

Invisible Paw Prints, Inc.

Board of Directors



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

Chairman

ROB KORTUS was raised in Orlando, FL. Rob takes an idea and runs with it! He is exceptionally creative and innovative. Rob is a retired Coast Guard (CG) helicopter pilot 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 has 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 and purchased around the globe. Founded in 2012, Commander in Leash Dog Obedience & Behavior Training serves the Charlotte and surrounding communities. Rob is rated in the Top Ten best dog trainers out of 154 trainers in the Charlotte area for four consecutive years (2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021). In 2006, Invisible Paw Prints, Inc. was born. He has authored three books, Invisible Paw Prints, When Dog Pals Fly Across America (recipient of the Mom's Choice Award), and most recent release When Dog Pals Fly Across Point Nemo. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics and a Masters of Art in Organizational Management.



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 now, Dash, 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.

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Karen Chapman
Attorney

Board Member

KAREN CHAPMAN is a litigation partner at the law firm Poyner Spruill, LLP in its Charlotte office. She grew up in eastern North Carolina and went to UNC-Chapel Hill for both undergrad and law school. Prior to law school, Karen worked full-time in several non-profit organizations, which were primarily focused on helping troubled youth, and also served as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for children; she has continued to actively serve her community through volunteer work and service on non-profit boards. Karen knew early on that her mini-goldendoodle, Cosette, had the right temperament to be a therapy dog and loves seeing the joy that Cosette brings to all who encounter her.



Brandi Hobbs
Chief Strategy Officer

Board Member

BRANDI HOBBS is the Chief Strategy Officer for a full-service law firm based in North Carolina. She has spent eight years serving the legal industry and previously worked as a speakers' bureau manager and consultant. Brandi has a master's degree in law firm management from the George Washington University and a Yellow Belt Certification in Legal Lean Sigma from the Legal Lean Sigma Institute. She also loves dogs, including her own, Marabou and Rocky, and has a passion for serving the community.