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Microsoft's Wilson Garone Joins Pet Partners' Board of Directors

Bellevue, WA, (June 14, 2018) - Pet Partners, the nation's leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions, is excited to welcome Wilson Garone, Corporate Vice President for Global Sales & Commercial Business for Microsoft, to its board of directors.

"We believe that Garone's experience in helping others with their finances and becoming successful will bring a lot of value to our board," said Annie Peters, President and CEO of Pet Partners.

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 Corporate Vice President for Global Sales & Commercial Business for Microsoft, Garone's responsibilities include overseeing financial activities, providing direct financial support, and partnering with the sales, marketing, and services teams to deliver deep business insights and impact. In addition to his daily tasks, he leads a finance team of approximately 1,000 talented employees around the world and drives process improvement in core finance processes such as planning, forecasting, closing, and controls & compliance. Garone is a graduate of Fundação Getulio Vargas (Brazil) with a bachelor's degree.

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

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