

The Volunteer Voice

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**DEPARTMENT OF
ANIMAL SERVICES**

Riverside County Community Health Agency

The Events!



Adoption Special \$5 Cats
August through October

Recent Events

July

Critter Camp

Dog Days of Summer

ALL Cats will be \$5 August to October

Which includes spay/neuter, first round of shots and Rabies for dogs.

Upcoming Events

October

Llama Day

Shimmy for Critters—October 8th, at the Riverside Shelter

Dog-toberfest October 29th at Skip Fordyce Harley Davidson



Dog Days of Summer Event at the City of Riverside



Travis Scott The Volunteers Employee of Month.

Travis Scott has been voted as the volunteers employee of month.

Travis is a Registered Veterinary Technician who has worked for Animal Services for 5 years at the Riverside Shelter. He previously worked for Orange County Animal Services and is now running an astonishing volunteer program at the Western Riverside Shelter veterinary clinic. Travis works with a large group of volunteers including interns, externs and Animal Behavior College students, teaching them veterinary technician skills.

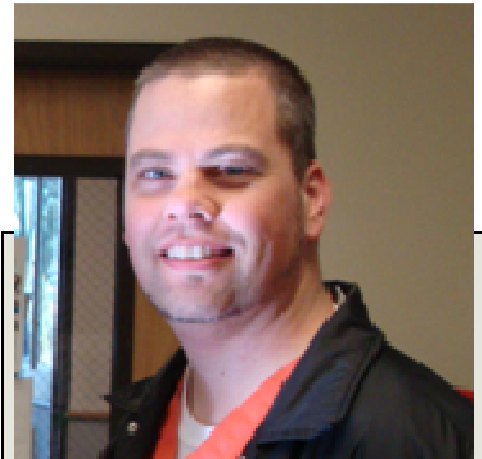
Travis has taken the lead to help build a vast clinic program for the volunteers. Participants from all over California have been banging down the shelter doors to get into the clinic and learn from him. The volunteers have been heard saying "Travis is wonderful he loves to spread his knowledge to volunteers and share what he knows about his job, he loves what he does and his

main goal is to teach others. We are so lucky to have him."

What Travis has done in the clinic has made the volunteer department run 100% smoother in the areas of training and recruiting serious volunteers for his department. Travis has helped the volunteers to develop a strong work ethic, morale, and team building skills. He has incorporated a job ladder system for the volunteers in the clinic, with an apprentice level step first. Volunteers learn from the ground up by cleaning cages and coming on a regular basis, along with watching what goes on in the clinic. This helps them to understand what the foundation of the clinic and veterinary roles are. From there, volunteers can work up to the roles of pulling animals for surgery, making up vaccinations, cleaning cages, and making surgical packs. Once Travis finds a volunteer who has met the challenges given to them he teaches them how to prepare animals for surgery and intake animals into the shelter. Some volunteers, under his supervision, have even moved on to training other volunteers.

Travis loves his time with volunteers, teaching, and sharing his knowledge with others. Without Travis' polishing, the clinic volunteers would not shine like the superstars that they are.

Thank you Travis Scott your time is so meaningful to us as volunteers and fellow coworkers.



A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. ~Henry Brooks Adams

Volunteer of the Month

Kristina Sanchez

Growing up, Kristina Sanchez always wanted to be a veterinarian and work with animals. As time went by her focus shifted towards getting married and raising her family. When she learned that her own daughter had the same love for animals, she was excited to find out we had a teen volunteer program. They both quickly signed up and completed the steps to join the Teen Life Saverz Youth Club.

Since then, Kristina has been dedicating her time to work with a group of teens ages 13 to 17, one day a week, from 9am to 5:30pm. She has also been volunteering in the clinic and learning more about her first passion, veterinary medicine. When she is in the clinic, she has the biggest smile on her face, always ready to work and learn.

Thanks to her childhood dream and love for all animals, we have her here at Animal Services. In the last month, our Teen Life Saverz Youth Club has been so fortunate to have Kristin to mentor and guide them. Kristina's hard work, dedication and willingness to learn has earned her the title of volunteer of the month. She is priceless. Thank you Kristina Sanchez for being an outstanding volunteer!



