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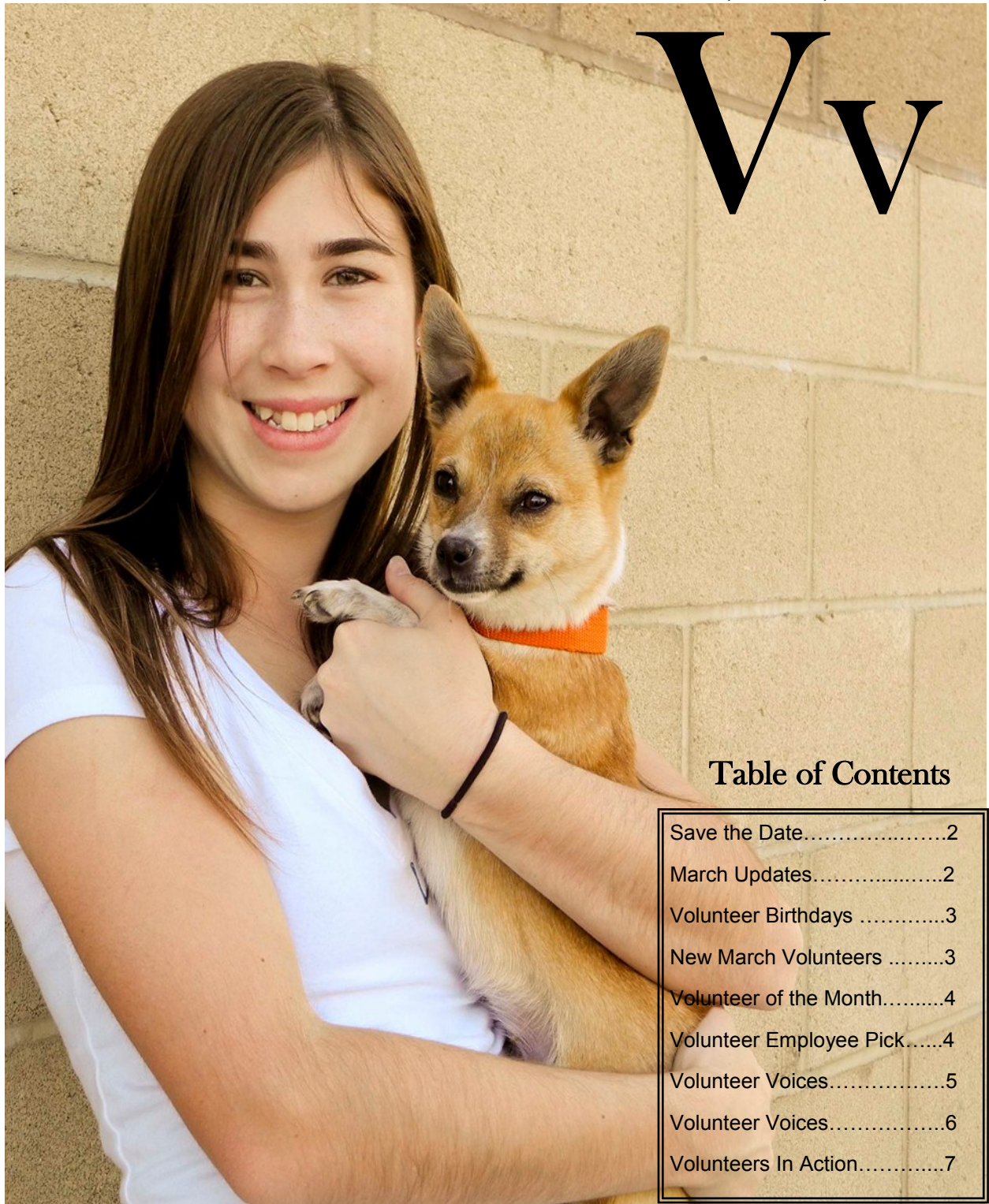


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Save the Date

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled on April 25th, 2012, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Invitations have been mailed. You must RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 18th, 2012. Call or email Gile Kirk at Gkirk@rivcocha.org, or call 951.358.7380.

