

## Marin Humane Society Appoints New Members to Board of Directors

(NOVATO, CALIF., December 24, 2013) —The Marin Humane Society (MHS) today announced the appointments of Leilani Borenstein of San Rafael and Chip Smith of Mill Valley to its Board of Directors. The nonprofit organization's Board of Directors is comprised of ten members.

"I am pleased to welcome Leilani and Chip to the MHS Board of Directors," said Board President John Thompson. "We look forward to benefitting from their significant experience in financial services, information technology and strategic planning."



**Leilani Borenstein's** career in information technology includes senior assignments in financial services, insurance and telecommunications companies. Following positions as Chief Technology Officer at two insurance intermediaries, Leilani started her own corporate contingency planning business where her projects included systems and business strategic planning, systems and business recovery planning, risk management, change management, large scale systems implementations, and business reengineering.

Now retired, Leilani lives in San Rafael with her husband Rick and their two rescue cats, Rocky and Leo. Leilani also volunteered for several years as an Adoption Counselor and has helped with special events

planning at MHS.



**Chip Smith** is the owner of Verdigris, a Sausalito-based architectural firm specializing in light commercial, residential and multi-family housing. Over 20 years his involvement with projects as both architect and developer has provided experience with design, construction, entitlements, financing, and the regulatory environment. Chip's peripheral interests in technology and the environment led to ownership positions with one of the first Internet Service Providers in the Bay Area, as well as the first fully compliant grid powered solar plant in California. Working with the PTA for his son's school, Chip helped complete a long running campaign to create play fields and a wetlands teaching area. He also worked on ballot Measure C for Mill Valley.

Chip, who really likes dogs, and his wife Lisa, who really likes cats, live in Mill Valley with their son, who really likes any obscure animal, and their dog Marmot, leopard gecko Zip, and fish Taco.

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The [Marin Humane Society](#) (MHS) offers refuge, rehabilitation, and support services to more than 10,000 domestic animals and wildlife each year through a variety of community services, including adoptions, foster care, behavior and training, humane education, pet assistance for people in need, lost-and-found pet services, low-cost clinics, and more. MHS is a local, independent organization and does not receive operating funds from national organizations. In addition to our role as a non-profit, private animal organization, MHS is responsible for upholding county and municipal animal services ordinances through a Joint Powers Agreement contract with the County of Marin.