



**DEPARTMENT OF  
ANIMAL SERVICES**  
County of Riverside, California

**V**olunteer  
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**Sarah Crawford**

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*Volunteer of the Month*

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# Save the Date

- **May 15: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Awards Ceremony! Please RSVP by today at 5pm.**
- **May 18: Shot Clinic, 10am**
- **June 5: Shot Clinic, 6pm**
- **June 2: Adoption Event, Irvine Animal Care Center**
- **June 8: Special Grooming class for Volunteers! Details will be emailed out at a later date.**

## Reminders

**ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY:** Don't forget, May 15 is the Annual Volunteer Dinner. This is a great time for Volunteers to come together and enjoy a relaxing night off from working hard to save our shelter animals!

**NAME BADGES:** We have updated our Volunteer dress code to include name badges. Please email Aldair to request yours at, [ajimenez@rivcocha.org](mailto:ajimenez@rivcocha.org)

**DOG WASTE:** When walking a dog or using the agility yard, please make sure to pick up any waste. This helps with disease prevention and helps our facility look nice.

**LOGBOOKS:** We have updated and created new logs to keep track of the hard work our Volunteers are doing. These logbooks are located at the KIOSK, adoption kennels, and the grooming room, so make sure to update your daily success!

**PUPPIES:** Please do not walk any puppies under 6 months of age. If you are showing a puppy to a potential adopter, do so only on the sidewalk, NOT the grass area.

**RECEIVING:** Please do not take any animals into receiving without instruction of an ACT. If you notice something wrong with an animal, inform an ACT or write notes on the whiteboard located in receiving. They will tend to the animal as soon as they are available

The Department of Animal Services  
cordially invites you to the

## 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Award Ceremony

May 15, 2013

Crestmore Manor  
4600 Crestmore Road  
Riverside, CA 92509

Registration/Awards 6:00 PM

Dinner Promptly at 6:30 PM

Awards Ceremony at 7:00 PM

Dessert Served at 8:00 PM

Dress: Business Casual

**\*\*Please RSVP No Later Than May 8th\*\***

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# Adoptions & Socialization

Many of you have seen our new adoption logbooks, but for those who haven't, please make sure to fill these sheets out. It's a great way for us to give recognition to our hard working Volunteers. You can also write comments/notes on animals for our ACTs to look over. We want to thank each one of you for your dedication to our shelter!

For the month of April, a total of 15 cats and 56 dogs were adopted out by our Volunteers!

In the dog kennels, our Volunteer, **Victoria Pacillas** helped adopt out 36 dogs! And, **Julie Valenzuela** assisted with 6 dog adoptions! Both, **Julie Valenzuela** and **Veronica Roth** also walked and socialized 3 dogs each!

In the cat kennels, **Michelle Briseno** adopted out 9 cats! And **Jarred Jackson** assisted with 4 cat adoptions!

18 dogs were socialized at the front desk! Out of those dogs, 6 were adopted out by our Volunteers! Our Volunteer, **Judie Kaczoroski** helped adopt out 2 of those dogs while working the front desk!

Our Volunteer, **Valerie Chavez**, took over 100 pictures of our adoptable dogs for the shelter website.

Over 27 dogs were bathed and/or groomed by our great Volunteers!

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



# Volunteer of the Month

## Sarah Crawford



With over 1,800 hours in just two years time, **Sarah Crawford** has been one of our most dedicated Volunteers. She absolutely loves helping out with adoptions because she gets to see our furry friends go into forever homes. **Sarah** began to really dedicate her time when she helped with the transportation of animals from San Jacinto to Riverside. She would help with these transportations up to six days a week!

That's just one of the many ways **Sarah** works relentlessly to save our shelter animals. **Sarah** works up at the front desk to greet constituents and direct them where they need to go. She also enjoys working our special events and our transportation events. While socializing dogs, **Sarah** will photograph the dogs in hopes that she can help them find a new home. She also works with Sue and rescues to save an animal in need.

At home, **Sarah** is a caregiver to her brother. She tells us that during her spare time, she enjoys participating in any events that are animal related. At the moment, she is training her small dog to potentially be a service dog. **Sarah** also fosters a lot of shelter animals until they become available for adoption.

**Sarah** has 3 dogs, Scotter, Riggs and Roxie. She also has three cats which were inherited after a family member passed away. Their names are Ming, Kali and J.R. She really does love being around animals!!

Because of her hard work and dedication, **Sarah** became a Docent Volunteer, which is the highest ranking volunteer at the shelter. She sets such a great example to others, and is an inspiration to us all. Her helping hand extends to all Volunteers, and if you ever need any help, **Sarah** is more than willing to assist.

# Volunteer Voices

## Shelby Bundy



**Shelby Bundy** is one of our newer Volunteers having joined the Western Riverside County/City Animal shelter only two months ago. When she comes in to volunteer, Shelby enjoys socializing with the cats and taking dogs out for walks. She states that doing this keeps her very busy, all the while helping out animals get out and exercise.

