



## Volunteer of the Month Wilfred Mallard Jr



Our Volunteer of the Month is Wilfred Mallard Jr. He has been volunteering with Riverside Animal Services since September 2010

Wilfred always comes into the Animal Shelter with a smile on his face and a pep in his step ready to clean and adopt out shelter animals. Fred as we all know him participates in our off site adoptions providing excellent customer service and care to the animals and customers.



His first task when he comes in is to help clean and get the adoption staff ready for there day by making paperwork and moving dogs to available .

Since 2010 he has logged over 128 hours as a volunteer. He is hardworking, reliable and independent. No job is too small. His love for work demonstrates his compassion to meet Animal Service's mission.

Thanks Fred

## Volunteer February 2011 Birthdays

Amanda Romo	2/1	Nicole Becker	2/13		
Ryan Diehl	2/1	Vickie Watson	2/13		
Donna Bates	2/3	Craig Blair	2/14	Cindy Henderson	2/25
Carey Cummings	2/4	Vanessa Zavala	2/14		
Lynch Lakecia	2/5	Ashley Little	2/15	Vivian Suzuki	2/26
Autumn Hildebrand	2/6	Maryann Gelhm	2/15		
Michael Singer	2/7	Sally Haislet	2/18	Brianna Martinez	2/26
Jessica Perez	2/7	Myung Seo	2/19		
Victor Aguilar	2/8	Iliana Ballesteros	2/19		
Bayley Bartholomew	2/8	Laurie Chastel Brantley	2/19	2/25	
Cheryl Ruiz	2/8	Kristin Sothard	2/21		
Dayana Villalobos	2/10	Cassandra Read	2/21		
Aaron Fregeolle	2/10	Daniel Davis	2/22		
Megan Russell	2/11	Nicole Rivas	2/22		
Grace Kim	2/11	Jazmin Garcia	2/25		
Brittany Anderson	2/12	Sara Edwards	2/25		



## Valentine Dog Cookies

### Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil (I use canola)
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup white flour, unbleached
- 1/2 cup wheat bran or oat bran
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry yeast
- 1/4 cup **carob powder**



### Directions

Combine vegetable oil and water in a small bowl.

- In another, larger bowl, mix together all the dry ingredients.
- Using your mixer (with a cookie beater or bread hook), combine all the ingredients and mix until they are thoroughly combined. You will end up with a nice compact ball of dough.
- Cover the mixing bowl with a clean dish towel or plastic wrap and set it in a warm place away from drafts.
- Let the dough rise

until it is doubled—it will actually be twice as big. You can tell that it has doubled when you gently punch a little hole in the dough and it doesn't bounce back. The hole, or indentation stays.

- Roll the dough (with a rolling pin on a cutting board that has been sprinkled with flour) to a 1/4" thickness.
- Cut the Valentine cookies into the shapes that you would like to use, using cookie cutters.
- Place the dog cookies on a lightly greased cookie sheet.
- Bake the holiday dog cookies at 275 degrees F for 1 hour. You may have

to adjust the time (and check the cookies frequently), depending on the size of the dog cookies that you make.

- Turn off the oven, and let the Valentine dog cookies finish drying overnight in the oven. They will be hard and crisp when they are done. If you would like to decorate the dog cookies, you will find some dog treat icing recipes . If you use dog treat frosting, you can sprinkle the top of your dog cookies with colored sugar, soy or bacon bits, chopped peanuts or other healthy dog treat ingredients.

## Love Your Pet Day



To celebrate **Love Your Pet Day** in a fun way, do what your pet loves to do and that is play! Well, there's eating too, but we'll get to that later. Turn off the TV and take the dog for a nice long walk or a romp at the dog park. Break out the toys and play with the cat. When's the last time you actually played with your cat?

If you can't find the cat toys, make your own. Take a piece of paper (not too large) and fold it into a fan. Tie a long piece of string to it and you have got the best cat toy ever. Kitty won't know that it's Love Your Pet Day, but she will love chasing that piece of paper all over the house!

Dogs always have much more pep after a trip to the groomer's. Celebrate the day by having your dog groomed or do it yourself at home. What better way to show your pet love than to make sure he is clean and comfortable?

In addition to being clean, it's important for your pet to be healthy and free of disease. If you've put off having your pet vaccinated, make an appointment for February 20th, Love Your Pet Day. It's not quite as fun as playing together, but you will feel really good about it. Another excellent way to celebrate Love Your Pet Day is to do something for the pets that still need homes. While you're picking up food and litter for your pet, grab an extra bag and donate it to your local animal shelter.

