



# Atlanta Pet Rescue

## 2009 Board of Directors



### **Judith Price, Executive Director**

Judith Price has been tirelessly giving her time, energy, and financial support to help homeless dogs and cats for over 15 years. In 1999, she founded a non-profit, no-kill shelter and added an annex to her home to accommodate 20-25 homeless pets. Since 1999, she has personally grown the organization, Atlanta Pet Rescue, into the biggest, most highly-regarded rescue group in the Atlanta area. Her endless energy, compassion and motivation to reduce the number of homeless pets in the metro-Atlanta area has engaged the respect and following of a large group of dedicated and loyal foster families and volunteers.

The organization has now rescued over 9,000 dogs and cats, and has grown to accommodate over 80 dogs and 20 cats at once. Judith has each pet spayed and neutered, and requires a strict, in-person interview before a family is approved to adopt. She works seven days a week, 365 days a year, towards the goal of rescuing animals on death row at outlying animal control facilities, getting them vetted, tested for heartworms, treated for any curable disease or ailment, washed, groomed, and loved until she finds them the perfect home for their specific disposition and needs.

But her work isn't exclusively with dogs and cats, she also spends countless hours educating potential adopters about dog and cat guardianship in the hopes of preparing them for a happy, permanent relationship together.



## **Laura Pate, Chairman of the Board**

Laura Pate has been a volunteer with Atlanta Pet Rescue since February of 2003. She has served on the board since August of 2008 and was elected Chairman of the Board in May of 2009. Laura has served on other non-profit boards including a term as Vice President of Gilda's Club (named for comedienne Gilda Radner), a national cancer support organization. Her background in sales, promotions, events, fundraising, and on-air experience has proved invaluable. She serves as a media spokesperson for Atlanta Pet Rescue and appears monthly on WAGA-TV/Fox 5's morning show "Good Day Atlanta" to present the "Pet of the Week". Laura also founded and directs Atlanta Pet Rescue's very popular and successful community outreach program, Pet Pals, in which both human and canine Atlanta Pet Rescue volunteers provide therapeutic visits to senior homes. Laura has utilized her diverse and extensive network of professional and personal acquaintances in Atlanta to expand the audience of Atlanta Pet Rescue supporters in our community.



## **Amy Perkins, Secretary**

Amy Perkins has worked for many years as an advocate for animals, seniors and the population at large. She worked under the gold dome for three different administrations. She has served as Administrator of Governor's Office Constituent Services, helping individuals to be heard. After leaving the Governor's Office she took a position with a private company helping those who did not have health care coverage. Amy has been a volunteer with Atlanta Pet Rescue since 2001, and has also served more than one term on the Board of Directors as Volunteer Coordinator, and as Secretary. Amy is a compassionate, caring people person who believes that without the people, the animals will not thrive. Her love of fairness to all shows in all that she does. Amy has two cats; Handsome Boy and Baby Kitty, and one dog; Koko Bean, all Atlanta Pet Rescue alumni.



## **Elizabeth Azar**

Elizabeth Azar has worked in television since 1990 and has been a senior writer/producer at WSB-TV for 10 years. She produces television commercials among other projects and produced Georgia's version of American Idol, Gimme the Mike. Elizabeth also conducts celebrity interviews for WSB-TV's entertainment show, Hot Topics. She is very involved in animal charities throughout Georgia. She sits on the Advisory Board for Spay Georgia and raises money for a multitude of animal charities including the annual fundraiser Paws for Cocktails for Atlanta Pet Rescue. Elizabeth was deeply involved in WSB's grassroots effort to help foster organizations throughout Georgia, where she oversaw an in-house effort for every department within the TV station to volunteer for a specific foster organization. Elizabeth is married with a son, a baby on the way (as of July 2009), and T-Bone, their precious dog and also the biggest baby of the house.



