



## Volunteer of the Month **Mary Anderson**



Our Volunteer of the Month Mary Anderson has been volunteering with Riverside Animal Services since May 2009.

She is easily recognizable because she always has a smile on her face. When she began volunteering it was her desire to give back to her community by helping both people and animals. always a smile around the shelter. Mary is an animal lover so it made sense to give of her time to the shelter animals that are so in need of attention and love.

Since May of this year, She has logged over 234 hours as a volunteer docent in

the clerical area. Not only does she train new volunteers, but she is always on the lookout for ways to improve our volunteer program. The number one thing that Mary can be found doing is working on the volunteer tracking program "Volgistics".

Mary Anderson has proven to be an exceptional volunteer because of her commitment and devotion to her task as a volunteer. Mary has proven to be an exceptional volunteer. She is a problem solver, compassionate, and welcoming.

We are very lucky to have her as a shelter volunteer, and so are the animals. Mary

recently adopted her 3rd shelter dog can you guess what she named her?



## Volunteer November 2010 Birthdays

William Pendleton 11/1	Alex Medalen 11/6	Alejandro (Alex) Leal-Torres 11/16	Marlena Perez 11/26
Ryan Oliver 11/1	Hannah Horta 11/7	Natasha Fowler 11/17	Peggy Sanchez 11/26
Ondrea Rodriguez 11/2	Courtney Veenstra 11/8	Alexandra Alvarez 11/20	Mark Ramos 11/27
Sierra Buchanan 11/3	Alejandro Tapia 11/8	Angie Reynolds 11/20	Debra Bruno 11/28
John Hernandez 11/3	Emma Perez-Singh 11/9	Brian Ridgley 11/27	Amara Channer 11/28
Victoria Rodriguez 11/4	Jacqueline Solorio 11/11	Christina Finney 11/21	Margaret VanHove 11/28
Andrea Chavez 11/4	Tawny Wilson 11/11	Ruben Jimenez 11/22	Maria Barragan 11/29
Karina Mariscal 11/4	Larissa Davis 11/12	Alyssa Garcia 11/23	Diane Tait 11/30
Madeline Phillips 11/4	Sureydi Donde 11/13	Emilio Felix 11/23	Patricia DeLaCruz 11/30
Jasmine Hoof 11/4	Linda Hubbard 11/13	Elsa Plascencia 11/23	Ellen Snyder 11/30
Judith Beltran 11/5	Cindi Perez 11/15	Kendall McCardle 11/24	
Manuel Molina 11/6	Jessica Roame 11/16	Kara Potts 11/24	
Luis Pineda 11/6	Linda Morrow 11/16	Olivia Spencer 11/25	





# Thanksgiving for your Dogs Pets



## Basic Beef or Crunchy Chicken Biscuits

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 2 cup hot water
- 4 cups all purpose or whole wheat flour
- 2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2cup wheat germ
- 4 teaspoon chicken or beef bouillon powder
- 1 teaspoon yeast extract

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. In a small bowl, mix the eggs, oil and water. Set aside. In a large bowl, mix dry ingredients. When mixed well, add small bowl of contents and stir well.

On a well-floured surface, take the dough and roll it out. Use holiday cookie cutters to cut shaped biscuits, placing them on ungreased cooking sheets. Bake on center rack until hard and dry,

about 2 hours. Allow to cool and dry overnight. Makes plenty for your neighbors' dogs, too.



Everyone knows that holidays are to be spent with family, the most important people in our lives. For many of us our pets are part of our family. We feel bad because we cant share this day with them. With this recipe you can now share a feast in a safe way with your animals and as an added bonus you don't have to worry about those sad eyes begging you to be part of the day.

## Volunteer Docents

**Jancel** is one of our grooming docents. She quickly moved up to docent level by spending a few days here with us at the shelter brushing and bathing the shelter pets. Before this Jancel had previously owned her own grooming business and has brought her skills to the shelter to boost adoptions. She works hard turning matted dogs into magnificent adoptable pets. So many dogs have been adopted because of her awesome grooming skills. The volunteers department and the animals thank you for your service.

**Arturo (Art)** works so hard to keep the volunteers on track and flowing. If you cant locate Candace or Nicole, you know Art will have the answer. He has worked on every event at Animal Services, from making invitations, flyers, gathering volunteers and handing out job duties, he was a great MC at our recent Fashion Show. Art is on top of it!



