

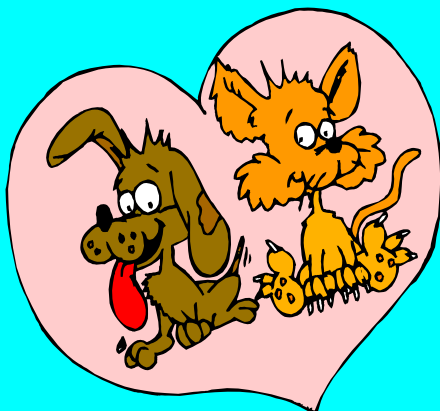
June 2012 Newsletter



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Volunteer of the Month

Jan Hart



Jan Hart, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter Volunteer

You may think that everyone who's important gets all the up-close and personal attention; however, it's the people behind the scenes that keep things going and Jan Hart is one of those people.

When the Shelter first opened in April of 2010, Jan was here helping set up the equipment needed to wash towels & blankets.

Due to physical limitations, she cannot work with the dogs. But Jan loves helping out the vets and those in the clinic by doing the laundry. She retired from Linko Lighting last summer and stated, "With all these budgets cuts, help is needed everywhere. I wanted to fill my time with something that I enjoy doing. I love animals and wanted to help any way I could."

Since her first day here, Jan really likes the layout of the new shelter, compared to the old one on Wilderness. The layout here makes doing laundry much more conducive and productive. "The facility is beautiful and much more organized than the previous shelter. The machines work better and they get the job done," she laughs.

Jan is amazed that this shelter is just that, a shelter that can take in and handle just about any animal from regular cats and dogs to reptiles and flamingos! As Jan said, it is a beautiful facility that she enjoys being at whenever she can. You can catch her Tuesdays and Thursdays washing blankets and towels. If you see Jan, make sure to say hi and thank her for all the hard work she does in helping us help the animals.

Employee of the Month

Kim McWhorter



Kim McWhorter, Program Coordinator, Riverside County/City Animal Shelter

Kim McWhorter is one of our most dedicated employees at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. As a Program Coordinator, Kim works diligently alongside all of our valued staff members, to provide care for and protect all of the animals at the shelter. For the past five years, Kim has been searching for grants to help the shelter. These grants have funded projects involving spay & neuter, adoption events, and other special shelter needs. One of Kim's greatest examples of this involves a grant from The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), in which she was instrumental in securing \$10,000 that was used to sponsor the Mega-Match-a-thon which was held on March 31st of this year. During this event over 400 animals were adopted (their lives were saved!) from the Riverside, CVAC & Blythe shelter's in a single day!

Before joining the shelter, Kim worked for the Riverside Disaster Preparedness Program, volunteered at the LA Zoo, and other various local nature centers. Behind the scenes, Kim is involved in Animal Venom Research International (AVRI). AVRI is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "aid in the development of more effective prevention and treatment protocols for animal envenomation." Sri Lanka is a country currently battling thousands of venomous snake bites due to the high volume

of snakes present in their tropical environment. AVRI has started working on location in Sri Lanka to develop an anti-venom for snake-bite victims. The organization recently had a serpentarium (snake holding facility) built in Sri Lanka to collect venomous snake samples and their venom for research. Recently, the serpentarium has produced dry venom samples for research on some of the most desperately needed anti-venoms, such as the Russel-nosed viper.

Generally people are most interested in dogs or cats than other animals, but in Kim's case, her favorite pet is her Jungle Carpet Python, Smiley. Smiley has a very mellow temperament and often attends special functions with Kim. You can expect to see both Kim and Smiley at the Kids Critter Camp this summer. Beside Smiley, her two dogs Shadow and Bane are also a big part of her family.

To further her education, Kim is attending Loma Linda University to receive her doctorate degree in public health. When she finds spare time in her busy schedule, she enjoys hiking, painting, and travelling.

To our volunteers Kim would like to say, "You are absolutely indispensable and fantastic."

Volunteer Voices

Barbara Evans



Barbara Evans, Volunteer, working at the front kiosk, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.

