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## 2012 Save The Date!

- April 25, 2012, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Awards, 6 pm
- May 2, 2012, Vaccination & Shot Clinic, 6pm–8pm
- May 12, 2012, Upland Adoption Event, 9am–4pm
- May 19, 2012, Vaccination & Shot Clinic, 10am–1pm
- July 16 –20, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am - 1pm
- July 23–27, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am–1pm



## 2012 Reminders

- All animals that have been adopted must not be released to the adopter until the Animal Care Technician has approved the **RECEIPT of payment**. An animal voucher is given when a customer returns a pet back to the shelter and would like to select another pet. ***This voucher is not considered a receipt.*** The adopter must then proceed through the adoption process again, just like he did for his first adoption. When they return to the shelter to find their new pet, they must complete all paperwork, visit the adoption window, and return to the Animal Care Technician with a receipt. If you are unclear for any reason about this process, please talk with Candace.
- Volunteers are to wear their orange or Pet Life Saverz Club T Shirts at all times.

# April 2012 New Volunteers

Jeremy Majano and Carlonda Smith

# April 2012 Volunteer Birthdays

Aspen Angel	Erica Franco	Kay Meyerett
Kayla Beaudoin	Rene Gastelum	Audrey Pusey
Adam Brown	Lisa Gonigan	Wendy Saffo
Stephanie Cao	Christine Harbour	Leslie Scanlon
Monserrat Castillo	Judie Kaczoroski	Caitlynn Smith
Robin Collier	Alejandra Lara	Carlonda Smith
Liliana Cristales	Karen Leduc	Darren Thompson
Sally Daniels	Amanda Luna	Sandra Valencia
Philine Endres	Jeremy Majano	Eliana Vega
Samantha English	Tuzday Martinez	
Blake Erb	Selina Meraz	

# 2012 Volunteer of the Year

The Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter is proud to present Lara Winchester as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year. Lara Winchester comes to mind when one talks about volunteer dedication. Lara has diligently served as a volunteer here since February 26, 2011, accumulating over 1300 hours of service.

Prior to joining our Volunteer Department, Lara volunteered to foster four baby kittens orphaned during the 2006 Katrina Disaster. It was from this point that Lara made it her mission to foster infant or sick animals at the shelter.

Lara started volunteering at the shelter from the suggestion of her friend. As her friend saw Lara fostering more and more animals, her friend knew Lara would love working in a place where she could make an impact on improving the

lives of homeless animals and helping people find the perfect pet for their home. Within days of volunteering, Lara knew her friend's ideas were more than true. Lara started working at the shelter's front kiosk greeting visitors. From here, she informs visitors about the new shelter, guides them to where they purchase their dog licenses, gives information on the dates and times of the vaccination clinics, and helps them reunite with their lost dog. Aside from guiding people to their destination at the shelter, Lara makes sure our visitors see all of our adoptable pets in the front lobby area. This is where the rabbits, hamsters, birds or reptiles are kept and where we showcase dogs and cats that have been with us for a while. Some people feel they cannot adopt a dog or cat because of space or the maintenance of having a pet, but with Lara here they soon find out we have more than just dogs and cats.

The Volunteer Department knew it was time for Lara to branch out in her volunteer work. Lara has now been trained as a driver to transport adoptable dogs from California to Washington – definitely a true test of endurance! She now helps with coordinating events such as Home for the Holidays, Forty Dollar Fidos, Five Dollar Felines, and Art for the Animals, to name a few.

Lara has excelled in every project she has been given. Through all of her hard work, Lara has earned the status of Docent at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. To earn the position of Docent in the volunteer department one must show responsibility, trust worthiness, self-discipline, friendly conduct, and mature leadership skills, which Lara has gone above and beyond to demonstrate. Indeed, it is all these qualities and more that have made Lara one of our most valued Docents. We are proud to honor Lara Winchester as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year.



