

VBSPCA

Executive Team Directory



Derby Brackett, Chief Executive Officer

Derby is the lead staff executive of the VBSPCA and directs a team of 6 executives, known as the Executive Team. As a nonprofit organization, this team, and the CEO, are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The CEO is responsible for overall fiscal management; organizational vision, culture, and structure; strategic planning; fundraising and sustainability; community representation; and board relations.

In her role, she is the top ambassador for our mission and advocates for our vision of ending animal homelessness. She upholds all policies and procedures for quality animal care and works closely with the ET members and other leadership to update and improve all processes and operations when needed.

Derby embraces an open door policy and invites all staff to engage with her as needed. She is often seen walking through the building checking on the animals, associates, and visitors. Derby is married to Doug and together, they have 6 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 dogs, Rainey Storm and Rambler (a beloved VBSPCA alumni).



Danielle Nance, Chief Advancement Officer

Danielle has worked in the nonprofit industry since 2006. Most recently as the Vice President of Marketing and Development for Eggleston, Danielle led the organization through its first-ever, major gift campaign that raised just under \$3M for the expansion of brain injury services, veteran services and housing for people with disabilities.

Prior to Eggleston, Danielle was with Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia. There she served in several leadership roles over a span of 13 years, to include multi-store operations, public and community relations, and lastly in development.

A native of Ohio, Danielle earned her B.A. in Journalism and Communication from The Ohio State University. She is a 2018 VPCC LEAD graduate, has served as a volunteer for the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador, and currently serves on the board for the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Danielle is married to Brandon Nance who works at WHRO Television. Together they have three children, 2 girls (Madison and Karley) and a son (Bayden) along with their fur babies, Chloe and Patches.



Dr. Ann Marie Woyma, Medical Director

Dr. Woyma is responsible for overseeing the medical care of the animals at the VBSPCA for both our animal shelter and public clinic. This includes implementing and overseeing standard operating protocols, performing surgery, dentistry, and attending to the clinical needs of the animals. This entails ensuring the shelter and clinic operate in accordance with guidance set forth by the state of Virginia.

As the supervising practitioner for the VBSPCA to the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Woyma oversees the use of all medications utilized for the shelter animals and the training and certification process for all shelter staff members. Dr. Woyma also serves on the Asilomar Committee. Dr. Woyma is the preceptor for our veterinary technician students as well as veterinary students who come to the VBSPCA for clinical rotations.

When not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband Tim and daughters Charlotte and Juliet. She has three cats named Tiger, Delilah, and Donald, and a horse named Reggie. Dr. Woyma is an Ohio native but has lived in a number of places. She loves running, cooking, and the beach.



Laura Poole, Director of Finance and Administration

Laura brings over 20 years of finance experience to the VBSPCA. She has primary responsibility for the overall financial management and administration of the organization including accounting, financial reporting and planning, employee benefits and compensation, and information technology. In addition to her primary responsibilities, Laura oversees facilities which is an enormous responsibility in a building as old and complex as ours.

Laura also volunteers her time to other mission based programs. She provides oversight to, our Visiting Paws program, and she is a dedicated foster who is passionate about giving our long term canine residents a much needed break from the shelter environment. You may also find her in the kennel where she gets a workout while helping with morning cleaning. When she's not at the VBSPCA helping shelter animals, she can be found at home spending time with her canine crew, a few of which she adopted from the VBSPCA.



Sarah Parrish, Director of Human Resources

Sarah is responsible for our Human Resources Department and her primary focus is creating a work environment that is equitable and supportive to employees. She focuses her efforts around being a resource to employees, building employee engagement, and creating learning opportunities that generate a positive employment journey. Sarah has been with the VBSPCA since 2012 and brings years of organizational knowledge to the Human Resources Department. In 2022 she received her SHRM Certified Professional Certification and uses her knowledge to steer the VBSPCA in best practices for Human Resources.

While Sarah enjoys all animals, big and small, she is a cat lady through and through. Outside of the VBSPCA, Sarah enjoys reading, her many cats, traveling, and spending time with her husband Brandon and their son Jackson.