Classifieds

Open Volunteer Jobs

These jobs are still open and need to be filled

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

The hours are Saturdays:

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

***Adoption Assistant (up to 20 Volunteers needed 2 volunteers needed per shift)**

The hours are Monday - Saturday

11:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Job Duties: Working with the public to find the right animal for their family. Must be 16 and up. Only responsible hard working volunteer may apply. Must have prior training or sign up for training in the volunteer office.

***Dog Walker (up to 20 Volunteers needed 3 per volunteers needed shift)**

The hours are Monday thru Saturday

8:00am to 12:00pm

1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Job Duties: Heavy animal contact . One on one socializing and playing with dogs. Must be 16 and up. Only responsible hard working volunteers may apply. Must have prior training or sign up for training in the volunteer office.

*** Kennel Cleaning (up to 20 Volunteers needed 2 per shift)**

The hours are Monday - Sunday

8:00am to 12:00pm

1:00pm to 4:00pm (Sundays only)

Job Duties: 13 and up. Only responsible hard working volunteers.

may apply. Must have prior training.

If you are able to fill any of these positions, days or hours please reply to the Volunteer Office



Events in August—Your Help Is Needed, see Nicole or Candace to sign up or call 951-358-7380.

Shot Clinic every First Wednesday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm and every third Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm

Cats On Tour: Contact Candace at cmcgrew@rivcocha.org to sign up we are on for every Saturday in August.

Volunteer July 2011 Birthdays

Chelsea Zimmerman	8/1	Mark Matschiner	8/14	Linnea Akers	8/24
Nikki Keel	8/2	Sarah Bent	8/14	Rachael Valdez	8/24
Richard Maciag	8/3	Victoria Ramirez	8/15	Jamie Stool	8/24
Hilda Valencia	8/3	Sara Burke	8/16	Caryn Taylor	8/24
Aldair Jimenez	8/3	Frank Landfield	8/16	Cesar Romero	8/24
Kiara Uduman	8/5	Deici De La Rocha	8/16	Barbara Djordjevic	8/25
Karen Bramblett	8/6	Kim Rubinstein	8/17	Amy Neault	8/25
John Tulisiak	8/6	Raul Ojeda	8/18	Paricheher Aryafar	8/25
John Telisiak	8/6	Stephanie Schlagel	8/18	Charlene Dekruse	8/25
Barbara Klein	8/6	Kristina Chavez	8/18	Allison Tapia	8/26
Kim Morris	8/7	Nicholas Ramirez	8/18	Stephanie Smith	8/26
Tamra Dawson	8/7	Kristina Chavez	8/18	David Godoy	8/26
Erica Ascencio	8/8	Breanna Saucedo	8/19	Elizabeth Woolls	8/26
Candice Merritt	8/9	Manwinder Uppal	8/19	Lillyanne Chowdhury	8/28
Gary Christian Jr	8/9	Kayla Weller	8/19	Cassandra Auck	8/28
Aaron Salcido	8/9	Vivian Flores	8/20	Raquel Mendoza-Cabral	8/29
Jessica Paluzzi	8/10	Kathryn Dewhitt	8/20	Rachel Ledoux	8/30
Dulcia Tsai	8/10	Arturo Cabrera	8/20	Amber Light	8/30
Angela Hernandez	8/11	Angelique Avila	8/20	Vanessa Yang	8/31
Mary Henry	8/12	Marla- Benavides	8/20	Brenda Villasenor	8/31
Karina Hernandez	8/12	Miles Turner	8/20		
Karin Bolen	8/12	Raven Harriel	8/20		
Jason Chauvin	8/13	Blanca Garcia	8/20		
Brittany Albright	8/13	Raymond Torino	8/22		
Freddy Mejia	8/13	Daniel Calderon	8/23		
Sarah Mendez	8/14	Barbara Davis	8/24		



Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers

Tong, Julianne	Hipolito, Stephanie	Nguyen, David
Vikupitz, Bette	Sifunetes, Sarah	
Bloomingle, Rick	Brown, Adam	
Rogers, Kim	Weeks, Joni	
Nezu, Maiko	Gamble, Kristen	
Fountain, Connie	De La Rocha, Deici	



Volunteers in Action