



South Jordan Candidate Survey 2023

Thank you to the candidates for their willingness to serve our community. We appreciate their consideration of this issue survey on matters that are important to voters. Best Friends Animal Society is the leading organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Best Friends runs lifesaving programs across the country, and we operate the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary in Utah.

Candidate responses below are verbatim to how they were submitted and have not been altered in any way.

South Jordan City Council District 1

Candidate: Patrick Harris – No Response

South Jordan City Council District 2

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- **Which public offices have you held?**
Woods Cross Planning Commission 2013-2014
South Jordan Planning Commission 2021- current
- **Are you an incumbent?**
No

General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**
Member of PETA for 10+yrs
Adopted animals from several local shelters
Participate in events put on by Utah Humane society
Donations of supplies

- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**
Currently 1 dog (cutest boxer dog ever)
Have had dogs, cats, fish & birds
- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**
I've served on several appointed committees in our city along with the planning commission. I have a passion for civic engagement and feel a strong pull to serve our city. I am well versed in the issues facing our community and have the commitment to stay the course and do what is right for the citizens of South Jordan now and in the future.
- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**
Salt lake board of realtors
- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**
None
- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**
Planning Commission
Arts Council
Architectural Review Committee
Police Community Advisory Board

Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**
South Jordan does a great job with their municipal animal services division. I intend to make sure they continue to have the funding they need and should other needs arise communicate with their director to determine the best approach to reach their goals and keep all animals safe.
- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**
There are too many animals being shuffled around and ending up in kill shelters. We need great minds to work together on innovative ideas to find solutions even when those solutions are out of the box.
- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**
Prevent injury to both animal and humans. To provide a safe environment for lost/rescued animals until reunification with owners or adoption can occur.

The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**

This is a difficult one. But I firmly believe pets are family. I am going to have to do some research and see what other communities are doing in this area and see where SoJo has room for improvement.

- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**

More capacity at municipal animal services facilities keeping lost pets local.

Coordinating with local shelters and agencies to get pets chipped and keeping up with registration all help.

Studies show that Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return programs are effective at controlling stray populations and reduces the number of cats killed in shelters by more than 75%.

Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Support

- **Please describe your position on trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) programs by animal control facilities and shelters to humanely reduce the free-roaming stray cat population as provided by the Utah Community Cat Act.**

100% support this initiative. It's an innovative way to help curtail the population while not overloading our shelters and facilities

- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**

I believe South Jordan does sponsor some initiatives around this. Working in coop with local agencies to provide low cost or free services to residents

- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**

There have been several news stories and social media stories recently of shelters (not in Utah) taking advantage of adopters by embellishing and lying about an animals history. This includes dna, medical history, temperament etc. As well as over charging. These kind of practices hurt the community and the animals involved. We must require transparency from these groups.

- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

Absolutely

- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**

I support Implementing new programs as needed as long as they comply with state and federal laws and provide the transparency needed to fully support the animals and the community members adopting and supporting them.

- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**
100%. No animal should be euthanized because we don't have the time/energy or space for them.

Candidate: Kathie Johnson

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- **Which public offices have you held?**
South Jordan Planning Commission – 01/01/ to 12/07
(Two years as Chair of the Planning Commission)
South Jordan Architectural Review Committee – 01/01 to 03/14
South Jordan Council Member – 01/08 to 12/11
South Jordan Planning Commission – 01/12 to 03/14
(One year as Chair of the Planning Commission)
Southwest Valley Chamber (Past Board member)
South Jordan Chamber (Founding Board member)
Women's Republican Club of Salt Lake City – President, 2014-2015
South Jordan Architectural Review Committee – 2017 to present
- **Are you an incumbent?**
No

General Background Questions

- **Please describe your experience with Best Friends or other animal organizations.**
None
- **Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?**
I grew up on a farm (dogs, cats, chickens). Currently have a dog and a cat.
- **Why are you running for this office? What makes you qualified to serve?**
I have been actively involved with my community by serving in the Chamber of Commerce, South Jordan City government, and my church.
- **What groups have endorsed your campaign as of today?**
None.
- **What civic and/or professional organizations are you a member of?**
South Jordan Architectural Review Board, Appraisal Institute member, Salt Lake Board of Realtors.
- **What boards or commissions do you serve on?**
None currently.

Issue Questions

- **How do you propose to influence municipal animal services policies should you win the office you are seeking?**
That abandoned pets be taken in and homes found for them within a reasonable time.
- **How much freedom do you believe that animal control facilities and shelters in Utah should have to implement new and different programs designed to save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats?**
I would need more information to form any opinion of this matter.
- **Please describe what you believe are the top priorities of the animal shelter and field services in the city.**
To provide a haven for lost, abandoned, and mistreated small animals within the city.

The number one reason owners report surrendering their dog to a shelter, in Utah and nationwide, is housing barriers. Often these barriers are a lack of pet friendly rental housing and rental housing that has bans on certain breeds of dogs.

- **What can you do to help keep pets with their families and incentivize more pet-inclusive housing?**
This is a private property rights issue.
- **70% of lost pets traveled less than one mile from their home. What steps can Utah take to ensure families get reunited and pets do not have to travel to the shelter?**
This is the responsibility of the pet owner to secure their pets.

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I don't know if this is a problem in our area.
- **Many cities across the country, and in Utah, provide funding for spay/neuter services, for the shelter and residents, in the city budget. Would you support city-funded support for spay/neuter procedures for dogs and cats in the city? Please explain.**
The county is already providing this service. I would support our city to do a cost-benefit analysis to see if this would benefit our residents.
- **Do you agree that animal shelters should publicly share all inspection, intake and disposition data for the purpose of better lifesaving strategic planning and community engagement? Please explain your position.**
I would need more information. I do believe that our shelter is currently doing all that it can to save and rehome all dogs and cats that they take in.

- **Would you support policies and ordinances to allow for the implementation of the necessary programs by animal control facilities and shelters that will save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats?**

I would need more information. I was unaware that this was an issue.

- **Do you support allowing animal control facilities and shelters in Utah to implement the programs that they deem necessary to save all healthy and treatable homeless dogs and cats? Please explain your position.**

I think if the policies and procedures adopted by the communities supporting the shelter support this plan, the shelter should carry out this plan.

- **Do you support the No-Kill Shelter movement saving 90% or more of the dogs and cats that enter an animal shelter?**

I believe that South Jordan already is a No-Kill Shelter

South Jordan City Council District 4

Candidate: Tamara Zander – No Response