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## **Janice V. Kapner Joins Pet Partners' Board of Directors**

**Bellevue, WA, (June 6, 2018)** - Pet Partners, the nation's leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions, is excited to welcome Janice V. Kapner, Executive Vice President of Communications & Community Engagement of T-Mobile US, Inc., to its Board of Directors.

"Kapner's breadth of experience across all facets of marketing and communications will be a great asset to the Board and we are honored to have her be part of the team," said Annie Peters, President and CEO of Pet Partners.

"I'm incredibly passionate about the important and positive contributions that Pet Partners is committed to in animal-assisted support and therapy. I'm honored to be joining their Board of Directors and look forward to contributing to their mission and advocacy work," said Janice V. Kapner.

Pet Partners is the leader in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond, registering nine species of animals with their human handlers as therapy animal teams. Pet Partners teams make more than 3 million visits per year in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, airports, and at employee well-being events. Pet Partners also advocates for legislation that promotes human health and well-being through its grassroots advocacy program and educates handlers and the public about the positive impact of animal-assisted interventions (AAI).

As Executive Vice President of Communications & Community Engagement of T-Mobile US, Inc., Kapner is responsible for developing and sharing the T-Mobile story with employees, customers and other influencers through public and media relations, social media, internal communications and corporate social responsibility efforts, including the T-Mobile Foundation. Before joining T-Mobile, Janice held leadership positions at Microsoft, most notably as head of Worldwide Communications for the Microsoft Office Division. Prior to that, she held Senior Director and Director roles at various Silicon Valley

companies, as well overseeing Investor Relations & Communications through one company's IPO. Janice has received numerous awards in recognition of her work, including being named by PR Magazine as a Top Woman in PR three years in a row, PR News' Platinum PR Professional of the Year, and is on PR Week's U.S. Power List for the 2nd year in a row. Janice is a graduate of California State University at Sacramento, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications with an emphasis on journalism, and completed executive marketing programs through both Stanford and Kellogg School of Management. Janice lives in the Seattle area with her beloved family: her husband, Gary, and her dogs, Nutmeg, Cooper and Sydney.

Founded in 1977 and grounded in the underlying research of AAI, Pet Partners is the gold standard in therapy animal visitation and is widely credited with expanding the field of AAI. Pet Partners is led by a dedicated Board of Directors and advised by members of its Human Animal Bond Advisory Board. [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org)

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