**Shelby** began to volunteer because of her love of animals. She figured helping out animals is not only beneficial to them, but also keeps her from wanting to over flow her home with critters.

**Shelby's** most memorable moment thus far would have to be her first day volunteering. Within the first two hours of volunteering, she was able to assist in adopting out a cat and a dog. She tells us that it felt good to know she had played a part in sending them to a good home.

When **Shelby** isn't dedicating her time to our shelter animals, she enjoys writing fiction stories, visiting museums in L.A., and hiking with her dog. She also has 6 cats, Vivi, Paul, Castiel, Delilah, Little One, and Cora; 2 goldfish, Jim and Bart; and an algae feeder.

To our Volunteers, **Shelby** would like to say, "It's nice working alongside you."

## Emily Cota

**Emily Cota** has been a volunteer for the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter for over two years now. She was enticed to visit the new facility when it had just opened, and once doing so, she knew she wanted to volunteer. When she is dedicating her time to the shelter, **Emily** enjoys socializing with the cats because of their unique personality.



**Emily's** most memorable moment was when a cat, who's name was Blue, got adopted. Blue had been a timid cat who would hide in his cubby every day. Rarely coming out, it had been a struggle to help adopt him out. Luckily, a woman came in one day and fell in love with Blue.

At home, **Emily** has 2 cats named Simba and Cleo. She also has 3 dogs named Molly, China, and Abby. But that's not all! She has numerous birds, tortoises, goldfish, and a recently acquired beta fish too!

During her spare time, **Emily** enjoys dancing, which she has been doing so since the age of 5.

To our Volunteers, **Emily** would like to say, "Keep up the good work!"

# **April New Volunteers**

**Christina Alvarez**

**Michelle Briseno**

**Alexandra Callahan**

**Jonathan Chen**

**Jordan Davis**

**Christina Garza**

**Melissa Gutzwiller**

**Arthur Jensen**

**Janet Jensen**

**Stella Kim**

**Marissa Matter**

**Denise Morgan**

**Adam Rivera**

**Erica Rivera**

**Veronica Roth**

**Julie Valenzuela**

**Madison Vicario**

# **May Birthdays**

**Eric Shook 5/2**

**Mariah Loomis 5/6**

**Cheryl McVeigh 5/11**

**Stephanie Pascual 5/12**

**Taylor Vance 5/13**

**Janelle Centella 5/14**

**Arthur Jensen 5/19**

**Robert Osborne 5/21**

**Christ'Ann Mckinney 5/22**

**Kobe Kendall 5/30**

**Roberta Rudolph 5/31**

# Shelter Happenings



Pet Expo Pet being adopted...



Joe Nelson walking a dog...



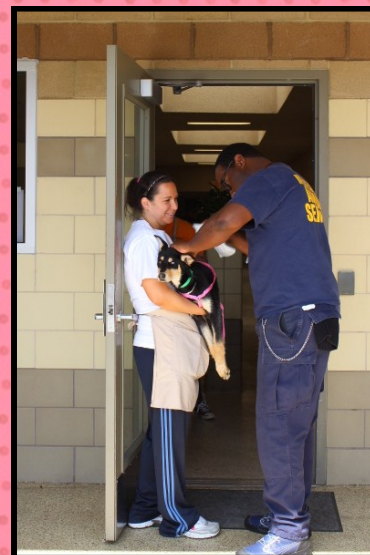
Victoria Pacillas with a pup in receiving...



Cute dog posing for the camera...



Sunday's Pet Expo team!



Kelley Jenkins working with ACT's...



# Shelter Happenings



Joan Doup working the Pet Expo...



Gile Kirk, days before retiring...



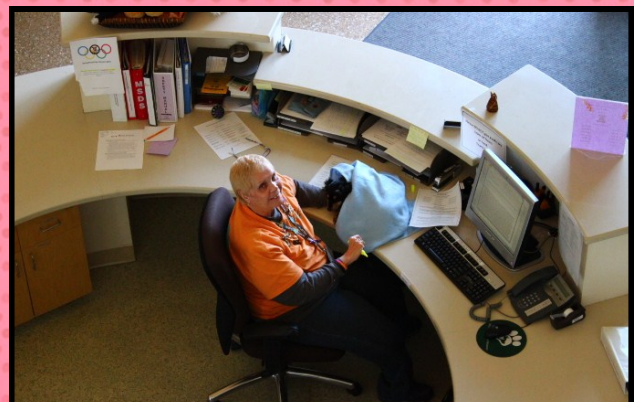
A cat caught on camera...



Talula keeping close watch as Rob Miller picks the winning Disneyland Opportunity Drawing Ticket...



Colby claiming her prize!



Judie Kaczoroski working in the front desk...