

President – Denise Mitterando

To Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Members:

My name is Denise Mitterando. I have been involved in the Swissy World since committing to a puppy in 2012. In preparation of Caboo's arrival, Sophia, Caboo's grandmother kept me company in a 'sleepover' that never ended. At the age of 9, Sophia taught Caboo general manners and boundaries during her first few months in this world. Unfortunately, we lost Sophia eight months after arrival. Caboo and I learned a lot during that brief but critical time, and it opened my eyes to the joys offered by accepting an older dog.

- Gideon joined Caboo and me in 2018 after going into retirement as a 'stud muffin'. He brought smiles to many faces serving as a pet therapy dog with Creature Comfort in New Jersey. In October of 2021 Gideon was diagnosed with bone cancer and brought us until the end of November. His presence was bigger than life that left a hole in our hearts, but we were thankful that he made double digits and every day after that was a gift.
- While Caboo has officially retired, she was very active in the Swissy community. She is an accomplished 'Princess' with pearls and a tiara to go along with the title. She will always hold a special spot in my heart being my first baby! In her retirement, she has taken on the role of teaching the young ones love and manners.
- In July of 2022, Caboo and I were blessed with a little girl named Meli. She has big plans of following in her Swisster's footsteps in working and conformation activities. She has already started her career at 9 months old as a pet therapy dog following in the steps of Caboo and Gideon.

I have served Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Members (MAGS) as a Director and as a three-term Vice President and would like to continue to serve the club as President. Please accept my Statement of Qualifications:

Member in good standing with

- Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club since 2014
- Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America since 2018
- Crooked River Swissy Club since 2017 (Associate Member)

Through the years I have organized and participated in many Club sponsored events.

- Virtual MAGS Swissy Yappy Hours
- Pack Hikes
- Canine First Aid Seminar
- MAGS Specialty held in conjunction with the Star of Bethlehem Cluster Shows
- Bark Around the Park
- MAGS Socials / Playdates / Fun Walks
- MAGS Specialty at Morris and Essex Show
- Photo Op Fundraisers

- Created MAGS Calendar as a fundraiser for the club last three years

I have also worked on committees with other Board and Club members. These committees provided social events, working dog activities, communications that enhanced the mission of the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club including new member recruitment.

I look forward to what the second half of 2023 and beyond can bring! Thank you for your consideration.

Denise Mitterando

Current Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

2023 MAGS Election
Letter of Intent – Vice President

Tonia Adams
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Dear MAGS Nominating Committee and Fellow Club Members,

My name is Tonia Adams. I have served on the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Club, MAGS, board for the past several years in the capacity of director and would like to continue serving our club as Vice-President. Please accept this letter of intent to run for the Vice-President position in this election. I have been a member of MAGS, in good standings, since 2017 and I am also a member of the GSMD Club of America.

I currently share my home with my Greater Swiss pups Hudson and Tesla and their cat brother Gabe. Since 2000, I have been blessed to share my life with our wonderful breed. I did not become active in the Swissy community until my third Swissy Oliver, who exposed me to the wonderful world of Swissy activities and friendships. Oliver's time was far too short due to epilepsy, but he is with Hudson, Tesla, and I every step of the way as we continue to be an active team in the Swissy community.

Hudson, Tesla, and I participate in conformation, pack hiking, weight pulling, fast cat, cat, rally, obedience, agility, drafting and social events.

Since becoming a MAGS member, I have attended and helped to coordinate numerous events. I am currently helping to organize the working activities on MAGS behave for the 2024 GSMDCA Independent Specialty and the June MAGS picnic. I recently led the MAGS April pack hike, represented MAGS as a breed ambassador at the AKC Meet the Breeds in NY and Bark in the Park in Macungie PA. I helped to organize the annual Holiday photo shoot, and previously hosted the 2018 and 2019 Annual Picnic and Club meeting at my home.

If elected I will actively participate in official club business and events. I will uphold the club's values and objectives while in the community and competition rings. I am passionate about our breed and committed to promoting and protecting these larger-than-life gentle giants.

Thank you for your consideration of my intent to serve on the 2023 to 2025 MAGS board.