## **Lyndel Gliedman**

Lyndel Gliedman is semi-retired and has spent nearly 20 years in the decorative arts field working with interior designers and architects on residential and commercial projects. Prior to that she worked for over 20 years in the communications field; ranging from audio-visual production to print production. She has lived with cats all of her life and has come to recognize a few of their tendencies. For instance, a cat standing on your head meowing while you try to sleep is hungry. Or a cat rattling a door knob may want to get in or out of a room or may just want to irritate everyone in the household. Furballs are best when left on hardwood floors. Whether they're slid on when they're fresh or not by a person wearing shoes or not is inconsequential (to the cat).



## **Gigi Gould**

Gigi Gould has been involved with Atlanta Pet Rescue since its inception, but her love of animals has been an integral part of her life from the moment, as a little girl, she enticed a stray kitten to follow her home. After that, she was hooked on four-legged creatures and hopelessly inconsolable whenever one was hurt or in need of help. Consequently, her rescue work started at a young age and has continued ever since. Gigi's professional expertise in space planning and move management and her organizational skills have afforded her many opportunities to be integrally involved with Atlanta Pet Rescue. She has assumed a number of integral responsibilities, from fostering to volunteering, from designing the current 14th Street shelter to managing the financial responsibilities for three years. She is currently assisting with the selection and design of our anticipated future shelter facility.



## **Lindy Wright**

Lindy Wright was born in New York City, but has been an Atlanta resident for over 40 years. She has been a volunteer with Atlanta Pet Rescue since 2003. Most of her career was spent in retail with Saks Fifth Avenue as their Human Resource Director. Currently she owns an antiques business with her husband, Al. Besides her furry kids, Lindy has three children and two grandchildren. She is the founder and Co-chair of our annual fundraiser, Wags to Riches.



## **Kelly Ward**

Kelly Ward has a professional background which includes financial positions of increasing responsibilities with employers such as Citicorp, the US Treasury Department, and the accounting firms of Ernst & Young and KPMG. She is presently employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Since 2003, she has been a member of the board of directors for the Georgia Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. She currently serves as the Vice President after four terms as Treasurer. She has been a member of the Brookwood Park Condominium Board of Directors since 2006. Her nonprofit experience includes: completion of two consulting engagements for the Board of Directors of Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety and Brain Injury Resource Foundation through the Community Consulting Team of Atlanta, completion of the 10-week United Way Board of Directors Training class, and 2008 FRB Charity Parity Board of Directors and Co- chair for the Charity Parity United Way Campaign.



## **Carolyn Baars, Shelter Manager (non-voting)**

Carolyn Baars has long been a supporter of Atlanta Pet Rescue. Carolyn started volunteering seven years ago as a foster home for newborn kittens and puppies. Carolyn was quickly bitten by the rescue bug and as a result became a very active volunteer, caring for foster pets and counseling perspective adopters. Carolyn accepted the position of shelter manager in January 2008. She has a very generous husband and two teenage boys who all help when it comes to caring for the pets in their home. Carolyn also shares her home with several canine and feline Atlanta Pet Rescue alumni.



## **Betsey Blimline,**

### **Director of Development and Marketing (non-voting)**

Betsey Blimline became involved with Atlanta Pet Rescue as a volunteer shortly after the adoption of her two Atlanta Pet Rescue alumni dogs, Knox and Shyla, in 2001. Betsey moved from South Carolina shortly after graduation from college in 1996, and quickly fell in love with Atlanta. In June 2006, Betsey happily said farewell to corporate America to become the director of development and marketing for Atlanta Pet Rescue as a full time staff member. Betsey has over 10 years of marketing communications, design and writing experience. While volunteering and working for Atlanta Pet Rescue she has created several promotional opportunities for the organization including the Sponsor-a-Pet program, Membership program, Sparky's Fund, Rainbow Bridge Memorial and the Guardian Angel program. Betsey is married and has two non-fur children: Katie and Alex.

## **Susan Gordy**

Atlanta Pet Rescue board member since 2009.

## **Douglas Coghlin**

Atlanta Pet Rescue board member since 2002.