



**DEPARTMENT OF
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Abi Hwang-Nable

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Volunteer of the Month

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Save the Date

- **October 14th: Shelter Closed for Columbus Day Holiday**
- **October 19th: Shot Clinic Day, 10am—1pm**
- **October 19th: Mega-Match-A-Thon, 11am—5pm**
- **October 26th: San Jacinto's Grand Opening!! 10am—1pm**

Reminders

ADOPTION PROCESS: All animals that are being adopted must go for a vet check, even if they are staying for their spay/neuter surgery.

GROOMING ROOM: Please place all dirty towels inside a plastic bag before dropping it off in the laundry room.

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 and chairs in the training center, or seats in 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.

KENNEL CARDS: We've now added a new kennel card color. All puppies 6 months and under will have a yellow kennel card. Please try to keep puppy handling to a minimum to avoid disease spread.

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK: Make sure to follow for quick updates on notices, events and other shelter happenings! Instagram: @RCDAS_Volunteers; Facebook: RCDAS Volunteers

Adoptions & Socialization

Special recognition goes out to all of the following volunteers:



Michelle Briseno



Denise Morgan



Karen Griffith



Cindy Gomez

For assisting with the most cat adoptions: **Samantha Erickson** with 22 adoptions and **Jesse Argueta** with 7 adoptions!

For assisting with the most dog adoptions: **Denise Morgan** with 12 adoptions and **Welhelmina Henukh** with 11 adoptions!

For socializing the most dogs: **Abi Hwang-Nable** with 4 dogs and **Marco Valencia** with 2 dogs!

To our awesome bathers/groomers: **Joan Doup**, **Karen Griffith**, **Cindy Gomez**, and **Jonathan Chen** for helping make 20 animals look and feel much better!

And to **Valerie Chavez**, who has updated 198 photos of our adoptable animals! (some of which are throughout this newsletter!)



Volunteer of the Month

Abi Hwang-Nable



After encountering a stray dog in the field, **Abi Hwang-Nable** knew she wanted to give back to the animal community. She joined the Volunteer Department through the summer teen program in June of 2013. Since then, she has accumulated more than 177 hours!!

Her most memorable moment would be her second day of volunteering. She was assisting with an adoption of a Chow Chow mix dog. Being her first adoption, **Abi** was a bit confused about the process, but with a bit of help from the Animal Care Technicians, she was able to help it find a forever home. It made her feel good to know she made a difference in the dog's life.

We're sure another great memory would be the day **Abi** found a perfect puppy to adopt. The photo shown below is her German shepherd, named Blossom, which she

adopted from the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.

To our volunteers **Abi** would like to say, "Don't be afraid to ask the Animal Care Technicians any questions. They're there for you. If you make a mistake, learn from it."

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT ABI HWANG-NABLE!

🦇 She plays the violin, viola, cello, clarinet, trumpet, acoustic guitar, French horn, piano, and can sing.

🦇 The craziest thing she has ever eaten was chicken feet.

🦇 She has a phobia of the darkness.

🦇 She loves to play soccer.

🦇 Her role model is Demi Lovato.

🦇 The last book she read was "Hachiko Waits."

🦇 Her favorite candies are Warheads.



Meet the Employee

Eileen Sanders



Meet **Eileen Sanders**, one of our Registered Veterinary Technicians!

Prior to holding this position for the Riverside County Department of Animal Services, **Eileen** was a license inspector, a kennel attendant and a veterinary technician. Having always been around animals, it has been her dream to work with them. She is an important part of Animal Services and has been with the department for more than 21 years!

Eileen's favorite part of her job is to go out into the field and help with cruelty cases which is a vital part to our department's goals. The animals cannot speak for themselves, so our staff becomes their voice. She's able to provide important information to help support the Animal Control Officers' cases, which has helped many animals throughout the county.

At home, **Eileen** loves to scrapbook, read and garden. She has 3 miniature Schnauzers that are all shelter rescues, named Sparkie, Sunnie and Jonsie. She also has a three-legged Chihuahua named Mousie. And if you catch her in her office, you'll find her parrot named Baby Bird!