Jancel

(Grooming Docent)



Arturo

(Clerical Docent)

**If you are interested in applying to be a docent and you think you have what it takes please contact the volunteer department for an interview.**

## Fun Fact About Thanksgiving

**Turducken**, a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken, is becoming more popular in Thanksgiving (originated in Louisiana). A turducken is a de-boned turkey stuffed with a de-boned duck, which itself is stuffed with a small de-boned chicken. The cavity of the chicken and the rest of the gaps are filled with, at the very least, a highly seasoned breadcrumb mixture (although some versions have a different stuffing for each bird).



# Volunteers Help Raise Money by walking the Runway

With the help of the volunteers, the Riverside County Shelter pets hit the runway to show off their new dos . The volunteers help to setup, walk the dogs down the dog walk , and clean up after the big event.

It was like a full Broadway production in honor of the homeless pets here at the Shelter.

“This was the first ever fashion show at the Western Riverside/City Animal Shelter.

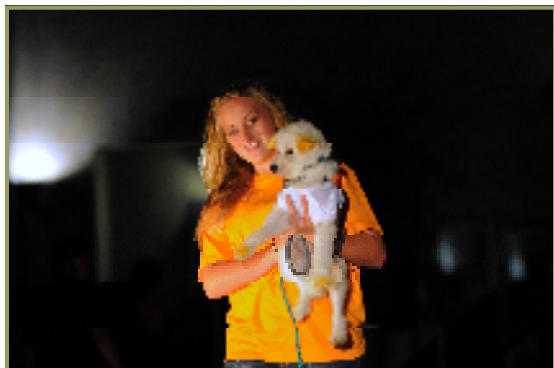
On October 8<sup>th</sup> the show, “Catching the Future,” featured choreographed dance routines, live music and fashion. Some proceeds also benefited an at-risk youth program that fosters homeless pets.

Riverside-based Death Row Dogz Charities Inc. was the lead nonprofit organization producing and organizing the event “Catching the Future.” Foundation President Jennifer Dabney and volunteer is also the organizer behind the annual DOG-toberfest K9 Costume Contest/adoption event in October at the Skip Fordyce Harley-Davidson dealership in Riverside.

“Getting young people to help us spread the message about homeless animals is so critical,” Jennifer Dabney said. “They’ll be the ones to promote to their peers and parents how critical it is to be responsible pet owners, help injured animals, and the importance of adopting from a local shelter.”

Two specific projects are expected to benefit from this charitable event. The first one is a butterfly garden at the shelter, the second project is the planting of a children’s vegetable garden. The children will plant and nurture vegetables that will provide food for the homeless animals that reside in the barn at the shelter”.

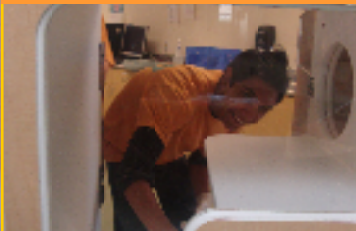
To read the whole story and more pictures on this event visit our website at [www.rcdas.org](http://www.rcdas.org)



## Caught In Action



Volunteers



Cleaning



Dog Visitations



Office Work



Grooming



Office Projects

# The Volunteer Voice

## Fun Animal Facts

### *Here are a few fun facts*

- Turkeys were one of the first animals in the Americas to be domesticated
- Dogs, like fingerprints, are used to identify humans!
- Spotted skunks do handstands before they spray.
- A mule won't sink in quicksand, but a donkey will.
- Animal breeders in Russia once claimed to have bred sheep with blue wool.
- A pig in Japan says "moo-moo".
- India has about 50 million monkeys.
- On average, dogs have better eyesight than humans, although not as colorful.

## Classified Ads

### Riverside Events

#### **November 11th**

The Shelter will be closed for Veterans Day

#### **November 13th**

Spay Day USA

#### **November 13th**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**( Don't forget to RSVP)**

#### **November 24th and 25th**

The Shelter will be closed for Thanksgiving

### Important Reminders

At this time the volunteer program will not be accepting volunteers under 18, but please visit our web-site to see when we will be starting up again.

