

Throughout my life, I have had dogs and horses and been involved in training. I have attended numerous classes and seminars over the years, and am currently enrolled in an online class about Canine Behavior. I view learning as a lifelong endeavor. A little over three years ago, I found myself with some rescued goats, and quickly learned they needed protection from coyotes. After thoroughly researching LGD breeds, I decided Maremmas were the best fit for me and my property, and purchased dogs from two different Code of Ethics breeders. They have literally been lifesavers. I quickly fell in love with this breed, and have spent the last three years working with one of the breeders I purchased from in raising and training puppies and dogs. This is an ongoing process, and the dogs teach me more every time I interact with them.

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

My career role in police work gave me a lot of experience in leadership, decision making, accountability, and ethics. I often had to make hard decisions and "own" those decisions. I also interacted with civilian agencies that often had different processes. We would work together in seeing where we could help one another rather than being at odds.

I am also the treasurer of our local chapter of Oregon Dressage Society. In that position, I am responsible for our chapter finances, horse show reconciliation, budgeting, and end of year reporting. ODS, like MSCA, is a non-profit.

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

I feel I have organizational skills that could benefit the club and it's members. I am also experienced in dealing with diverse individuals and groups, and have excellent conflict resolution skills. I am able to listen to people, learn about their needs, and change direction when necessary for the greater good.

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

I feel the MSCA has an exciting future which would benefit from greater membership involvement in committees and on the Board of Directors. I would love to hear from members and listen to what they want from the club.

What is your vision for the future of the MSCA?

My vision is for the club to grow as an organization, gain more participation from members, and provide education and resources for members and breeders.

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

1) Prompt and accurate processing of registrations and memberships

- 2) create a safe place for members to communicate with one another and the board of directors
 - 3) provide transparency in the club operations through regular communication with membership
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