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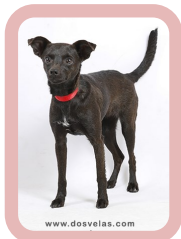
Volunteer of the Month



Kelly Vela

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Save the Date

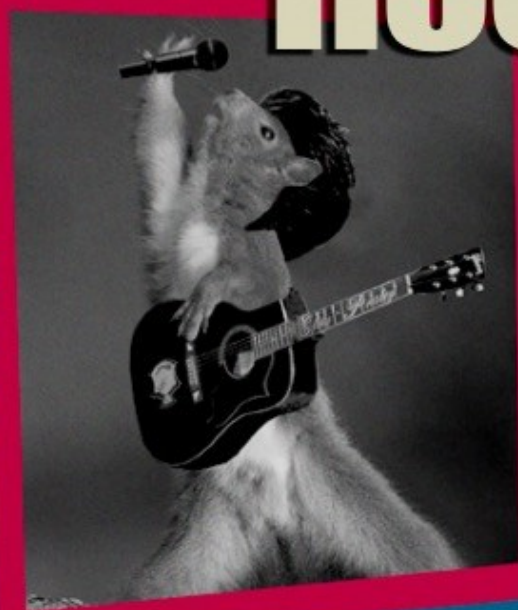
Link to Register for Volunteer Picnic October 25th, 2015

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tAtOur50sRockABillyThemeParty](https://www.cognitoforms.com/RCDAS1/AnnualVolunteerEmployeePicnicGetReadyToBlastToThePastAtOur50sRockABillyThemeParty)

Get ready to blast to the past at our



Rock-A-Billy



**Volunteer and Employee
Picnic!**

Sunday, October 25th

11am - 4pm

Lots of CASH Prizes-Grub, & FUN!!!

Perform your heart out in our TALENT SHOW and
enter the Rock-A-Billy Dress Contest!!!

Opportunity Drawings!

Top Gift is \$500!

* **RSVP** - click the link in your email to register by October 8th.

*Note: Employees attendance to this event is on your own time unless it is
your scheduled work day.

NO alcoholic beverages are permitted!

Volunteer of the Month

By: Desiree Horsch

Kelly Vela

Kelly decided to volunteer at the animal shelter when she saw the intake photos of the animals at the shelter. As a professional photographer she wanted to give the animals a better chance of being adopted by taking great photos for potential adopters to see. Kelly has been volunteering at the shelter for 3 years. She comes in every Friday to take pictures. Her job entails photographing the animals, going home and processing the photos through Photoshop, removing leashes and backgrounds as well as making sure that the animal is in the best light possible.



Kelly would have to say the most memorable moment of volunteering is the satisfaction of receiving the adoption reports reflecting a decrease in the euthanasia rate. Kelly has five cats named Charlie, Lily, Madame Trixabelle, Grumpy, and Momma Kitty. She also has a Jack Russel/Pit Bull mix named P.D. which they adopted after fostering him. Kelly has many interests and hobbies, some of which include gardening, photography, Photoshop and going out with her husband to take landscape wildlife photography. Kelly's hard work and dedication has inspired other volunteers to come in to photograph animals as well. In the three years that Kelly has been here she has met many wonderful staff members which include Elvira, Candace,

Rudy, John Welsh, Kellsey, and Amy. She says, "they are all wonderful and dedicated to working with the animals, they are all true professionals."

Kelly's message to the volunteers is:

"Volunteering is the best non-paying job I've ever had. I hope the volunteers can see how much they are appreciated and how much they mean to the animals."

Fun Facts

• **Favorite Song:** Heartbeat by Enrique Iglesias

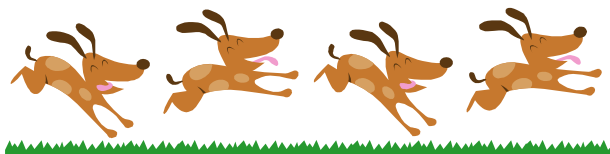
• **Favorite Color:** White

• **Favorite Car:** Porsche Targa

• **Craziest thing you've ever eaten?** Camel

• **What's the most interesting trip you've ever taken?** Africa

• **Favorite Season:** Fall





Your Fellow Volunteers



Paulina Blanco

By Desiree Horsh

Paulina has been volunteering for the shelter since November of 2014. She loves the animals and enjoys interacting with them when she comes in during her free time. Paulina helps with adoptions, shot clinic, and socialization with the cats and dogs. Her favorite task as a volunteer is to be able to spend a lot of time with the animals. One of her most memorable moments is seeing so many people come in to the Shot Clinic to vaccinate their pets.

Paulina is a proud owner of a Siberian Husky named Kiwi. Some of her favorite hobbies are hiking and riding her bike during her free time.