Please remember when you are at the Information Desk it essential that it be manned at all times. If a customer is in need of assistance please have them sign in with the Animal Care Tech and wait in the lobby for an employee.

We need you! The department relies so heavily on you as a volunteer to get the homeless animals adopted, fed, spayed, neutered, and loved. Without you the department would truly suffer. So please come down volunteer and put in the hours to give back to the community and the animals.

**To sign up for any of the up coming classes/events, email, or visit the Volunteer Office.**

*This Thanksgiving Animal Services is thankful for you the volunteer !*

## Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers

Abdi, Ibrahim  
 Aguilar, Rita  
 Bachellor, Jenny  
 Cervantes, Sandra  
 Contreras, Cynthia  
 Cornejo, Albert  
 Cornejo, Albert  
 Devis, Julie  
 Donde, Sureydi  
 Drake, Maggie  
 Drobnack, Sarah  
 Duque, Jahir  
 Fimbres, Nicolas  
 Fountain, Connie  
 Harmon, Lupita  
 Hensley, Rox Anne  
 James, Carolyn  
 Jimenez, Ruben  
 Kahn, Rebecca  
 Kiggins, Ann  
 Kramer, Lynn  
 Lavie, Miguel  
 Lopez, Priscilla  
 Maldonado, Jancel  
 Mammano, Brittany

Marquecho, Gabriel  
 McKitterick, Amanda  
 Mendez, Sarah  
 Metcalf, Nancy  
 Moser, Melissa  
 Moss, Brooke  
 Neal, Dana  
 Northrop, Christine  
 Oliver, Ryan  
 Osmer, Susan  
 Perez, Joanne  
 Pittman, Dayna  
 Rentena, Carla  
 Reyes, Sonia  
 Sanchez, Peggy  
 Sothard, Kristin  
 Stool, Jamie  
 Zepeda, Sandra  
 Barajas, Clemente  
 Bennett, Kristyn  
 Blando, Melanie  
 DeLaVega, Christina  
 Delgado, Kandace  
 Douglass, Tina  
 Hegel, Samantha

Kirtland, Karen  
 Little, Ashley  
 Rainey, April  
 Reynolds, Angie  
 Rogalia, Skylar  
 Rojas, Daisy  
 Rubinstein, Kim  
 Schart, Jane  
 Syries, Renee  
 Tapia, Alejandro  
 Terriquez, Jenny  
 Tovar, Erica  
 Ziska, Thomas

**“Volunteers do not necessarily  
 have the time, they have the heart”**

**Elizabeth Andrew**



# “In My Experience”

by Natalie Swickle

“ A tired dog is a good dog ”

#1. I have seen anxiety and destructive behaviors minimize completely diminish when I regularly walk my dog until she is tired.

#2. To have basic doorway manners is a very important skill for dogs.

Doorway manners are when I, the human, walk through every doorway before the dog.

#3. Choose to use the leash as something positive.

Leashes and walks go hand in hand.

In short a tired dog is a good dog. Regular exercise and play time with mans best friend never hurt anyone.

If I see my dog behaving in a way I do not agree with, my first thought is she needs a walk.



"I'm home - I've worked like a dog today."



## Mimi Volunteer's pet of the month

Mimi is a four year old Chihuahua that loves to be spoiled and babied. Her favorite treat is a toy duck, but the thing she loves most is having her tummy scratched.

Mimi is the proud owner of one of our active volunteers, Ondrea Rodriguez. Ondrea says, “I’ve had Mimi since she was four months old. She was my very first dog, and boy what a surprise it was when I learned how much work it was to take care of a dog. She’s my baby and I love her with all my heart. Having Mimi in my life is like having a child because she cries when I’m not with her. Mimi is always by my side; for instance, if I’m in the kitchen working on my laptop she has to be sitting right next to me on a chair. The number one thing I love about my Chihuahua Mimi is how she can love someone unconditionally. I admire her for that.”



**Did you know Science Diet donates all the food to the cats and dogs here at the shelter , also they provide the first round of food for every adoption from Animal Services . To find out more about Science Diet visit there web-site at:**

<http://www.petfooddirect.com>

Think your pet deserves to be pet of the month? If so, contact Nicole with a short story and picture to have your pet featured in this section.