



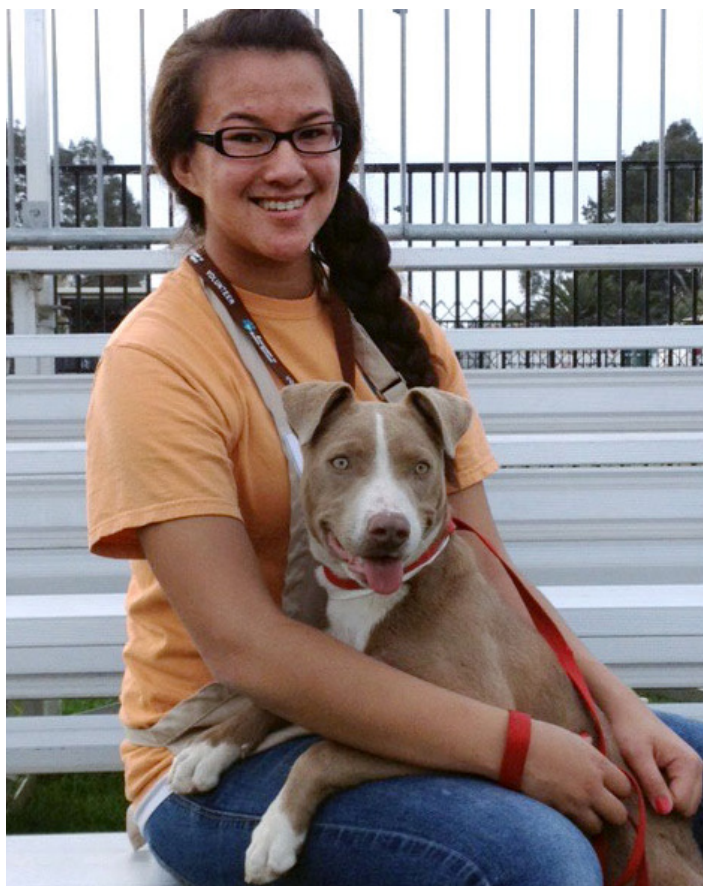
Volunteer

Voices

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Maureen Guthormsen
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 Volunteer of the Month

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Save the Date!

March 15th: Shot Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

March 17th: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 20th: Volunteer Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*****April 23rd:** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reminders!

KIOSK: We are really in need of volunteers to help at the front desk. If you're able to volunteer, even for a couple hours, please e-mail Shea at srossite@rcdas.org. We will hold a monthly prize drawing for the kiosk volunteers. Anyone who signs up for and completes an entire shift will be entered into the drawing. Each shift worked is a separate entry. **Congratulations to Larry Rudolph, winner of February's kiosk drawing!**

DOG BATHING AND BRUSHING: If you would like to help in the grooming room on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, please contact Shea by email srossite@rcdas.org. *Space is limited.*

SOCIALIZATION NOTEBOOKS: Make sure to sign in any animals you've socialized with during the day in our logbooks. We want to make sure we give credit to volunteers for your hard work!

PUPPIES: We are taking extra safety precautions to keep our puppies healthy. Volunteers should no longer be opening any kennels with puppies inside them.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Interested in helping raise funds for special volunteer events, such as our summer picnic and annual appreciation dinner? Then join the fundraising committee! We need lots of help and ideas! E-mail Shea for more information at srossite@rcdas.org

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: Make sure to follow the volunteer pages!

Facebook: RCDAS Volunteers ; **Instagram:** @RCDAS_Volunteers

Maureen Guthormsen

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

By Shea Rossiter



Maureen began volunteering at the Western Riverside County Animal Shelter a little more than 2 years ago. She heard about the volunteer program through a friend and because of her love for animals, she wanted to get involved.

She has completed more than 260 hours of volunteer service assisting with special events and pet adoptions. She enjoys her work in these areas because she recognizes the positive impact that she has in the lives of the animals and their new owners and finds it to be heartwarming.

Maureen adopted her dog, Chi-chi, from the shelter more than 3 years ago. She enjoys sharing tips about pet ownership and responsibility that she has learned from volunteering at the shelter. Maureen belongs to several clubs at school, and she also plays the alto saxophone in the marching band, concert band and jazz band!

Maureen would like to share this message with our volunteers: **"Persevere. It impacts your life. It teaches you to appreciate hard work and responsibility."**



Random Facts:

Her favorite song is the "Jurassic Park" theme song, because she enjoys the different musical aspects.

Her favorite movies are the "Harry Potter" series.

The craziest thing that she has ever eaten was escargot and she thought it was slimy and gross.

If she could have a superpower, it would be invisibility.

If she could be an animal, she would want to be a hyena, because they laugh a lot, but are fierce and protective.

Her favorite season is summer.

Her favorite candy is Twizzlers.

