

Invisible Paw Prints, Inc.

Board of Directors



Robin (Rob) Kortus
CEO & Founder
Invisible Paw Prints, Inc.

Chairman

ROB KORTUS is a retired Coast Guard Commander and helicopter pilot (flight examiner) of 27 plus years. During his tenure with the CG, he had oversight of hundreds of employees and fiscally responsible for millions of dollars. As an entrepreneur, Rob started several small businesses and executed each to success. His first business started in 2008, JerseyBin.com which is a waterproof pouch for cell phones and are customizable with company logos. Founded in 2012, Commander in Leash Dog Obedience & Behavior Training serves the Charlotte and surrounding communities. Rob is rated in the Top 12 best dog trainers out of 156 trainers in the Charlotte, NC area for 2018, 2019, 2020. In 2016, the non-profit Invisible Paw Prints, Inc. was born. He has authored two books, Invisible Paw Prints and the children's book When Dog Pals Fly Across America (recipient of the Mom's Choice Award) and Rob is currently working on his third book and an animated TV series project based on the children's book that he hopes will someday be purchased and broadcast. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics and a Masters of Art in Organizational Management. He resides in Charlotte with his three canine companions Sophie, Sulley, and Wallace.



Tucker Summerville
Retired Surgical Technician

Vice Chair

TUCKER SUMMERVILLE is a native North Carolinian. She is the mother of four children, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Her professional career covered 18 years in the operating room, 12 years of banking experience, and 15 years in healthcare. Tucker has volunteered with her therapy dogs for 24 years in the Charlotte area. She has registered a total of eight of her own therapy dogs, Sam, Stella, Nancy, Surfer, Crickett, Windi, Hadley, and Mardi. Tucker devotes her time to see the

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pet therapy program grow and be recognized in all areas possible to bring love, encouragement, and emotional support to people of all ages and stages of their lives.



Tekla Coolidge
Pharmaceutical Territory Mgr.

Secretary

TEKLA COOLIDGE grew up in Mansfield, PA. During her childhood, Tekla spent many summers along the coast of NC. She has thrived in the pharmaceutical sales business for over 18 years where she is currently a territory manager. Tekla has been an exercise instructor/volunteer at Stowe YMCA for 10 years. Her first dog Pepper lived to be 19 years of age. She has three lovely canine companions, Dash (doggie heaven 14 years of age), Rayna, and Cammie. Cammie is super intelligent, loves people, and they have been a therapy dog team now for five years. Tekla enjoys maintaining a healthy lifestyle and spending quality time with family and friends. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.



Chantelle Hurst
Director of Human Performance

Treasurer

CHANTELLE HURST was raised in Dallas, TX. She has worked in the nuclear and electric industries for over 15 years while holding various positions in engineering, maintenance, operations and human performance. Chantelle is currently the Director of Human Performance for Duke Energy. It is rare to find Chantelle without a canine companion by her side. Chantelle's first therapy dog was Cody until he passed away in 2019. With two Bernedoodles, Finn and Maya, Chantelle continues to give back to her community to bring all of the many benefits a therapy dog provides. Chantelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering.