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**Volunteer Voice**



**Congratulations  
Natalie Swickle,  
(pictured) and  
Itzel Vizcarra  
on joining the Animal  
Services team as New  
Employees.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
ANIMAL SERVICES**

Riverside County Community Health Agency



## Reminders:

**Happy Veterans Day**  
We will be closed on  
November 11, 2011

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
We will be closed on  
November 24th and 25th, 2011

## Updates:

Customers are under the impression that we will supply medicine for dogs that have kennel cough and cats that have URI. This is **inaccurate** information. It is up to the vet staff to determine if and how much medicine, will be going home with the animals.

**Please do not tell the public that an animal is or is not sick and will or will not be going home with meds or on contract until the adoption exam has been performed and vet staff has made that decision.**

Due to reduced staffing and supervision, we will no longer be having volunteers come in on Sundays.

Starting November 1st, we will be closing the shelter at 5pm on Saturdays. Customers must be in line by 4:30pm to adopt.

November 4th- December 31st dogs and cats are free to veterans with valid ID.

The Wednesday shot clinic next month will be on Tuesday December 6, instead of Wednesday because of our employee annual meeting.

Dog pricing is \$95 plus \$10 micro-chip, plus license and cats have been reduced to \$5 plus \$10 micro-chip.

# Voices

It was **WONDERFUL** working with volunteer Natalie Swickle today. She is truly a **HARD** working young lady-and deserves a **STAR** for her efforts on trying to get the dogs adopted. I hope in the future that I get the opportunity to work with Natalie again.

Thank you  
Celiann Lynch, Office Assistant II

I love working with Matt in the clinic he is so nice and a great teacher. I learned so much about animals from him and how to handle dogs.

Tuzday Martinez, Volunteer

If you have a story or pictures you would like to share please, email them to [Nwarring@rivcocha.org](mailto:Nwarring@rivcocha.org)

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# Volunteer November 2011 Birthdays

William Pendleton 11/1	Jacqueline Solorio 11/11	Christina Finney 11/21
Ryan Oliver 11/1	Jung Hur 11/11	Julieta Ontiveros 11/21
Ondrea Rodriguez 11/2	Stacy Lepez 11/11	Shelly Surack 11/22
John Hernandez 11/3	Jacqueline Walker 11/11	Alyssa Garcia 11/23
Andrea Chavez 11/4	Sureydi Donde 11/13	Emilio Felix 11/23
Karina Mariscal 11/4	Linda Hubbard 11/13	Elsa Plascencia 11/23
Jasmine Hoof 11/4	Brandee Burket 11/14	Mauricio Rivas 11/23
Michelle Warner 11/4	Claire Takeshita 11/14	Kendall McCardle 11/24
Brandon Rechenberg 11/4	Kiona Campos 11/14	Kara Potts 11/24
Manuel Molina 11/6	Cindi Perez 11/15	Karen Botardo 11/24
Alex Medalen 11/6	Jessica Roame 11/16	Peggy Sanchez 11/26
Dylan Beckham 11/6	Kandis Cline 11/16	Mark Ramos 11/27
Marcy Kunde 11/6	Amanda Flores 11/16	Carlos J Mora 11/27
Hannah Horta 11/7	Sara Labor 11/16	Debra Bruno 11/28
Jessica Salgado 11/7	Joel Solano 11/16	Margaret VanHove 11/28
Courtney Veenstra 11/8	Natasha Fowler 11/17	Maria Barragan 11/29
Andrew Cazares 11/9	Katherine Steffen 11/17	Megan Gates 11/29
	Luisana Abrica 11/18	Patricia DeLaCruz 11/30
	Jeremy Chua 11/19	Ellen Snyder 11/30
	Danielle Regalado 11/20	
	Brian Ridgley 11/21	



## Welcome New Volunteers

Cabarquez-Pelaské, Dominique (nikki)	Hannett, Tobin	Ruiz, Andrea
Brim, Brian	Hernandez, Estefany	Rush, Ebony
hen, Vincent	Lee, Jennifer	Serrato, Adrianna
Chua, Jeremy	Lucero, Tammy	Sharp, Kayleigh
Chun, Daniel	Mbagwu, Didi	Thompson, Mariah
Dabney, Anna	Porter, Jacob	Vasquez, Ana
Dembinski, Brendon	Purcell, Pauline	Vega, Eliana
Edmundson, Andrea	Reshaw, Kinsey	West, Leslie
Gordon, Amanee	Rodriguez, Janeth	Williams, Charese
	Rogalia, Garrett	Willis, Graham

# Peter Phun: Volunteer of the Month

Thanksgiving is a time to think about the things we are thankful for. It's the start of the holiday season, and a time for us to give back to our community. That is exactly what Peter Phun a professional photographer is doing.