MEET THE EMPLOYEE

By Shea Rossiter



Rudy Gonzalez

Rudy began his career with the Animal Services department in 1995. He saw a job posting for a Kennel Attendant and picked up an application for his son who had just graduated high school, but eventually decided that he wanted to apply for the job himself.

During his time at the shelter, Rudy has also worked as an Animal Control Officer and a Field Officer. He currently serves as the Animal Care Technician Supervisor. His favorite part of working at the shelter is seeing the dogs respond when he talks to them. He feels that he is able to make a special connection with dogs. When his friends and family ask him what kind of day he had at work, he likes to joke that it was "ruff!" Over the years, he has adopted a total of 6 dogs from the shelter.

At this time, he has four dogs; two basset hounds, one beagle, and one wired-hair terrier named Timmy who accompanies Rudy to work each day. Rudy feels that there is a large homeless pet population because many people think of them as just animals and not pets, but he thinks that they should be treated as part of the family.

Rudy would like to share this message with volunteers, **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."**



Random Facts

Rudy has visited several foreign countries. His favorite place he visited was Paris, because he enjoyed the art galleries and museums.

His favorite song is "California Dreamin'" by the Mamas & the Papas because it reminded him of his wife when they were dating and having a long-distance relationship with her when she was in California, and he lived in Chicago.

His favorite movie is "Cool Hand Luke" with Paul Newman.

If he could trade places with anyone for a week, it would be Michelangelo, because he admires his sculptures and would like to see what he could do with the same talent.

His favorite food is hamburger meat and potatoes the way his mom made it.

His favorite season is winter.

If he could be any animal, he would want to be an eagle or hawk, so that he could see the world.

Volunteer Voices



Maya Wiltz

RANDOM FACTS:

She volunteers at the shelter since it is close to home and she loves animals.

Her hobby is playing basketball.

The most adventurous thing she has done is join the Army National Guard.

Her favorite song is "You Will" by Andy Mineo, because it is very encouraging.

Her favorite food is chocolate chip cookies.

If she was stranded on an island she would bring: lots of food, endless music, and some animals.

The craziest thing she has ever eaten was a live grasshopper.

She has a pet Chihuahua named Gunny, who is really lazy and likes to sleep more than her.

Her message to volunteers: "The animals appreciate you!"

Brieauna Foraker

RANDOM FACTS:

Her favorite part of volunteering is working with the dogs, because dogs are awesome.

She has played the flute for about 4 years.

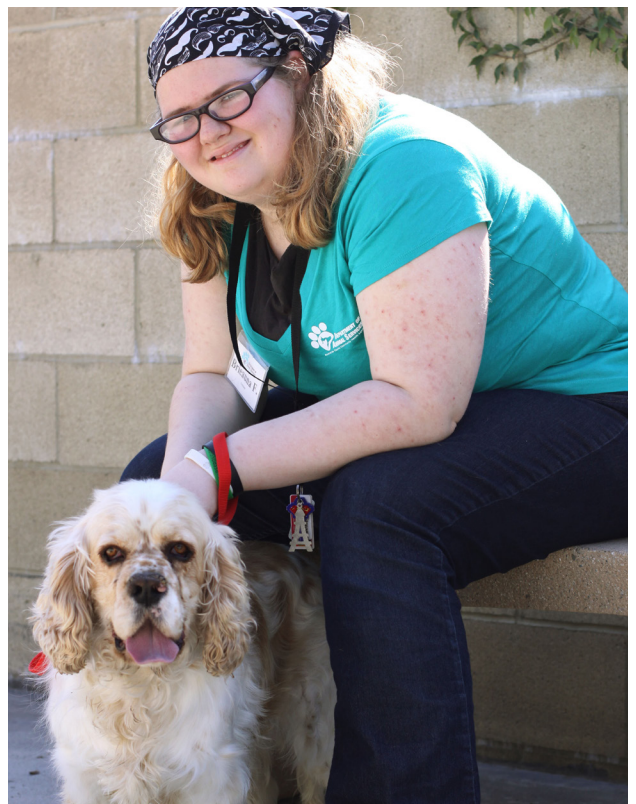
The craziest thing she has ever eaten was alligator nuggets.

If she could trade places with anyone it would be Lily Collins, because she hangs around with Jamie Campbell Bower.

Her favorite season is summer.

If she was stranded on an island she would bring; her friend Clayton, her dog Jethro, and the book, "Capt. Hook".

Her message to volunteers: "Keep getting animals adopted!"



Adoptions & Socialization

Special recognition goes out to the following Volunteers:

Karen Griffith, Joan Doup, and Patricia Drayton worked together to groom **7** of our shelter dogs in February. Most dogs walked - **Larry Rudolph** walked **24** dogs and **Breonna Monterrosa** walked **21** dogs. Through a combined volunteer effort, we socialized and adopted more than **116** dogs in February! That's awesome! **Valerie Chavez** and **Mercedes Lebron** took **44** new pictures of cats and dogs in February!

