



Volunteer
voices



**Welhelmina
Henukh**
*September's 2013
Volunteer of the Month*

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Save the Date

- September 21st: Shot Clinic Day, 10am—1pm
- September 27th: Casino Night, 7pm—10pm
- September 30th: Stay tuned for the ASPCA Rachel Ray 100K Challenge Results!
- October 2nd: Shot Clinic Night, 6pm—8pm
- October 6th: Volunteer and Employee Family Fiesta! 11am—4pm
- October 14th: Shelter Closed for Columbus Day Holiday
- October 19th: Dogtoberfest, details will be given out at a later time

Reminders

SCHEDULING: We'd like to wish all Volunteers who are returning back to school good luck! If your volunteer schedule will be changing, please let us know as soon as possible.

VISITATIONS: Please do not to give out any medical or behavioral advice/promises to potential adopters at any moment during the adoption process. If they have any questions regarding anything medical or behavioral, refer them to a staff member.

KENNEL CONDUCT: Do not sit on the counters in the kennels. If you need a break, there are benches located right outside the kennels, tables in the training center, or the Volunteer Modular.

CELL PHONES: Never use your cell phone in public view, especially if you are holding an animal! If you need to make a call, you may do so in the Volunteer Sign-In Office or Volunteer Modular.

BATHING/BRUSHING CLASS: One of our newest Volunteers, Maria Byron, has been a professional groomer for more than 13 years. She has been conducting bathing/brushing classes on Thursdays for any volunteer wanting to learn how to beautify our shelter dogs! If you're interested in signing up for these, please e-mail Alejandra Unzueta at aunzueta@rcdas.org

Adoptions & Socialization

Special recognition goes out to the following Volunteers:

For assisting with the most cat adoptions: **Samantha Erickson** with 27 cats and **Michelle Briseno** with 10 cats!

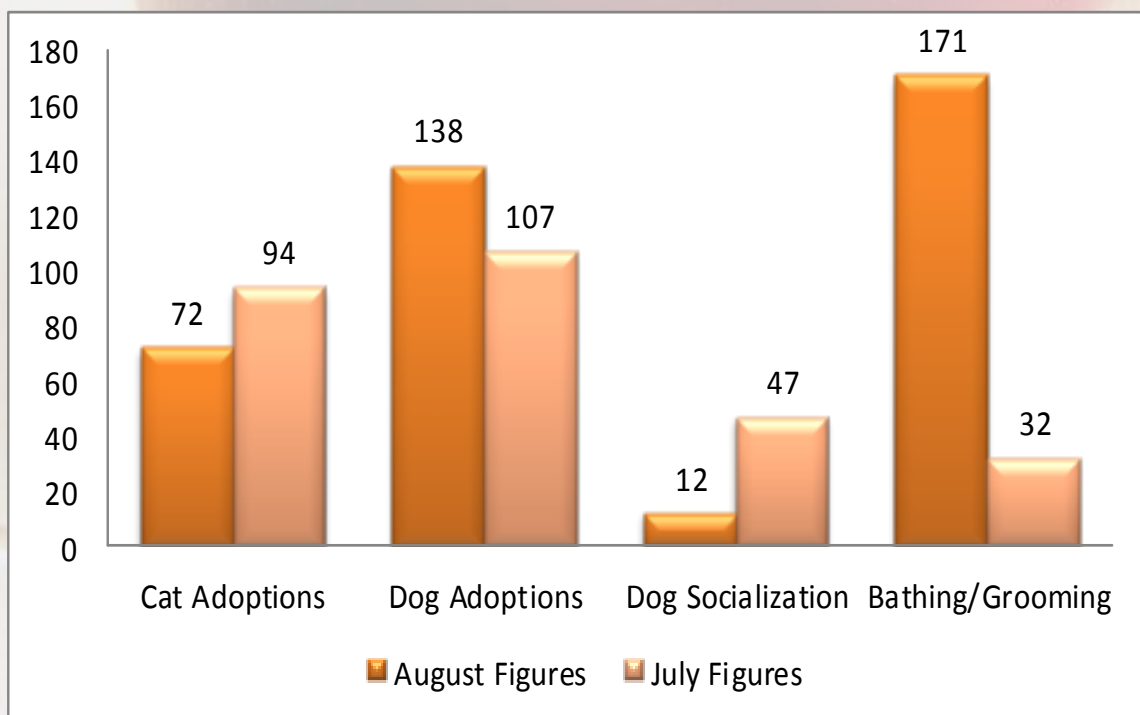
For assisting with the most dog adoptions: **Mackenzie Hays** with 27 adoptions and **Denise Morgan** with 25 adoptions!

For socializing the most dogs: **Frances Ngo** with 8 dogs and **Abi Hwang-Nable** with 2 dogs!