One of her most memorable moments occurred back at our former facility, most commonly known as Wilderness. Every so often, the adoption staff would divide into teams to have adoption contests. There was one particular time in which **Eileen's** team physically tried to restrain the other team so that her team could help the more constituents with the adoptions. It was a lot of fun and good times.

To our volunteers, **Eileen** would like to pass on the following, "What you do and say matters. It can affect someone in a way you would never imagine."



Eileen and Dr. Friedlander examining a kitten...

Volunteer Voices

Sam Nusbaum

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT SAM NUSBAUM!

- 🦇 He loves to take our shelter dogs out on walks.
- 🦇 His favorite movie is “The Road.”
- 🦇 If he were stranded on an island, he would take these three things: a friend, his friend’s instruments and his own drum set.
- 🦇 If he could be an animal, he would be a wolf because they seem to be adventurous.
- 🦇 If he could be any cartoon character, it would be Bugs Bunny.
- 🦇 His role model is Noam Chomsky, a professor at MIT.
- 🦇 His message to Volunteers: “Have fun and keep yourself busy helping out the dogs!!!”



Janet Spellman-Marsh

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT JANET SPELLMAN-MARSH

- 🦇 She’s currently a business major at California State University Fullerton.
- 🦇 She loves assisting with adoptions to find our animals forever homes.
- 🦇 One of her favorite drinks is chocolate milk.
- 🦇 If she could have a superpower, it would be to fix any problem instantly.
- 🦇 Her favorite candies are sour gummies.
- 🦇 Her favorite colors are blue and yellow.
- 🦇 Her message to volunteers: “Don’t be nervous, you’ll get the hang of it!”



September New Volunteers

Help us make our new volunteers feel welcomed!

Sarah Borgelt

Yara Camarena

Clay Coker

Edith Fernandez

Zulema Fleck

Monique Garcia

Priscilla Marquez

Janis McNulty

Frank Mortelliti

Ashley Rojas

Nicole Whitman

Maya Wiltz

October Birthdays

Let's wish these volunteers a well-deserved special day!

Tonna Barrie

Alyssa Brauning

Shelby Bundy

Valerie Chavez

Jordan Davis

Brendon Dembinski

Stacey Dombek

Perla Espino

Amanda McKitterick

Jacqueline Mendoza

Thy Nguyen

Victoria Pacillas

Jose Ramirez

Ryan Richardson

Veronica Roth

Marci Wagner



Victoria Pacillas



Jose Ramirez



Shelby Bundy



Valerie Chavez

Years of Service

Special thanks to the following volunteers who have dedicated years of services:

Priscilla Barnes with 2 years of service!

Christ'Ann McKinney with 3 years of service!

Amanda McKitterick with 3 years of service!

Brittany Anderson with 4 years of service!

Makayla Zayas with 4 years of service!



Little Taylor relaxing in his kennel...



Mr. Bob gazing at us with his insightful look...



We love this kitten's colored eyes!

Pet Corner!

With Halloween coming up soon, make sure to give your animals pet-friendly treats! Here are some recipes taken from the ASPCA website:



For your feline friends, the “Halloween Cat Cookie”:

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup warm water
- 5 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons soft margarine
- 1 tablespoon cod liver oil
- 1 cup white flour
- 1/4 cup soy flour

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Combine water, cheese, margarine, and oil
3. Add flour and form dough.
4. Roll to 1/4 inch thick and cut with small holiday cookie cutters.
5. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden.



For your canine friends, the “Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Pooch Treats”:

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 Cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup fresh or canned pumpkin (not seasoned pie filling)
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup water as needed

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Whisk together flour, baking powder, pumpkin, peanut butter and cinnamon in a bowl.
3. Add water as needed, but the dough should be stiff and dry.
4. Roll to 1/2 inch thick and cut with holiday cookie cutters.
5. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until hard.

Shelter Happenings

We want to give a special thanks to these students from La Sierra University!! They volunteered to clean up our campus and help maintain our Butterfly Garden!

