

2019 GPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Marcy Bankus **City/State:** Barrington Hills, IL **Member of GPCA since:** 1987

Nominated by: Karen Justin, Joanne Krausman, Mary Lou Mayer, Terrie Strom, Nancy Wood-Taber

Biographical Summary:

I am the 3rd generation Breeding and exhibiting Great Pyrenees. I began showing our dogs in the 1970's and was awarded Best Junior Handler at the 1978 National Specialty. I have 3 sons that are GPCA members and my grandson the 5th generation now working in the whelping box. Some of my most memorable times and dogs have been with my senior house dogs. Cherie, Ch. Tip'N Chips Cher's Portrait till the age of 15 was Best Veteran at the 1991 National. Smiley, Ch. Tip'N Chip's Smiling Reflection till the age of 14 was Best Veteran Sweeps at the 1994 National and also Best puppy in Sweeps at the 1987 National, Patton Ch. Tip'N Chip's Honor and Pride till the age of 13 won Best veteran dog, AOM at the 2003 National and Top Sire for 2002. AT his first show the 1998 National Specialty he was Best of Winners. Patton is also a multi BIS winner and HOF Sire and Show dog. In 1987, I established GPCGC Rescue program in Illinois and have continued with the program till present.

Why I want to serve on the Board:

I look forward to working with the membership in crafting positive steps to getting the club back to its stated purpose: "To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;" . Serving on the board in the past has been a great responsibility and a way to give back to the breed and support the GPCA and its Members. With my experience in rescue, showing and breeding, I feel I can be a contributing member to the board and membership.

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GPCA: 2007-2010 President, 2006-2007 Vice President, 2004-2006 Board of Director, 2005 to 2007 Co- Chair Rescue, Chairman for Ways and Means from 1999-2002, 2013-present Chairman Top 20 Puppy Invitational. 1999 National Specialty Treasurer, Fundraiser, Auction Chairman. Serving several years as National Specialty Show Chairman and co-Show Chairman

Regional Pyr club: I joined the GPCGC in 1985, Past VP and Treasurer 1995 to current. Past show chairman, Club ways and means, Rescue program founder 1987 continually to co-chair to present.

All – Breed: Fox River Valley K.C. member since 1992. Treasurer 1999-current. Show Chairman, Hospitality Committee, Judges Accommodations and transportation, show hospitality. Member of the Fort Dearborn Bull Terrier Club since 1998, serving on the Board since 2000, and Rescue Chairman since 2001. I am also a member of the Bull Terrier Club of America since 1999. I currently sit on the BOD of The BTCARescue Trust.

I believe that the 3 areas of greatest concern to the GPCA should be:

- 1.The GPCA board needs to move the club forward to a positive, breed-oriented direction as is stated in our constitution. The first order of business is to have the board itself realize that they serve the membership, not the other way around. They need to listen to the membership and address their concerns.
- 2.New members, and those looking to join the club, need to have this club doing what the constitution says it should. They should feel welcomed, mentored, and have avenues to learn more about the breed. I would look for ways to make this happen.
- 3.The health of this breed is of paramount importance. I would encourage the research of our Health Committee .

I will attend the Annual Meeting, wherever it may be held in the US (barring a personal emergency), and will support my own travel expenses. Yes No

Of the last 5 Annual Meetings, I have attended 4.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above is true and correct.

Signed: Marcy Bankus