To **Karen Griffith, Joan Doup, Stephanie Pascual, Cindy Gomez, Welhelmina Henukh, Nicole Becker, Maria Byron, Jackie Vega, Thi Nguyen, William Pendleton, Kathleen Chan, Jessica Garcia, Jonathan Chen, Marco Valencia, and Michelle Briseno** who collaboratively helped bathe or groom our animals. They made more than 171 animals look beautiful throughout the month, especially during our sPAW Event weekend!

Valerie Chavez, took 269 new photos of our animals with the assistance of Volunteers to hold them in place!

Here's a chart comparing August's to July's adoption, socialization and bathing/grooming figures. Let's try to improve every month!



Volunteer of the Month

Welhelmina Henukh



In November of 2012, the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter was proud to welcome **Welhelmina Henukh** to the Volunteer Department! **Welhelmina** had been looking for a place to volunteer, and after researching different shelters, we were lucky she came across ours.

One of her most memorable moments thus far would be a day she assisted with an adoption visitation between a man and a husky. Being such a big and energetic dog, this husky had

accidentally slammed Welhelmina to the kennel wall. Through all this chaos, the adopter was still very interested, and Welhelmina tells us it was worth all the work to know this dog was sent home to a nice family!

Here are some facts about Welhelmina Henukh:

- 🐾 While volunteering, she walks dogs and assists with adoptions.
- 🐾 She does not yet have any, but she would love to have a dog and a cat, once she has the stability for them.
- 🐾 She enjoys hiking and climbing mountains.
- 🐾 Her favorite color is purple.
- 🐾 If she should could be any animal, it would be an elephant because she loves them.

Welhelmina expressed that her work here has been quite fun. To our Volunteers, she would like to say, "Have fun here... there are a lot of great animals."



Meet the Employee

Makayla Bonds



Meet **Makayla Bonds**! She recently joined the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter as an Animal Care Technician (ACT). Ever since she was a young child, **Makayla** has loved working with animals. With hard work and dedication, she hopes to one day become a veterinarian.

Prior to working for Riverside County, she held a position at the Moreno Valley campus through the work-study program of Riverside City College. **Makayla** also was a piano instructor and has work in various summer camps.

One of her favorite things about working at the shelter is being able to socialize with the animals and working with adopters to find a forever home for our animals.

To our Volunteers, **Makayla** would like to say, "I love you guys!"

Here are some fun facts about Makayla Bonds:

- 🐾 She has a pit bull named Julez.
- 🐾 She enjoys playing tennis.
- 🐾 She is currently training in karate and is a tutor for those who are white and green belts.
- 🐾 She enjoys reading.
- 🐾 She is a published poet.
- 🐾 Her favorite color is pink.
- 🐾 If she could be any animal, it would be a fox.
- 🐾 She enjoys working alongside Volunteer, Michelle Briseno, and Animal Care Technician, Rudy Godoy.

Volunteer Voices

Mackenzie Hays



Mackenzie Hays joined our Volunteer Department in July of this year. Since then, she has proven to be an extremely helpful Volunteer! Here are some facts about her:

- 🐾 While volunteering, she enjoys socializing our dogs and has recently begun working with our horses as well
- 🐾 She has 2 dogs, Licorice and Tiger Lily, a gecko, Repti, and a snake named Bumlebee
- 🐾 She enjoys playing soccer
- 🐾 Her favorite color is green.
- 🐾 If she could be any animal, she would be a German shepherd.

Mackenzie tells us she enjoys working alongside our Volunteer, Donna Caplan, out with the horses and Animal Care Technician, Bill Rainey.

To our Volunteers, she would like to say, “Keep up the good work!”

Janet Jensen

Joining the Volunteer Department in March of this year, **Janet Jensen** has been a great volunteer with us as well! Here are some fun facts about her:

- 🐾 While volunteering, she enjoys working with the cats and assisting with adoptions.
- 🐾 Currently, she has two cats which she adopted here named Milo and Whiskers.
- 🐾 She enjoys sowing and camping.
- 🐾 Her favorite color is purple.
- 🐾 If she could be any animal, it would be a cat... she just loves their independent nature!

Janet loves animals, specifically cats, because as she puts it, “we’re there for them, and they’re there for us when needed.” To our Volunteers, she would like to say, “Come and enjoy the animals you work with... they just need to they are loved.”



August New Volunteers

Jesse Argueta

Tiffany Carpenter

Kathleen Chan

Samantha English

Angelica Guadron

Maria Islas

Janet Spellman-Marsh

Marco Valencia

Dana Winchell



Little Leslie days before being adopted...

