

Maremma Sheepdog Club of America



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Board

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Directors Candidate Biography

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Position(s) running for: Board Member at Large

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Please share a brief biography: Despite my long four word name, I go by Lee. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Michael for 25 years and although we have not enjoyed the blessing of any children, we have enjoyed the Lord's blessing of animals (cats, horses, mini donkeys, chickens, guinea fowl and Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats) on our 30 acre farm located in semi-rural southwestern Pennsylvania. While Mike grew up in the city and I was raised in the suburbs, we both have been drawn to farm life in part due to our ancestor's blood. My parent's grandparents both lived on farms (near Wheeling, WV and Snoqualmie, WA) and Mike's Great Great Grandparents were goat herders in the Abruzzo region of Italy. So when our guinea fowl flock was being raided by bold foxes in broad daylight about 2 years ago, we finally determined that we needed a livestock guardian dog. After doing research into the various breeds, we decided that the Maremma Sheepdog was a perfect fit for us and our history. Kara Marx was so patient and understanding of our situation and by the time we had decided to commit, she only had one puppy left from her litter at the time

and (from what I understand, even though she had thought to keep her for herself,) she sold our beautiful Cara Arabella to us—truly an answer to our prayers.

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Experience you have that would be helpful in this Board position?

I work part-time from home as a public health consultant and help two local hospitals with their community health assessments every three years. Prior to this, I was the executive director for a non profit community health organization for about ten years. This has given me experience working with volunteer community boards from that perspective. In addition, I serve on a local Community board for Coalition for Christian Outreach. Both positions have helped me develop administrative, fundraising, program planning and evaluation skills.

Why do you want to hold this position on the Maremma Sheepdog Club of America Board of Directors?

Both my husband and I have become enthusiastic supporters of livestock guardian dogs and in particular the Maremma. We have just added an unrelated male pup (HVF Isaia Amadeo) to our farm family and hope to become code of ethics breeders. We enjoy sharing with others the beauty, grace and intelligence the breed demonstrates and their practicality as working dogs.

Any further information you would like the Membership to know about you?

What is your vision for the future of the MSCA?

I'd like to see the breed become more recognized and appreciated. It would be helpful for the Club to communicate more with the membership. I appreciate the potential breeding COI that Ms. Deborah Reid has calculated for us in the past and would like to see that service continue.

What are your top 3 priorities for the MSCA in the next three years?

- 1. Communicate regularly with the membership**
- 2. Produce educational materials for first time owners and breeders**
- 3. Promote regional groups of owners who are willing to network with each other**

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