Like all of our volunteers, Barbara Evans' love of animals provoked her to work with them. Before she teamed up with our volunteer program however, Evans volunteered at a pet adoption center in Riverside. Candace McGrew, our Volunteer Manager, happened to meet Evans while she was volunteering there and asked her to join our program. Fortunate for the shelter, Evans agreed and became a vital part of the volunteer program. You can often find Evans working at the front desk where she greets customers and directs them to the right locations. To Evans the most rewarding part of being a volunteer is seeing animals go to good homes.

Aside from her duties here at the shelter, Evans enjoys spending time with her grandkids, reading, and of course, saving animal lives. Barbara owns two pitbulls of her own and a chihuahua-poodle mix.

Suehelen Garcia



Suehelen Garcia, Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.

Returning to the animal shelter after 9 months of absence is Suehelen Garcia. Garcia began her volunteer service in the summer of 2011, but had to return to school which left her with little time to contribute to the shelter. Luckily summer has returned again along with Garcia. She became interested in the volunteer program last year and joined as a Pet Life Saverz. Since then Garcia has advanced and is now working as a regular volunteer in dog adoptions. Garcia finds that this field is the most rewarding because she can learn more about dogs. She grew up watching Animal Planet which initially sparked her interest in working in the animal field. She hopes that her experience here will make her more knowledgeable and aid her in her endeavor to become a domestic pet veterinarian.

Reflecting back, Garcia found that her favorite experience so far was when a customer was in the process of adopting a male terrier dog but terminated the adoption when they discovered he had kennel cough. Before Garcia got the chance to put the terrier back in his kennel another customer spotted the terrier and wanted him right away. It was a successful adoption that Garcia was thrilled to be a part of.

June 2012 New Volunteers

Our volunteer program is consistently growing and adding new members. Our shelter is fortunate enough to welcome these new animal lovers to our program.



A recent graduate from Cal Poly Pomona decided to join the animal lovers' world and start her path to volunteering. **Jammie Sosa**, an art teacher and current curator for the Riverside Art Museum, is glad she came to here. When a friend who had previously volunteered at the shelter told her about it she decided to check it out. She stated, "I like it. It's a bit challenging, but fun." Jammie hasn't had much experience; however, she enjoys walking the dogs and being with the animals. "I plan to stay for a while. I've got the whole summer open!"



His love of dogs, yearn to help and available time brought **Larry Rivers** to volunteer for the first time this month. While browsing the web he came across shelters in need of volunteers and has since been here to donate his time. "I try to come in once a week, maybe twice a week if I can," he stated. Larry enjoys walking the shelter dogs and helping people take home a new member of the family. "I would like to try grooming sometime also." When he can, he likes to take his Yamaha bike for a ride or walk Jack, his 10 year old border collie mix.



Rob Murphy retired last summer as a school principal. His love of animals is what brought him to the shelter to help in any way he could. Just like Jammie Sosa, a friend told him about the facility and how great it was. Rob started at the beginning of June and has learned to pull dogs and cats so far. "I enjoy helping with adoptions and walking the dogs." When he is not volunteering or tutoring students, his off time consists of working with stained glass or other art projects. When it comes to animals of his own, he has an array of animals ranging from cats and dogs to various reptiles and birds; even a coy pond.



Alejandra Unzueta, joined the volunteer program this month with the intent to gain experience in handling animals. Currently Alejandra is majoring in zoology at Riverside Community College and she hopes her experiences here will help her with her future endeavors when she transfers to Cal Poly Pomona. She is currently learning how to take out dogs and cats from their kennels, as well as doing other volunteer work. Although she has only been with us for a short time, Alejandra plans to stay and learn as much as she possibly can.

2012 Save The Date!

- **Saturday, July 21st: Shot Clinic from 10am—1pm**
- **“Summer Solstice” Pricing Special - All dogs are \$20 until August 11th, 2012.**
- **July 16 –20, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am – 1pm**
- **July 23—27, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am—1pm**

2012 Reminders

Constituents coming to apply at the shelter to be a Volunteer must fill out the on-line application on our Website - RCDAS.ORG. Please do not hand out Volunteer Registration forms at the Kiosk. We do understand that not all constituents have computers, so in that case, please contact Gile for the form.

