

## **Becoming a Member of the Board**

The Connecticut for Animals Education Fund (CFA) Board of Directors is a dedicated group of volunteers committed to advancing the welfare and protection of animals and the environment through education, awareness, and community engagement.

As a Board member, you will play a pivotal role in CFA's governance, fiscal oversight, and strategic direction. Your leadership will be instrumental in guiding the organization toward achieving its mission. The responsibilities of the Board include:

- Developing and assessing organizational goals and objectives as part of long-term planning.
- Assisting in the creation of organizational strategies and participating in board recruitment.
- Supporting fundraising plans and cultivating relationships with new donors and prospects.
  Board members are expected to contribute to their highest capacity, ensuring 100% participation in giving to set an example.
- Upholding legal responsibilities and contributing to a comprehensive financial plan aligned with organizational goals.
- Maintaining fiduciary responsibility for funds entrusted to the board on behalf of the public.
- Attend board meetings (at least three quarterly meetings per year) and engaging in ongoing informal phone meetings and email correspondence as needed.
- Serving as an ambassador for CFA which includes making introductions, when possible and appropriate, attending CFA functions, and hosting events when possible and appropriate.
- As an ambassador, remaining versed on the organization's programs, initiatives, successes and challenges. (You will receive "insider" updates from staff or board members keeping you apprised of important CFA news and events.)
- Supporting stewardship efforts by thanking donors via emails, notes or personal phone calls.
- Committing to a minimum two-year term, renewable for up to eight years.