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VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY INTRODUCES NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER *Sandra Gardiner Assumes Role of Chair from Gina Piper; Penelope Tamm Joins Board*

PLEASANTON, California—January 8, 2021— Valley Humane Society (VHS) today announced the appointment of Sandra “Sandy” Gardiner as Chair of its Board of Directors. Ms. Gardiner, who joined VHS in 2018, succeeds Gina Piper.

“It has been a great honor serving as Chair of Valley Humane Society,” said Ms. Piper, who has held the role since 2018. “I am incredibly proud of our accomplishments over the past four years. Adoptions have increased by nearly 30%, and the creation of a veterinary medical team allows us to now spay and neuter Valley Humane’s adoptable animals ourselves. I am confident in Sandy’s leadership and the future of the organization as we continue to grow and serve our community.”

Ms. Gardiner has served as Executive Committee Officer on Valley Humane Society’s Board of Directors since January 2019. She holds the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Pulse Biosciences, Inc. a bioelectric medicine company located in Hayward. Ms. Gardiner also serves as a member of the board of directors of Lucira Health, a medical technology company focused on innovative infectious disease test kits, receiving the first FDA authorization for Covid-19 at-home self-testing. Ms. Gardiner has extensive career experience in the fields of medical devices, biotechnology, diagnostics, and specialty pharmaceuticals, with publicly traded entities as well as privately held firms. A resident of Pleasanton since 1991, Ms. Gardiner is a lifelong animal lover who focuses her spare time volunteering in a variety of community or special needs programs related to animals.

“I’m deeply grateful to Gina for her vision, dedication, and passion,” remarked Executive Director Melanie Sadek. “She has created and led a board of directors who are equally passionate about the organization and their fiduciary responsibility, which has evolved Valley Humane into one of the most impactful nonprofits in our community. Gina epitomizes our values and mission, and though this isn’t truly goodbye, her influence and positive energy on the Board will be sincerely missed.”

Valley Humane Society also welcomes Penelope Tamm to its Board of Directors. Ms. Tamm is a licensed MFT who recently retired from the City of Pleasanton after serving the community for more than 30 years. In her position, she worked with the Pleasanton Unified School District and Pleasanton Downtown Associated to support a variety of community events. Ms. Tamm believes that animals enhance our lives and complete our families, and cares for two rescue dogs of her own.

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Valley Humane Society Introduces New Chair

Valley Humane Society's Board of Directors is comprised of well-respected Tri-Valley professionals and animal lovers. In addition to incoming Chair Sandy Gardiner, the Executive Committee includes Officer Brian Joyce, Vice President of Global Tax and Treasurer at Net App; Treasurer Clyde Ogata, Managing Tax Counsel for Chevron Corporation; and Secretary Joe Streng, Director of Employee Communications at Robert Half.

For complete information about the organization's leadership, please visit valleyhumane.org/aboutvhs/board-of-directors.

Envisioning a world in which every animal is loved and every person knows the love of an animal, Valley Humane Society (VHS) creates a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets. VHS rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships. Whether you'd like to adopt an animal, share your passion for pets, or meet like-minded people, VHS is Your Means to a Friend™.

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