Please, also remember to use the cat socialization and adoption log when you have assisted in showing or adopting a cat. We want to recognize these efforts as well.



Years of Service

A very big thank you to the following volunteers for their years of service!

Marcos Luevanos with 2 years of service!

Lori Stauffacher with 2 years of service!

Kasumi Tsai with 2 years of service!

Signe Petrarca with 3 years of service!

February New Volunteers

Please, join us in welcoming these volunteers!

Felipe Alvarez
Kinsey Barry
Alex Battiest
Andres Bautista
Sarai Gomez

Samantha Higa
Ashley Konakis
April Pantell
Jasmin Portillo

March Birthdays

Let's wish the following volunteers a very special day!

Joanna Fuerte 3/1
Rachel Hale 3/6
Kara billinger 3/7
Madison Vicario 3/7
Zulema Fleck 3/8
Perry Sanchez 3/9
April Pantell 3/11
Emily Cota 3/11
Lauren Dattilo 3/11
Adam Rivera 3/14
Lynn Anderson 3/19
Jeffrey Writer 3/21
Kelly Stark 3/21
Lisabeth Santana 3/21

Jasmin Portillo 3/22
Skyla Salisbury 3/23
Noemi Cerda 3/25
Bayley Lawrence 3/26
Sarai Gomez 3/26
Jan Hart 3/27
Carolyn Badger 3/27
Chela Owens 3/28
Ariel Sepulveda 3/28
Alexandra Callahan 3/29
Mathew Haddad 3/30
Cynthia Barrios 3/30
William Jauregui 3/31
Melissa Gutzwiller 3/31



Pet Corner!

Feeding Older Cats

Cats begin to show visible age-related changes at about seven to twelve years of age. There are metabolic, immunologic and body composition changes, too. Some of these are unavoidable. Others can be managed with diet.

1. Start your cat on a senior diet at about seven years of age.

2. The main objectives in the feeding an older cat should be to maintain health and optimum body weight, slow or prevent the development of chronic disease, and minimize or improve clinical signs of diseases that may already be present.

3. As a cat ages, health issues may arise, including:

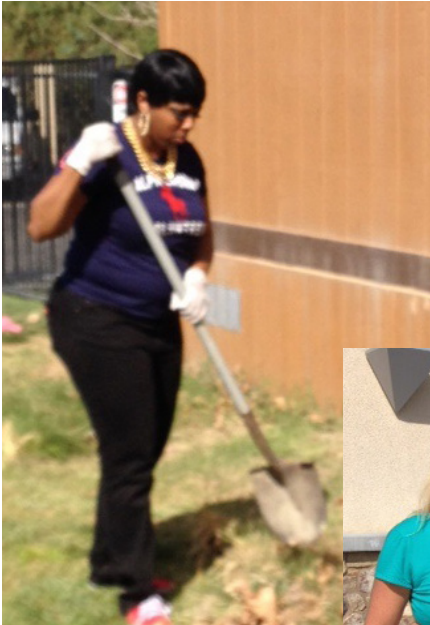
- deterioration of skin and coat
- loss of muscle mass
- more frequent intestinal problems
- arthritis
- obesity
- dental problems
- decreased ability to fight off infection

4. Routine care for geriatric pets should involve a consistent daily routine and periodic veterinary examinations to assess the presence or progress of chronic disease. Stressful situations and abrupt changes in daily routines should be avoided. If a drastic change must be made to an older pet's routine, try to minimize stress and to realize the change in a gradual manner.

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/cat-care/feeding-older-cats>



Shelter Happenings



Ralph Lauren employees cleaning up weeds in the agility yard getting it ready for our Spring Break Doggie Olympics.



Shelter volunteers – Trish, Larry, Andres, and Alan.



Ralph Lauren employees were here to volunteer for a day.



Call for Artists

Art for the Animals

Fundraiser to benefit
Riverside County homeless pets.

Art for the Animals

Art for the Animals is a fundraiser to benefit shelter animals in Riverside County. Every year, thousands of animals come into Riverside County/City shelters in need of special care.

Artists of all ages are invited to donate original two and three dimensional artwork. Selected pieces are auctioned off at our live auction event or on the Department of Animal Services webpage to raise funds for homeless pets.

100% of the contributions are used to provide special care and enrichment for Riverside County shelter animals.

Event Dates

- Artwork submission: February 1st through April 3rd at 6:00pm**
- Live Art Auction at the Riverside Art Museum (RAM): April 27th
Details to be announced on our website**
- Online art auction: April 28th through May 11th**

Children's Artwork

Every year, children's artwork is judged and children are presented awards in a special ceremony at the Western Riverside Animal Shelter. If your child is selected as a winner you will be notified.

For more information and to submit artwork please see the guidelines on our website at:

www.rcdas.org