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## **Pfizer Inc.'s Marc Scarduffa Joins Pet Partners' Board of Directors**

**Bellevue, WA, (June 04, 2018)** - Pet Partners, the nation's leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions, is excited to welcome Marc Scarduffa, Vice President of U.S. Government Relations and Public Affairs for Pfizer Inc, to its board of directors.

"We are honored to bring Scarduffa's experience and leadership to our board and look forward to his contributions to Pet Partners' success," 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).

Marc Scarduffa currently serves as Vice President of U.S. Government Relations and Public Affairs for Pfizer Inc, a leading biopharmaceutical corporation. His major responsibilities include managing all political communications and outreach initiatives, directing grassroots advocacy programs, and working with the government relations leadership team to drive the company's public policy priorities. Scarduffa graduated from Drew University with a bachelor's degree in political science and American history. In addition to the Pet Partners board, Scarduffa serves as Chairman of the Public Affairs Council Board of Directors, and as a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee and Conference Board's Government Relations Executives Council.

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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