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**Beloved Friend & Advocate
Employee & Volunteer**

Kathleen "Cookie" Briney

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In Memoriam

Kathleen "Cookie" Briney



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Animal Services employees and shelter animals lost a dear friend and advocate on Thursday October 11, 2012 when Kathleen "Cookie" Briney passed away due to cancer. Cookie was 63 years old.

Cookie, as she preferred to be called, first approached Riverside County Animal Services in 2004 and wanted to be a volunteer at what was then the county's desert shelter in Indio. Ms. Briney had just been driving by the Indio shelter one day when she decided to stop in to see how she might be able to assist. She never left!

When Riverside County and desert city partners constructed and opened the Coachella Valley Animal Campus in Thousand Palms in 2005, Cookie continued her efforts to be a voice as an employee for the desert's homeless desert pets. She worked as an adoption counselor, an adoptions supervisor and a volunteer services coordinator.

Understanding that not every animal could be saved, Cookie, colleagues say, always treated each pet with dignity and love.

"Cookie was a loyal and dedicated employee of Animal Services and I will always remember Cookie with a puppy in her arms or walking around with a small breed dog at her side," said Rob Miller, Director of Western Riverside County/City Animal Services said. "Cookie was a true champion for rescuing and adopting homeless animals into new loving families. She will be dearly missed by all of us who knew her."

***A memorial/celebration of life service is scheduled on Thursday, October 25th,
from Noon to 3pm at the Indio Elks Lodge 1643,
46-301 Madison Avenue, Indio, 92201. The Elks
Lodge phone number is 760.347.1643.***

Save The Date!

- November 17th & 18th: Loving All Animals at Whitewater Park. Schedules are 9am to 12:30pm and Noon to 4:30pm. Anyone interested in helping load animals at the shelter please report to the shelter at 8am and follow Marisa to the event at Whitewater Park. If you can help load, please let Candace know ahead of time by calling her at 951.358.7467 or email at Mcgrew@rivcocha.org.
- December 7th & 8th: The River. 9am to 3:30pm. Anyone interested in helping load animals at the shelter, please report to the shelter at 8am and follow Marisa to the event at The River. If you can help load, please let Candace know ahead of time.

For All RSVP's, please send to Candace at cmcgrew@rcdas.org with the event name, date (s), and time(s) you are able to assist. If you are going to the shelter, please let her know that as well. Thank you!

2012 October Birthdays

June Barlow	October 9
Julie Baucom	October 19
Abisai Copado	October 11
Tyler Kinswater	October 6
Gildardo Olivas	October 27

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Our Wonderful Volunteers