The following Reminders are always worth a second read!

All teen volunteers need to sign in under the Pet Life Saverz Youth Club, then select the area you will be working in, such as adoptions, clinic, dog walking, kiosk, etc. All teen volunteer hours must be tracked for reporting purposes.

Important: When you notice there might be something wrong with one of the animals, write the kennel number and problem down on the White Board in Receiving. If you are not able to get to Receiving to do this, it is your responsibility to alert a staff member or supervisor and report the particular animal to them.

If you need to talk with one of the staff members, or another volunteer, and you see they are having a discussion with another person, ***please do not interrupt them***. We all need to be respectful of this type of situation. Just come back later, or if it is very important, please contact another staff member.

June 2012 New Volunteers

Reba Ahmadié	Twinkle Gupta	Miranda Monserratt	Megan Sandoval	Monica Vega
Lola	Melissa Gutierrez	Rob Murphy	Liyani Santamaria	Kamrae Williams
Alvarez	Haylee Gymer	Lily Nguyen	Xiomara Santamaria	
Jaime Aragon	Connor Hradecky	Loan Nguyen	Hailey Scoggins	
Adelaida Cabanillas	Sylvia Jones	Micaela Orosz	Sarah Selders	
Aubrienne Culbertson	Kobe Kendall	Alyssa Penn	Ariel Sepulveda	
Robert Gammon	Ryan Lewis	Eli Rivera	Emily Skibel	
Elizabeth Greer	Jessica Mastrosimone	Samantha Roman	Elizabeth Stewart	
Melainie Gregg	Patricia Mendez	Skyla Salisbury	Brandi Vasquez	
		Crystin Sanchez		

June 2012 Volunteers Birthday

Dominique Abarquez-Pelaske	6/21	Maureen Guthormsen	6/16
Mark Abril	6/12	Kathleen Hassler	6/1
Milton Acevedo	6/26	Erik Johnson	6/3
Cristina Jean Alfrey	6/25	Leigh Kirk	6/12
Erika Alfrey	6/25	Lisa Kochevar	6/11
Lauren Antrim	6/22	Diana Lane	6/12
Amy Bechler	6/15	Tammy Lucero	6/30
Divya Carlin	6/6	Tammy Machicado	6/25
Melissa Caudel	6/8	Janice Madison	6/27
Maegan Centella	6/16	Didi Mbagwu	6/29
Sarah Crawford	6/25	Maiko Nezu	6/7
Amanda Cullen	6/2	Brenda Perez	6/9
Angelique Diaz	6/16	Signe Petrarca	6/19
Barbara Evans	6/16	Renee Potter	6/26
Jordyn Frutiger	6/19	Shirley Soto	6/22
Brittani Guillory	6/21	Rebecca Tewis	6/8
Jennifer Gulden	6/23	Austin Thompson	6/17

Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

****Times and dates subject to change**

Saturday **July 21, 2012**, 10am- 1pm

Wednesday **August 1, 2012** 6pm-8am

Saturday **August 18, 2012** 10am-1pm

Classified Corner

Talents Needed

If you have any special talents such as drawing, painting, sewing, tap dancing (??), teen mentoring, gardening, office work or something you think would be applicable here at the shelter, please let Joel or Gile know.

Donations

Any donations given would be greatly appreciated. As of right now, the shelter is in need of blankets, toys, bowls, newspapers, etc. All donations can be left in the main lobby in the right hand corner outside Critter Corner.

Lavender Plant Contest

Just by trimming 4 lavender plants on our campus, you get the chance of picking up a delicious, nutritious prize for your hard work! All you need to do is stop by Gile's cubicle, check out a pair of clippers, then bring your trimmings back to her (and you know she knows the exact count of lavender spikes on each plant!) If you have any questions, just stop by or call Gile at 358-3160.

Furry Friends



and more Furry Friends.....

