy to be a member of the Sarge's Board in order to get more involved in helping the animals of Haywood County.

Jed Lambert

President

Dr. Jed Lambert is a dentist at Smoky Mountain Dentistry, where he practices with his wife, Elizabeth Ferguson. He has been a member of Sarge's for the past nine years and a board member for the past five years. Dr. Lambert has two Great Pyrenees and two cats, along with six alpacas, five goats, two cows and a llama.

Felisha Yon

Secretary

I grew up with the love and passion for animals. I bought The Dog House in 2015 after working there all my life (no joke I was a week old). My family has always enjoyed fostering and adopting animals in need. Currently I have four rescued dog babies, one breeder dog baby, a horse and also have two kids Kendall and Kiah. I enjoy going on family hikes, and bike rides.

Ron Kroot

Board Member

I have been fortunate enough to live in western North Carolina since 1996. Married 52 years and have two boys and four grandchildren. I've been in varied businesses during my working years. I enjoy my affiliation with Sarge's and I have met a variety of interesting people and find that people that have a compassion for animals usually make very good friends. We consider our animals our furry children, and the mountains our forever home.

Jason Ottie

Board Member

Jason is married to his beautiful wife Jessica and has two kids, Jonah and Julia who are Youth for Sarge's volunteers. Jason has been a volunteer with Sarge's since 2013. Jason works full time at Western Carolina University for the College of Engineering & Technology as the Systems Specialist. When Jason isn't working on a computer or caring for a dog, he spends his free time with family hiking, biking and kayaking in our beautiful area.

Carrie Moreland

Board Member

She is a Chicago native who retired to this area with her husband 11 years ago. She has always loved animals, growing up with 6 cats, and am now a proud mom to Wally and Isabella, both of whom were adopted from Sarge's. She volunteers for Sarge's and is looking forward to serving this wonderful organization on the board.

Jim Ray

Vice President

Born and raised in Haywood County, I love both the mountains and the pace of life here. I am retired from my business developed to manufacture and distribute tactical knives and rescue tools. My connection to animal rescue began with Sarge's in 2008, and much of my focus has been on transport operations, facility upgrades, and fostering. My wife, Katie, and I have had the pleasure of fostering scores of great dogs, most of them coonhounds (to see many of them, go to Katie's Youtube channel 4dogsandafoster). We also have a Maremma Sheepdog, two Redbone mixes, a Plott Hound, and a Black and Tan Coonhound of our own. The progress Sarge's (and the entire Haywood County rescue community) has made since the early years has been amazing. Our Board, our staff, and our volunteers are deeply appreciative of the support our friends and neighbors continue to provide.

Steve Hewitt

Treasurer

Steve was first elected to Sarge's Board of Directors in 2008. By then Steve and his wife, Connie, had officially moved from Indianapolis to their Haywood County vacation home. This was a big change from their home in downtown Indianapolis where Steve had worked for 25 years with Eli Lilly. Back then the Haywood County Animal shelter took in just over 4,000 animals. Sarge's evolving mission to end the euthanasia of adoptable, healthy dogs and cats at the Shelter seemed more like Mission Impossible. But some things are possible given a lot of hard work and the cooperation of local animal welfare groups with the County Shelter. In 2017 the Shelter intake had been reduced by more than half and over 90% of the animals were finding homes. Steve is still on the Sarge Board as Treasurer and still finding homes for cats and dogs. The Hewitt's, doing their part to keep the momentum going, have 4 cats and one recently adopted, 10 year old hound – Thom.