The message Paulina would like to send to the volunteers is, "Always be polite to the customers because they might help take the dog home."

FUN FACTS

1. The last movie Paulina saw was *Paper Town's*.
2. The craziest thing she has ever eaten are frog legs.
3. Her phobia is cockroaches.
4. Paulina's favorite color is green.
5. Spring is her favorite season.



Kaitlyn Rush

By Betsy Lawrence

Kaitlyn Rush is a valuable volunteer. She has been volunteering for one year and four months. She works closely with her stepmom, Sandra, who works in the WondPurrland building caring for cats. Kaitlyn loves cats, her volunteer duties include cleaning the cat cages, dishwashing, and most important, she loves socializing with the kittens. After 11 am she focuses on the customers who are interested in adopting cats and is happy to help with the process. She enjoys seeing kitties go to their new home.

She owns two cats named Casper and Nina as well as a lovely dog named Buddy. She enjoys coming to the Shelter and spending time with the animals during her free time.

Her message to the volunteers is to, "keep up the good work."

FUN FACTS

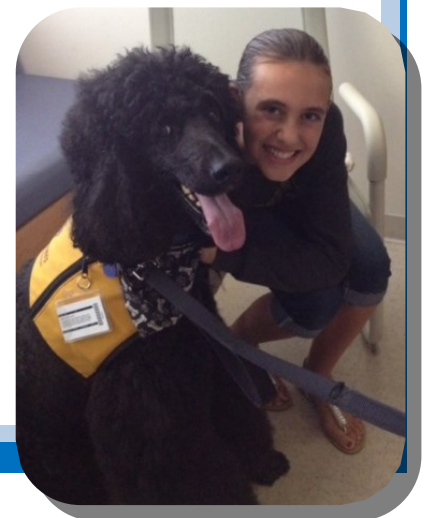
Favorite Song: "Happy" by Pharrel

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Movie: *The Notebook*

Favorite Food: Enchiladas

Favorite Color: Purple



Meet Staff



Andrea Franco

Andrea has been with the Department of Animal Services for 7 months. Her love for animals is what has brought her here to work. Andrea has enjoyed working with animals as an Animal Care Technician. One of her favorite parts of her job is working with dogs that come in scared. Andrea notices the difference as she works with them. The dogs eventually come around and do better. She says she loves how the dogs become sweet, friendly, adoptable dogs and she feels, she, has made a change in the shelter.

Some of Andrea's hobbies are going to see live bands, reading, hiking, taking her dog to the dog park, thrifting, record shopping, and playing video games. She stays busy on her off days

from working at the shelter with her hobbies as well as with her pet dog named Pup.

One of the most memorable moments Andrea has shared is seeing how owners find their dogs after a very long time because of the microchip that was inserted in their pets. She sees how grateful and overwhelmed with happiness they are being reunited with their long lost pet. This is definitely one of the reasons why she loves working for the shelter.

Andrea's message to the volunteers: "I've never worked with a group of people, both employees and volunteers, who were more dedicated to a cause. It's very inspiring. Keep up the great work!"

FUN FACTS

• **Favorite Song:** "Hey" - Pixies, "Tired of Being Alone" - Al Green

• **Favorite Color:** Green

• **Favorite Movie:** Star Wars

• **Craziest thing you've ever eaten?** Crickets

• **What's the most interesting trip you've ever taken?** To New Orleans and stayed there for a month

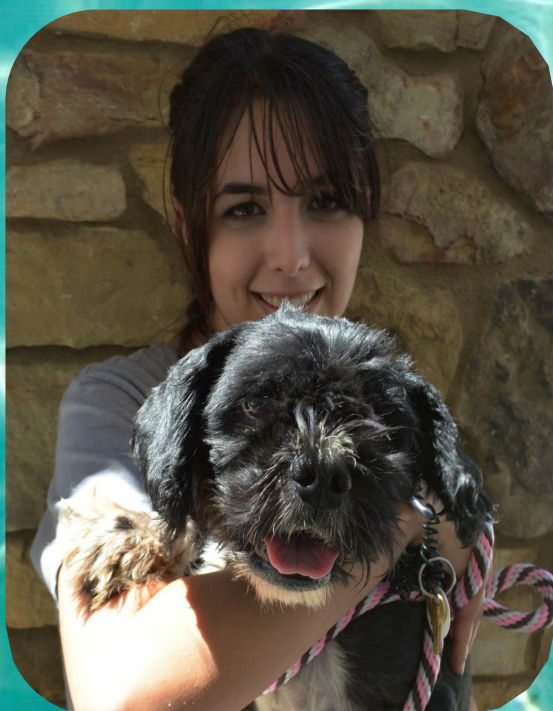
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New Volunteers



