

News Release

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Humane Society Silicon Valley Appoints Board Member and Honorary Board Member



SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jan. 17, 2008 - - Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) has appointed Shellie McLean Fry to its Board of Directors and named Tara VanDerveer to the HSSV Honorary Board. Fry is an HSSV volunteer and community philanthropist and VanDeVeer is head coach for the Stanford women's basketball team.

Fry has been an active cat socializer at HSSV's satellite adoption center in PETCO in Saratoga. She has also helped organize, promote and raise funds for The Fur Ball, HSSV's black tie fundraiser. Fry is also a board member for Ballet San Jose where she has raised thousands of dollars in cash, secured donated auction items and helped organize many ballet events such as the Nutcracker Opening Night Gala and Ballet Fashion Show.

Additionally, Fry performs charity work for Monopoly Heart Association and Archbishop Mitty High School. She holds a B.S. degree in Fashion Merchandising & Marketing from California State University, Northridge.

Prior to her philanthropic work, Fry was National Sales Manager for Jan Marini Skin Research, where she oversaw a staff of 35 and increased sales 25% each year from 2001-2004. Shellie's husband, Dave Fry, CIO and co-founder of Fry's Electronics, says Shellie's board appointment is a great fit for his wife. "Shellie is so passionate about animals and really embraces HSSV's mission to save and enhance lives."

Fry joins HSSV Board members Leonard Almalech, Kara Berg, Doug Blackwell, Michael Bonasera, Melissa Dyrdaahl, Sue Levy, Dr. David H. Mack, Kate Mulligan, Geoffrey Powell, Lars Rabbe, and Martha Sessums.

VanDerveer, who has 27 years of collegiate coaching experience, is one of the most well respected and dynamic women's basketball coaches in the country. VanDerveer became internationally known in 1996 when she guided the United States Olympic Women's Basketball Team to the gold medal in Atlanta. Overall, VanDerveer has compiled an 88-8 (.917) record, including four gold medals, in eight head coaching stints with USA Basketball. Prior to being named the third women's basketball coach in Stanford history in 1985, VanDerveer spent two seasons as the head coach at the University of Idaho (1978-80) and five years at Ohio State (1980-85).

VanDeVeer joins Honorary Board members John Diekman, Sue Diekman, Judy Kleinberg, Judy Marcus, Betty Moore, Gordon Moore, Nathan Oliveira and Steve Wozniak.

"The talent and diverse expertise of our board of directors and honorary board has always been one of HSSV's key assets, and we are thrilled to have Shellie and Tara join our experienced team," said Christine Benninger, HSSV president.

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“Shellie and Tara’s love for animals, combined with their strong leadership skills and philanthropic commitment to our life-saving work will be invaluable as we build our new Animal Community Center in Milpitas that we broke ground on in October.”

HSSV’s Animal Community Center will celebrate the gifts of animals through a wide range of programs that bring people and pets together. Plans include more comfortable room-like habitats for the animals, a community dog park and training center, an indoor presentation area, doggie daycare, a boarding facility, an interactive learning center, a state-of-the-art spay/neuter center, a pet-friendly café and a veterinary hospital with a public viewing room.

During construction of the new building, HSSV will continue discussions with early major supporters necessary to ensure the successful funding of the new building. Later next year, HSSV will launch a community-wide campaign to help build the facility, which is expected to be open to the public in the second half of 2009.

About Humane Society Silicon Valley

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, non-profit agency offering quality adoptions, medical care and education programs to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has served Silicon Valley for 78 years adopted more than 500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. HSSV is an “open door” shelter and accepts animals 24-hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of any temperament or health related problems. HSSV’s medical center offers affordable spaying/neutering, vaccinations and microchips to the public. More information about HSSV can be found at our website at www.hssv.org.

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