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Judie Kaczoroski
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Volunteer of the Month

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Save the Date

- February 12th: Shelter closed for President Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- February 16th: Shot Clinic, 10am—1pm
- February 18th: Shelter closed for Washington's Birthday Holiday
- March 6th: Shot Clinic, 6pm—8pm
- March 16: Shot Clinic, 10am—1pm

Reminders

ART FOR THE ANIMALS: The online auction will begin on February 14th and continue on through March 7th. Visit our website, RCDAS.ORG for more information.

CELL PHONES: Volunteers are not to answer calls/messages in public view EVER! Especially when handling any animals. ALL your attention must be on the animal! Talking on a cell phone takes your attention away from the business at hand.

Adoptions

A total of 44 cats and 92 dogs were adopted out by our volunteers! Our volunteer **Michelle Hutton** helped adopt out 12 cats! And **Laura Soto** came close with 9 cat adoptions! Our top two volunteers for dog adoptions were **Victoria Pacillas** with 37 dogs and **William Jaurequi** with 16!

Congratulations to all of our Volunteers for placing pets in forever homes and all of your hard work here at the shelter!

Volunteer of the Month

Judie Kaczoroski



Judie Kaczoroski has more than 1,100 hours of volunteer service! She joined our team in December of 2009, before the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter was even built. From the very beginning, **Judie** has helped in many aspects of the shelter. From working the front desk and helping with adoption paperwork, to training dogs to walk alongside a wheelchair, **Judie** has proven herself time and again what a huge asset she is to the shelter. Amongst the many tasks that she has had, Judie is still able to pinpoint her favorite. It would be helping with adoptions. She loves to see the way people's faces light up when adopting the perfect pet. **Judie** tells us

what a good feeling she gets seeing the pets being matched up with the right family.

At home, **Judie** has three Dachshunds named Elvis, Strawberry, and Rosco. She remembers the day Elvis was brought into the family fondly. **Judie** had been absent from the shelter for a while, and when she returned, he was pointed out to her by Candy. She immediately fell in love, and the rest is history. Elvis is part of the pack! If you catch her at the shelter, her love for Dachshunds is apparent through the many pins she wears.

During her spare time **Judie** enjoys making personalized cards and cooking. And with the big heart she has, it's no surprise she also enjoys helping others in any way she can.

You may notice that **Judie** has very short hair at the moment. This is because not too long ago, she received the news that her niece, Theresa Stauss of Elgin, Illinois, had breast cancer. Not being able to fly out to visit her, **Judie** decided to show her support by shaving off her own hair. Now that is support—plus Judie looks cuter than ever!

To our volunteers, she would like to say, "We couldn't run this place without our volunteers. We owe you a lot of thanks."

To **Judie**, we would all like to give our thanks and gratitude for your hard work and dedication to the shelter and all of its animals.



Meet the Employee

Cindy Comer



Cindy Comer started working with the Western Department of Animal Services 16 years ago, and prior to starting here, she worked as a Registered Vet Tech for the Animal Emergency Clinic in Grand Terrace.

When asked what her favorite part of her position as a manager here at the shelter was, **Cindy** immediately said that it was mentoring her staff and watching them achieve the goals they have set for themselves, whether continuing here at the shelter or departing and gaining experience in other fields.

Cindy's first love has always been horses. At one time, **Cindy** owned 38 horses which she bred, trained and broke. Prior to that, she worked as an assistant trainer at a racetrack and also worked at breeding farms. And here is one for the records: **Cindy** worked at Winchell's Donuts for 13 years and had the distinction of making *the* donuts for the inauguration of Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles in 1973! Mayor Bradley made history when he was elected Mayor of Los Angeles, meaning he became the first African American mayor of a major city without a black majority. You just never know the great history some of our staff have been a part of.