Hi, my name is Stephanie Dooley and I've served in the position of MAGS Club Treasurer since April 2018. In my day job, I have put my Math degree to good use working for Farmers Insurance leading the development and design of Homeowners Insurance Products. I enjoy being able to volunteer my time to the MAGS Club and apply my strong math, organizational, and attention to detail skills outside of my daily work. Upon becoming Treasurer, MAGS did not have a working budget in place creating a necessity for a separate Board vote each time monies were to be dispersed. I have since prepared and maintained an Annual budget that is voted and approved by the Board and Annual Membership aiding in the efficiency of committees requesting and receiving allocated monies in a timely manner.

In addition to fulfilling my club Treasurer responsibilities, I strive to be an active club participant. I have attended the annual picnics, attended and entered my swissies in our Club Specialty shows in Allentown, PA (including sponsoring trophy awards), and attended our club Drafting Workshop. I am on the Communications Committee, maintaining our club website and new membership emails and have plans to create a club Instagram page to add another avenue for members to quickly share, connect, and tag photos of our swissies! Outside of the MAGS Club, my swissies are active Therapy Dogs with the Absecon, NJ School District and during the pandemic have joined in on the latest fun with participating in FastCAT!

Thanks,
Stephanie Dooley

11May2023

Dear Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Nominating Committee and MAGS Membership,

Please accept this letter of intent to run for the Secretary position on the Board for the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (MAGS) for the 2023-2025 term.

My Name is Suzanne Davis. I have been a Swissy enthusiast for many years starting with Morning Sun Bodhisattva (May-17-2003 to Mar-19-2015) and continued with Kismet's Professor Marvel's Magic (Ozcar – 'Oz') who just turned an awesome 8 years old on 02-May-2023.

I remain a member in good standing of both the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) and Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (MAGS). For the last 2 years I have been a Board director serving the MAGS club and its members in a volunteer capacity. I've participated in all Annual and Special Club meetings, actively participate in Weight Pull (GSMDCA and World-Wide Weight Pull Organization (W3PO) rules), Fast Coursing Agility Test (FCAT) trials, group walks and get-togethers in PA and NJ, and Fund-raising events. I have helped in the organization and set up of the 2021 and 2022 Annual MAGS Meetings and plan to continue organizing and photographing for our Annual Photo shoot which supports our MAGS calendars. Most recently I have been compiling and sending out our monthly MAGS member communications and leading our monthly virtual Yappy Hour discussions.

As a project manager, I have experience with delivery of on-task and on-time projects and events and extensive experience with creating agendas and providing associated minutes. If elected, I pledge to be an active participant in official club business, and club events helping to plan, execute, and deliver fun and relevant activities supporting breed education and the true heritage of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. I will adhere to all club goals, objectives, rules, and maintain all standards and values in promoting and protecting the interests of the breed and the club.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to serve the MAGS and Swissy communities.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Mags Nominating Committee

I am respectfully entering my name as a candidate for a director position on the Mid Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Board. I have served as president for many years and during that time I have facilitated our club's specialty held every December in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Kennel club as well as the Morris & Essex Specialty in 2021. In the past, I also served as club secretary. My dogs and I have participated in conformation, pack hiking, weight pull, drafting, barn hunt, therapy as well as Fast Cat. I have experience as a handler and breeder. I have regularly participated in working dog activities, educational and social events offered by the club. I have also acted as a liaison to the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America. I would like to continue to serve the club as a director and support our new leadership in their service to the club.

Regards,

Janie A. Hecker

Dear Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Nominating Committee and MAGS Members:

Please accept this letter of intent to run for Director of the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

I currently have three Swissies and have been obsessed with breed since getting our first Swissy, Dante, as a puppy in November 2016. Dante was only five months old when we welcomed Fiona, who was three at the time, into our family as a rehome. This past October we welcomed our third Swissy Harvey to our family. We have been showing Harvey in conformation since he was around 5 months old. I can honestly say my life revolves around these three and cannot imagine owning another breed.

I have been a member of MAGS since 2017 and have been involved with the club and many of its members during this time by attending meetings, events, and fun days.