September Birthdays

Lori Stauffacher 9/01

Maria Gonzalez 9/08

Amanda Langdon 9/03

Joan Doup 9/14

Kayla O'Connell 9/16

Caleb Lee 9/17

Kathy Morris 9/18

Laura Soto 9/19

Priscilla Barnes 9/21

Kasumi Tsai 9/23

Monica Vega 9/23

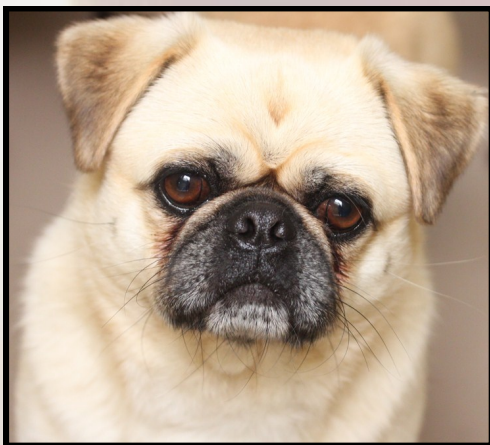
Melissa Hearing 9/25

Julianne Tong 9/26

Yannest Zuniga 9/28

Yosilyn Hernandez 9/29

Thi Nguyen 9/29



Creamie caught in the camera!

Years of Service

We want to give special thanks and recognition to these volunteers for their years of service!

Marci Wagner with 2 years of service!

Sarah Crawford with 3 years of service!

Patricia DeLaCruz with 3 years of service!

Vicki Duncansen with 3 years of service!

Karen LeDuc with 3 years of service!

Eric Stringer with 3 years of service!

Carolyn Badger with 3 years of service!

Ryan Richardson with 4 years of service!



Chompers...



Little Betty...



Canon...



Pet Corner!



People foods pets should never eat!

Avoid giving these foods to your pet because they can be very toxic. For more information, you can find this list and much more on the ASPCA website (links to these articles are provided at the bottom of the page).

1. Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine
2. Alcohol
3. Avocado
4. Macadamia Nuts
5. Grapes and Raisins
6. Yeast Dough
7. Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones
8. Xylitol
9. Onions, Garlic, Chives
10. Milk
11. Salt

If you're interested in giving some human foods as treats to your pets, here are some safe and healthy options to choose from (note: remember to cut these into treat sizes that will be easy for your pet to chew):

1. Green Beans
2. Carrot Sticks
3. Cucumber Slices
4. Zucchini Slices
5. Apple Slices (no seeds!)
6. Cooked Lean Meats
7. Baked Potatoes
8. Bread (fully baked and without raisins!)
9. Unsalted Pretzels
10. Bananas
11. Unsalted Almonds
12. Plain, cooked pasta



<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-nutrition-service>

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/people-foods-avoid-feeding-your-pets>

Shelter Happenings

The next few pages are photos from our Dog Wash Days and SPAW Day Event! Special thanks to our volunteer, Valerie Chavez, and the shelter's Public Information Chief, John Welsh. Thank you all for helping bathe/brush over 123 dogs and assisting with 191 adoptions!



Some of our awesome volunteers assisting with adoptions!
From left to right: Cindy Gomez, Sianna Sanchez, Abi Hwang-Nable, Denise Morgan, Maria Islas, and Noemi Cerda



Kathy Morris, Jessica Garcia and Judie Kaczoroski bathing a Sheltie dog...



Jonathan Chen assisting with the adoption of this pup...



Alejandra Unzueta and a young volunteer bathing a Chihuahua...

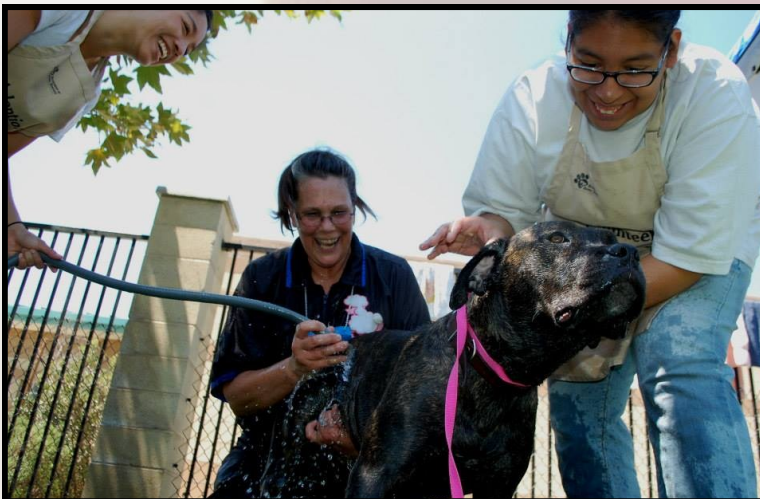
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Vikki Hiroto, Jonathan Chen, and Ruth Craig drying and brushing a dog... a special thanks to Ruth who donated a number of high-end grooming products for our Volunteers to use on our shelter animals!



Joan Doup and Cindy Gomez bathing a young pup...



Kathleen Chan, Maria Byron and Jessica Garcia enjoying the bath they gave this dog... or better yet, the bath this dog ended up giving them!



Vikki Hiroto bathing and comforting this dog...

Shelter Happenings



Harmony Weischedel

assisting with a cat adoption...



A little Chihuahua, all wet,
soapy and smelling good!



Abi Hwang-Nable helping find
this dog a new home



Before...



And after!!!