Of course Love Your Pet Day is not just for cats and dogs. Show love to your fish by cleaning the bowl. Show love to your hamster by cleaning the cage. All pets deserve love and attention. Come down and volunteer.

# The Volunteer Voice



## Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers



Abrica, Luisana	Dawson, Tamra	Matschiner, Mark
Alvarez, Dakota	Diehl, Ryan	McCrary, Shelby
Anderson, Jaclynn	Encarnacion, Alexis	McKinnon, Ayanna
Arrocha, Lorena	Everett, Catherine	Melhouse, Alison
Askren, Diane	Flores, Amanda	Newton, Christine
Banning, Brittany	Hernandez, Karina	Oser, Laura
Brown, Nicole	James, Carolyn	Read, Cassandra
Castillo, Carisa	Jones, Fatima	Rivera Hernandez, Christian
Cichocki, Jennifer	Keel, Nikki	Sekhon, Manjit
Coover, Amanda	Lopez-Martinez, Sandra	Yang, Billy



## Alana Kerr

One of our volunteers Alana Joy Kerr was tragically hit by a Metrolink train on Tuesday February 8, 2011 in the late afternoon. Alana was a dear friend to the volunteer family and we will miss her very much.

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We put together a butterfly garden on February 12, 2011 near our cat area in memory of Alana which involved the volunteers painting signs, making stepping stones and planting flowers that will attract birds and butterflies. Alana's family will hold this garden dear to their hearts as will the volunteers.



**If you have been a volunteer for 40 hours or more and feel you have what it takes to help our new volunteers get their feet wet. Please see Nicole for more information.**

## *Here are a few fun facts*

- In total there is said to be around 400 million dogs in the world.
- The domestic dog has been one

of the most popular working and companion animals throughout human history.

- Dogs perform many useful tasks for humans including hunting, farm work and security as well as assisting those with disabilities such as the blind.
- Although experts often disagree, there is scientific evidence which shows that the domestication of dogs could have occurred more than 15,000 years ago.
- There are hundreds of different breeds of dogs.
- The most popular breed of dog in the world by registered ownership is the Labrador. With their gentle nature, obedience, intelligence and near limitless energy, Labradors make for excellent family

pets and reliable workers. They often assist police and are a common choice as guide dogs.

- Dogs have formed such a strong bond as pets, workers and companions to humans that they have earned the nickname "man's best friend".
  - Humans help train various dog breeds to enter in competitions such as breed shows, agility and obedience contests, racing and sled pulling.
  - Dog have superior hearing than humans, capable of hearing sounds at four times the distance.
  - Dogs have a remarkable sense of smell, they are capable of differentiating odors in concentrations nearly 100 million times lower than humans can.
  - The average life span for a dog is around 10 to 14 years.
  - Those involved in dog breeding refer to males as 'dogs', females as 'bitches', dogs younger than a year old as 'puppies' and a group of offspring as a 'litter'.
- Domestic dogs are omnivores, they feed on a variety of foods including grains, vegetables and meats.



## Classified Ads

### Reminders

**🐾 February 11th and 21st the Shelter will be Closed**

Due to Lincolns Birthday and Presidents Day

### Open Shelter Jobs

#### These Jobs are still open and need to be filled

**\* Front Information Desk (up to 6 Volunteers needed 2 per shift)**

The hours are Thursday to Saturday

10:45am to 1:00pm

12:30pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

**Job Duties:** Adults 18 and over

Directing customers to areas of interest

**\* Clinic (up to 9 Volunteers needed 3 per shift)**

The hours are Monday to Saturday

8:00am to 12:00pm

1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

**Job Duties:** 13 and up only responsible hard working may apply  
General Spay and Neuter Clinic Duties

**\*New Volunteer Buddies (up to 10 Volunteers needed)**

The hours are TBA

**Job Duties:** Adults 18 and over. Meeting and Greeting new volunteers for their first week of volunteer service

**If you are able to fill any of these days or hours please reply to the volunteer office**

### Reminders

The grooming area is in need of a few things so we are asking all volunteers to bring in any BATH size towels, old dish washing liquid bottles ( like Dawn bottles), hair dryers, or space heaters they don't need anymore to the grooming room.