*Lara Winchester, Volunteer of the Year, for the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. The cute little "shelter mascot" in Lara's arms is Tulula!*

# Employee of the Month - Sue Zucker

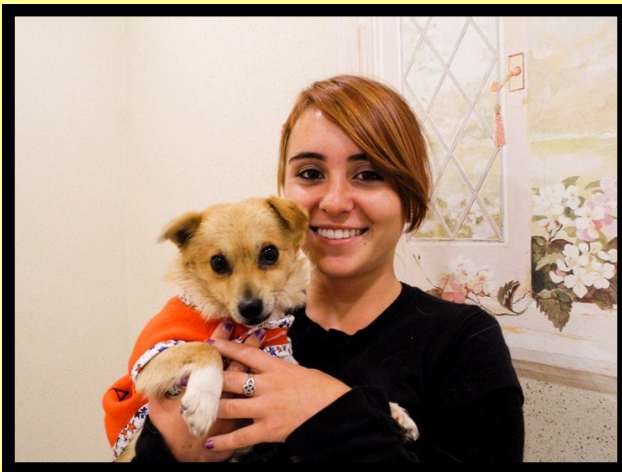
Sue Zucker is one of those employees who always goes above and beyond her duties to help rescue out animals. Growing up in Illinois on a farm Sue grew up with horses, ponies, chickens, rabbits, ducks, rodents, deer, and just about every other animal one encounters in Middle America. In 1997, Sue began working for the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter as Kennel Attendant and later became a Vet Assistant. Today, Sue is the shelter's Foster & Rescue Volunteer Services Coordinator.

As Sue grew in each of her positions, she saw the need of an animal foster/rescue program for the shelter. Sue was determined to start one, even if it took using her own home. Through Sue's determination, she helped create the Foster & Rescue Program here at the shelter, which runs beautifully through Sue's capable hands. Sue is instrumental in rescuing out hundreds of dogs and cats **each** month throughout the United States. Please tell her thank you as you see her running across the campus saving all of these animals lives! Sue is truly one of our most loved employees!



*Sue Zucker, Foster & Rescue Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. Sue is holding one of the little dogs going to a rescue group.*

## Voices of Volunteers



*Devin Perdomo, Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.*

### Devin Perdomo

Being naturally ambitious helps Devin Perdomo excel in all areas of her life. Devin's ambition brought her to volunteer at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in hopes of gaining early job skills. Devin is graduating this year from Ayala High School in Chino Hills and this fall will be attending Mount San Antonio College (Mt. Sac) majoring in Animal Sciences. From there, Devin will attend Cal Poly in hopes of furthering her chosen career of animal husbandry. Another passion of Devin's is journalism. Devin has been the Feature Editor of her schools newspaper for the past three years.

When Devin started volunteering at the shelter, she took on various tasks such as kennel cleaning, dog walking, dog grooming, basic clinical duties, and along with event planning. Aside from volunteering here, Devin also works alongside her mother, Josslin, with special needs children at Litel Elementary School. In working with these special needs children, Devin has developed a deep sense of love for serving her community. Devin's daily routine here at the shelter is working with animals and helping guide people to find their perfect pet. One of Devin's favorite activities is seeking out the shy or nervous dogs. Devin comments, "Socializing with the shy dogs helps bring out their playful side, and this will definitely help them get adopted." The shelter is very fortunate to have Devin part of our Volunteer Department.

# Our Volunteers hard at Work!



# 2012 MEGA MATCH-A-THON

Sponsored by: Raincross Quilt Guild of Riverside

March 31, 2012

The Raincross Quilt Guild of Riverside is made up of more than 100 members and does a tremendous service of reaching out to our community doing special projects in Riverside. They meet at various locations such as the Janet Goeske Center. Renee Tieszen, Community Services Coordinator of the Raincross Quilt Guild of Riverside and her fellow quilters from the Riverside Friendship Quilters (Mrs. Florence Patrick, President and Samantha Nichols, Member) quilted and sewed 30 Adopt Me vests for our 2012 MEGA MATCH-A-THON, sponsored by the ASPCA, on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Candace McGrew met with these lovely ladies on St. Patricks Day to share her ideas of the design. Our little dogs looked great in their special Adopt Me Vests!. A huge thank you to our Quilters!



*Renee Tieszen of the Raincross Quilt Guild and Riverside Friendship Quilters, works diligently on one of the 30 Adopt Me Vests she quilted along with her fellow quilters for our Mega Matchathon event sponsored by the ASPCA.*



# 2012 Mega Match-a-Thon

And they are off and running!







*Riversides Final Adoption Count:*

Dogs: 265

Cats: 73

