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Ann Crittenden, Inc \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Guilford County Animal Services Board: Submitted

**County Commissioner District \***

District 2

**Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I have a long history in animal issues. My background brings a balance of professional experience in leadership and corporate success with an ability to work with a diverse group of people, some of whom have a strong point of view. My leadership skills have been key on the Animal Advisory Board as emotion surrounding animal issues run deep and balance and compromise is essential. Over the years of my leadership we have found the balance and worked through the issues that have arisen over the past two years. I have a very positive relationship with Jorge Ortega. We meet on a monthly basis, have candid conversations on all topics, and fully support a common set of goals. Fundamentally I want to make sure that all animals are treated in a reasonable fashion, that responsible pet owners are not punished and those that aren't behaving appropriately are educated prior to more extreme action is required. In terms of our Animal Resource Center, I want to see it be a place Guilford County can be proud of with a reputation of working in our County for the betterment of all animals.

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Question applies to multiple boards

**Briefly list your professional, educational and volunteer experiences that are most relevant to the mission and duties of this board:**

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BS in Electrical Engineering, MBA, Served as Chair of Other Voices, Leadership Greensboro, Arts Council of Greater Greensboro,, NCCJ, Treasurer of the Carolina Kennel Club based in Greensboro, retired President of ATT Custom Manufacturing Services, and currently President of Ann Crittenden, Inc.

Question applies to Guilford County Animal Services Board

**Please list your experiences with animal services, animal control, and animal rescues; and discuss your ideas for improving the well-being of pets and the animal population, in general, within Guilford County.**

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I am proud to currently serve on the Board as its Chair and our accomplishments under my leadership. Over the years I have served both on the Board and as Chair. I believe the Advisory Board has shown an understanding of the challenges Guilford County must meet to achieve a best-in-class animal focused system. We have proposed change accepted by the Commissioners, that have provided more tools to reduce shelter intake. Guilford County has made significant progress over the past years and we have reduced euthanasia rates consistently and are near No Kill for canines (10.7%) and significantly reduced feline euthanasia. Guilford County Animal Services is now one of the top performing animal services organizations in the state and, with the new Animal Resource Center, will only continue to excel. Our policies have significantly reduced strays in the County and fewer citizens are relinquishing their animals to County care. I believe the GCAB has had a role in these improvements supporting Animal Resources leadership while understanding the proper role for an advisory board. I would like to be able to continue this work. I have been actively involved with dogs and their wellbeing for 40+ years. I served on the Animal Advisory Committee that was instrumental in the commercial breeder ordinance and worked closely with Frankie Heath to develop and get passed the Anti-Tethering Ordinance. In addition, I served on the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation which has contributed over \$100M to canine health research. I am very familiar with rescue organizations and set up a non-profit that, among other things, funds rescue of Kerry Blue Terriers nationwide and I serve as Chair of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Charitable Funds, Inc.. I believe that education is a key to reducing homeless pets. Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixies constitute 95% of shelter intake at the Animal Resource Center and reaching out to those who own them is an imperative to reducing their numbers. The Gate City Pet Project is aimed at community animal services. The school program started in Guilford County by Ruby Wescott is worthy of support as it does reach into a broad base of our community teaching responsible pet ownership. My reputation is that while I am engaged in what I do I am also reasonable looking for balanced solutions to problems. I am creative by nature and look for opportunities where others see problems. We must continue to focus on underserved communities as this area constitutes the majority of calls for service. The county spray/neuter program is one of the most successful in the state and I am proud our Commissioners have been willing to fund this program as a long term way to assist those who cannot afford these services.

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Male

07/11/1946

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Date of Birth