Peter Phun is doing an amazing job working with the volunteer department to improve the online pictures of the shelter pets. Mr. Phun a former Press Enterprise photographer, and instructor of photography at Riverside Community College, finds time in his busy schedule to give back to his community. He is making our shelter pets look more adoptable. Peter, who has been taking photographs of our dogs for the last two weeks, enjoys taking his time to get the right photograph.

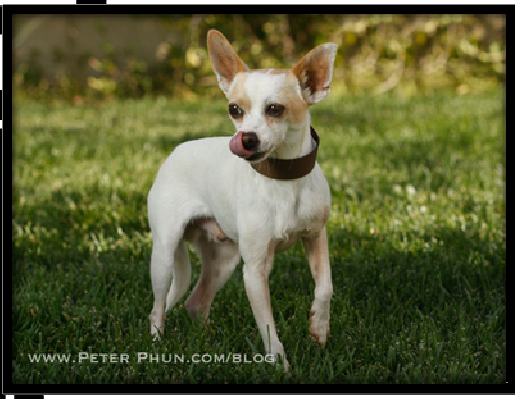
See for yourself the before and after pictures to the right, AMAZING.

Our volunteer, Mary Anderson, has learned how to upload the photo's into our database so they can be seen on the website that very same day.

Peter will be coming on Thursdays to take as many photo's he can while he is here.

I am hoping that in the very near future Peter can begin teaching others how to help.

SAY CHEESE, or should we say, BOW WOW!!!!



## Volunteer Choice for Employee of the Month Felix Rubalcava

Felix Rubalcava has been working with Animal Services for several years now. He has served time on the Spay and Neuter Bus, in the clinic helping prep animals and distributing medication to sick animals, and has provided education to the public on animal awareness and avian influenza.

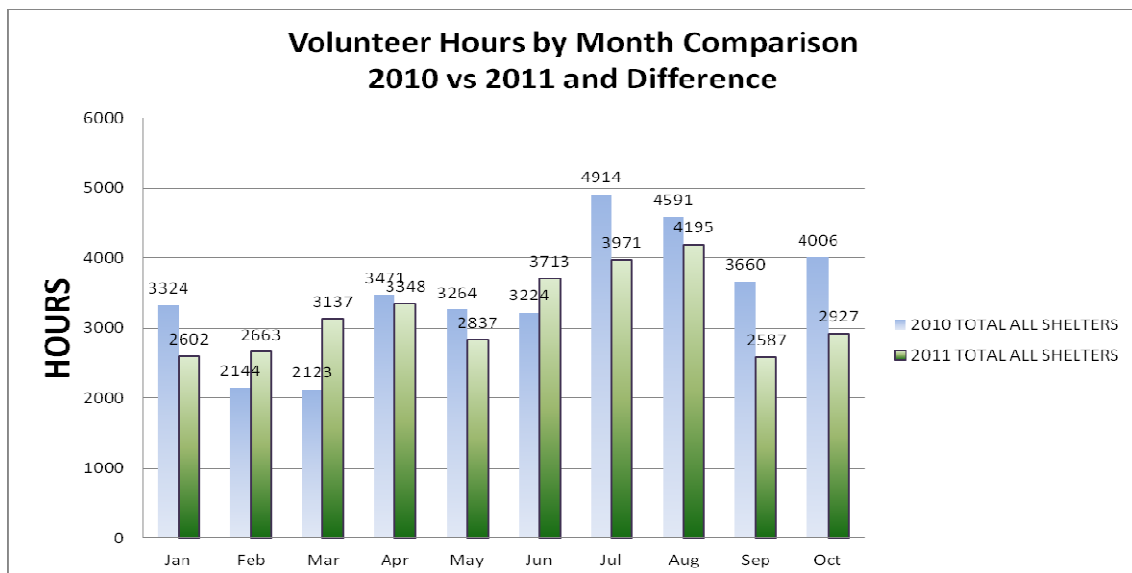
The volunteers nominated Felix because he is always smiling, hard working, and friendly to the public and volunteers. They rave about his work ethic and the fact that he is a team player. He is always dependable and promotes positive interaction in the workplace with his coworkers, volunteers, and management.

The volunteers can always look to Felix to teach and give a helping hand.

He loves being part of the clinic staff and is always ready to explain to the volunteers the processes and procedures it takes to be a new volunteer. Thank you, Felix, and congratulations for being the Volunteer Choice for Employee of the Month.



## How does volunteering impact Animal Services?



# Volunteers in Action



Taking a dog for a walk



Keeping the shelter dogs clean



Hanging with the dogs



Adoptions



Making Friends