Working as a Practice Manager for a veterinary hospital, I have access to medical knowledge, information, and can utilize this for the benefit of the club. If elected, I pledge to adhere to all club goals, objectives, and rules as well as maintain all standards and values in promoting and protecting the interests of the breed and the club.

I appreciate your consideration.

Anthony Buttari

Board of Directors

Mid - Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Re: Letter of Intent

Please accept this letter of intent for my nomination for a director position on the Mid-Atlantic Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club board of directors for the upcoming term. I have been a member of the club for 6 years. I am also a member of the Crooked River Swissy Club and my local obedience training club, WCOTC (Westmoreland County OB & Training Center). Over the years I've attended several of the MAGS club meetings and picnics.

My husband and I have had Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs since 2012. We currently have two, as well as our 1st litter of puppies. It was with my 2nd swissy, Sentry, that I began to get involved in GSMD working activities as well as a variety of AKC sporting events. I have owner handled a GCH and CH and am working on finishing another class dog currently. I have participated on a national Canine Crisis Response team since 2018. I have earned 1 VGS title and almost have completed a 2nd one!

I am very passionate about this breed and am committed to my involvement within the breed as well as this club. I enjoy promoting breed education and mentoring new owners. I would like to help grow some of the MAGS club activities towards members in the western part of PA. I recently led and help organize a pack hike in my area. I would like to become a GSMD draft judge in the future.

If elected I will actively participate in official club business and work to coordinate and attend as many activities as possible. I will uphold the club's mission, by providing fun and fellowship to all our GSMDs and their people.

Thank you for considering my application,

Jaime Taylor

Director – Laurie Grace

MAGS Nomination Committee –

I am submitting to you my self-nomination for a Director position.

(My husband and) I have been active MAGS members for the past 5+ years, and have contributed to the club in many ways over the years including the publication of the quarterly newsletter editor from 2017-2019. (My husband and) I also created 'MAGS magnets' to help raise funds for the club.

On a personal note my husband Gene and I are very passionate about the GSMD breed. We have 2 Swissys and have participated in various activities over the years including conformation, pack hikes, weight pulls, agility and obedience. We have attended numerous MAGS-sponsored events since joining in the club including annual picnics, winery get-togethers, doggie day care gatherings, pack hikes, and helped to plan/prepare for a Christmas parade.

I would like to take my current engagement in the club to the next level by using my project management and communication skills to help plan and organize events for the club, and also revive the club's newsletter to keep members informed and engaged in the club.

Thank you,

Laurie Grace

Location: New Jersey

Profile: Kristeen has been a purebred dog owner since 1986. While not a Swissy owner, Kristeen has been involved with the Swissy community for the past 10 years. Kristeen is a lover of Working Dogs and currently owns two Great Danes. Keena, her female holds both here CGC and ThDX titles. Her male, Koi, missed time in the show ring due to Covid but was a sire for several litters for ThorKourt Danes. Kristeen has participated in many dog activities including barn hunt, scent work and agility.

Special Skills: Kristeen has a long background working with Animal related non-profit organizations. Kristeen served in various positions with Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue including Secretary and Treasurer at the board level and Chapter Coordinator for NJ. Kristeen is currently president of the 501 (c)3 charity, NY/NJ Metropolitan Ferret Welfare Society (MetroFerret), a group that helps the ferret community by supporting area shelters and providing community education. Kristeen also serves as Treasurer for Scales and Tails, a NJ based ferret rescue. Kristeen's positions working with these non-profits has provided her with a wide range of experiences all of which has given her unique insights into the needs and challenges of animal related groups.

Kristeen's latest professional position was at Microsoft as a Technology Strategist, and she held a similar position at Oracle Corporation for eight years before joining Microsoft. Prior to her Oracle tenure, Kristeen worked as a Manager at Johnson & Johnson. For the past 35 years, Kristeen's professional positions have required that she exhibit top-notch discovery, communication, writing and presentation skills all of which will be valuable in a board position with MAGS.

Motto: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Vision for MAGS: Kristeen has always been impressed with the professionalism of MAGS and the passion of its members. As a member of the board of directors, Kristeen hopes to continue to help support the members of MAGS and the dogs they all work so hard for.