Another hobby of **Cindy** is her love of motorcycles, hence, in the picture you see her "Sponge Bob Harley"! **Cindy** and her husband, Johnny, are very active in the American Legion Motorcycle Riders organization. Every Wednesday, the American Legion Motorcycle Riders participate at the Riverside National Cemetery in honor of American Vets who have passed and do not have family. **Cindy** and Johnny are also members of the Temecula Valley Hogs Riding Club.

And not to forget her pets, **Cindy** has three horses, one dog, one cat and eight chickens!

One of **Cindy's** favorite memories here at the shelter was helping orchestrate the move from the old shelter to our new 12 acre site! Time, effort, sweat and tears were given and shared by all the departments.

Cindy would like to let our volunteers know how much she appreciates their dedication in working in the clinic and on the spay and neuter bus. With their help, we have been able to increase public surgeries. She recognizes that our volunteers help out in all areas, from taking care of our horses to helping the Veterinary Staff on a day to day basis. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to complete our daily tasks. THANK YOU to each and every volunteer.

Volunteer Voices

Sarah Crawford



Sarah Crawford has been volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter for more than two years. Working with transportations, events, clinic duties, and more, **Sarah** states that adoptions has to be her favorite. “Seeing the dogs go to a forever home is the best quality of volunteering,” she tells us. She gets the same satisfaction during our adoption events.

Before moving, **Sarah** used to be a veterinary technician, as well as having her own dog sitting business. She tells us that she loves working with animals, which is what brought her to the shelter. At home, she has three dogs, Scooter, Riggs, and Roxie (the latter two were adopted from here). She also has three cats, Ming, Kali, and J.R, which she inherited after a family member of hers passed away.

To our volunteers, **Sarah** would like to say, “You’re all doing a great job. Keep up the good work!”

Valerie Chavez

Valerie Chavez joined the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in November of 2012. While she’s here, she enjoys helping out in the clinic, front desk, and taking our smaller dogs out for walks. **Valerie** fondly remembers the very first adoption she helped with. She tells us she loved the feeling she had knowing that the dog went to a good home.

Valerie owns many pets, including a turtle, two cats, and three dogs. One of those dogs, named Lady, was adopted from this very shelter. In her spare time, **Valerie** loves creating art through painting, photography, or drawing.



To our volunteers, **Valerie** would like to say, “Even if you can just come in for a few hours, anything helps. Thank you for giving your time.”

January New Volunteers

Chuck Calder

Stevie Hill

William Jauregui

Hanna Kang

Pamela Lauzon

Genesis Navarro

Amanda Person

Ashley Taylor

Jeffrey Writer

Yannest Zuniga

February Birthdays

Karina Nava 2/1

Paul Hower 2/5

Ashley Graham 2/7

Victor Aguilar 2/8

Jammie Sosa 2/8

Sarah Selders 2/8

Xiomara Santamaria 2/11

Nicole Becker 2/13

Lily Nguyen 2/14

Dennis Chan 2/16

Andrea Delgado 2/19

Brittany Kastens 2/19

Carly Pierce 2/23

Danielle Grace Sanchez 2/23

Sierra Goudie 2/23

Kylie Sanchez 2/25

Chuck Calder 2/25

Jocelyn Izquierdo 2/26

Katherine Hermosillo 2/27

Sianna Sanchez 2/27

Curta Jones 2/27

Charlene Delafield 2/27

Alexander Hales 2/27

Devin Perdomo 2/28

Job Well Done!

On January 31st, Candy Weil, Animal Care Technician, came to work to find a mess the cats had made overnight! Being by herself, she recruited three of our awesome volunteers to help clean up the cat kennels and get our feline friends fed before opening the doors to our constituents. They were: Michelle Hutton, Emily Cota, and Alejandra Unzueta. Thank you so much for your hard work!

Shelter Happenings!

We've caught our volunteers in action! Here are a few moments showing the hard work they do daily!



Mary Anderson with her foster puppy....



A curious pooch looking into the camera!



Kobe Kendall socializing with a cat....



Kelley Jenkins taking one of our dogs out for a walk....