Megan Dawkins	Caroline Monterrojas	Sal Ramos
McKenna Dionne	Roxana Monterrosa	Grant Rehfeld
Ana Felix	Becca Nelson	Jennifer Silveira
Melissa Havens	Melissa Nelson	Adetola Soyemi
Nereida Hurtado	Jennifer Okano	Rose Tavera
Tiffany Keller	Ashley Perez	Jasmine Tellez
Gabrielle McCabe	Aaliyah Picon	Mariana Villagomez
Bree-Ann McDaniel	Marissa Prendez	Joshua Wroblos
Felisha Mejia	Alex Ramos	

Be Sure to seek out and Welcome our New Volunteers!!



Birthdays

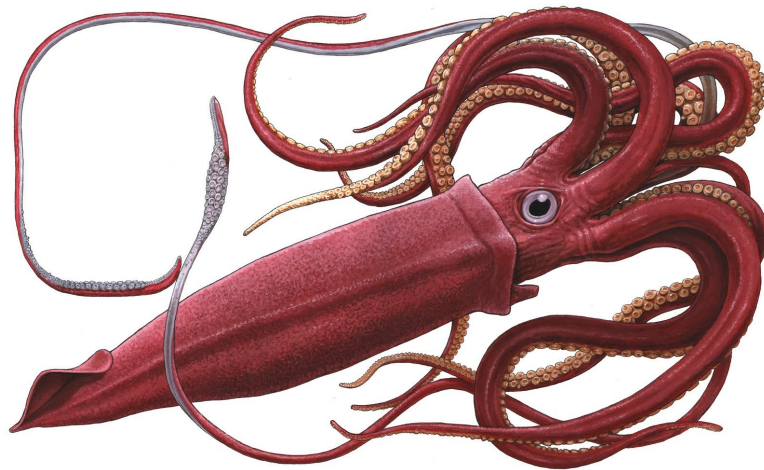


Jessica Sandoval	8/1	Michelle Espino	8/13	Barbara Djordjevic	8/25
Stacie Jarvis	8/1	Vianey Gonzalez	8/14	Haylee Gymer	8/25
Christie Guzman	8/2	Deborah Nghiem	8/16	Heather Kanet	8/25
Jamie Plichta	8/2	Janae Colon	8/16	Maria Byron	8/25
Kathleen Rumin	8/2	Jesus Bojorquez	8/16	Virma Cardenas	8/25
Teresa James	8/2	Nathan Lugo	8/16	Alan Charlton	8/26
Victoria Robles	8/2	Stephanie Hernandez	8/16	Brianna Hinojosa	8/26
Aldair Jimenez	8/3	Dennis Bloch	8/18	Lexi Ficarella	8/26
Camille Hawkins	8/3	Patricia Drayton	8/18	Tyrese Moore	8/26
Marcie Graefe	8/5	Pauline Purcell	8/18	Betty Lawrence	8/27
Rose Tavera	8/5	Breanna Saucedo	8/19	Raquel Perez	8/27
Jodie Nalivansky	8/6	Jackie Sorcic	8/20	Delores Van Leeuwen	8/28
Sam Nusbaum	8/6	Joshua Wroblos	8/20	Janet Litton	8/28
Lorraine Rodriguez	8/7	Frankie Valenzuela	8/21	Jennifer Ruiz	8/28
Artesia Harris	8/8	Isadora Silva	8/21	Hannah Myatt	8/29
Gabriela Lomeli	8/8	Kelley Jenkins	8/21	Jennifer Escobar	8/29
Tracey Townsend	8/8	Janae Mayorga	8/22	Madison Newton	8/29
Irais Gallegos Garcia	8/9	Alexandra Gonzalez	8/23	Theresa Ramirez	8/29
Mathew Cortez-Lopez	8/9	Rachelle Litsheim	8/23	Dejane Prevost	8/30
Alexis Rodriguez	8/10	Alexandria Gonzales	8/24	Alexandria Julian	8/31
Kathleen Chan	8/10	Caren Taylor	8/24	Jessica Vandusen	8/31
Paola Parobok	8/10	Darrell Wampler	8/24	Larry Rudolph	8/31
Jackie Abrams	8/11	Logan Hamilton	8/24	Mariel Morales	8/31
Brittany Cornell TMI	8/13	Alexia Rangel	8/25	Patricia Ratliff	8/31

Animal Trivia

Did You Know?

1. The giant squid is an animal that lives underwater and it is known to have the largest eyes that measures 16 inches in diameter!



“Quote”

“Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.”

- Gillian Anderson

Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?

We want to hear it!!

Contact your Volunteer Service Coordinator in person or via email

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