2012 March Updates:

For the Volunteers assisting in the Lobby: During the interview and/or adoption process with potential adopters, it is very important the Animal Care Technicians (ACTs) have the full attention of new clients. Please make sure you exit the Adoption Office and close the door. Once the door is closed, please do not interrupt the staff and constituents since the dialog between them can be of a sensitive nature. This is extremely important and we appreciate your help on this.

Please do not tell the public that we are a "No-Kill Shelter". We accept all animals regardless of their medical and/or behavior traits. Therefore, we do euthanize animals in this facility when necessary. If asked, please refer guests to a staff member.

March 2012 Birthdays

Anderson, Lynn	Gonzalez, Gregory	Sanchez, Jasmin
Billinger, Kara	Grove, Alexis	Sanchez, Kaitlyn
Carlson, Tara	Harris, Nolan	Schart- McWethy, Jesica
Chen, Rebecca	Hart, Jan	Starbuck, Destinee
Detrick, Brittany	Leverett, Francis	Talavera, Nicolas
Diaz, Alexandria (Alex)	Mazzotti-Bottinelli, Giulia	Uribe, Jean-Pierre
Drake, Roni	Mitchell, Jessie	Vega, Kathryn
Duran, James	Payne, Sherri	Westfall, Kara
Feduska, Rita	Porraz, Julianna	Winchester, Lara
Garcia, Jonathan	Rowse, Daniel Paul	

March 2012 New Volunteers

Acevedo, Jasmine	Kim, Katy	Nguyen, Tyson	Sauve, Royanne
Calderon, Nelson	Knight, Chelsea	Nicol, Sandi	Sepulveda, Veronica
Castillo, Monserrat	Majano, Jeremy	Ojeda, Marcos	Sosa, Jammie
Collier, Robin	Manning, Brendan	Pacheco-Manning, Leslie	Sullivan, Rosie
Crowley, Lisa	Massey, Cory	Payan, Carol	Uribe, Jean-Pierre
Doyle, Theresa	McCarthy, Lesa	Perez, Wendy	Weitzel, Alec
Erb, Blake	McSheridan, Heather	Popp, Heather	Whelchel, Andrew
Freund, Emma	Mendoza, Amanda	Potter, Jennifer	Willis, Jenna
Garcia, Jonathan	Mitchell, Jessie	Potter, Kristina	Wolford, Kristina
Gonzalez, Joseph	Moreno, Georgina	Robledo, Brian	Worrell, Lynette
Hunzelman, Jessica	Morris, Brittini	Saffo, Wendy	Yeshewas, Joseph

Voices of Volunteers

Volunteer of the Month - Aldair Jimenez

The Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter is proud to announce Aldair Jimenez with the honor of Volunteer of the Month. Aldair is one of the youngest Volunteers, as well as the youngest Docent in the Volunteer Program. At La Sierra High School, Aldair heard about the volunteer program at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter and immediately applied online to join the Pet Life Saverz Youth Club. With no animals of his own, volunteering gave Aldair the opportunity to not only volunteer, but gave him the chance to be with the hundreds of shelter animals.

Once his orientation was completed, Aldair worked in animal adoptions, grooming, cat socialization, special events and other daily assigned tasks. As a Pet Life Saverz Youth Club member, he was soon recognized for having excellent communication skills with everyone he came in contact with. His friendly gentle manner, along with his mature leadership skills, gave him the experience to be appointed a Docent – the youngest one ever! As a Docent, Aldair guides his fellow teen Pet Life Saverz through the daily responsibilities at the shelter. Aldair also helps in Teen Volunteer Orientations as well as the Adult Volunteer Orientations. As a Pet Life Saverz, Aldair loves doing adoptions, researching dog breeds, and making friends. When asked what his future aspirations are for serving at the shelter, Aldair answered, “My aspirations are to work hard so I can take on new experiences.”



Aldair Jimenez, at Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, with one of the Shelter's adoptable dogs.

Employee of the Month



Candy Weil, Animal Care Technician at Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, with one of the many Shelter's adoptable horses.

We are proud to present Candy Weil as our Employee of the Month. What brought Candy to serve at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter was her love of helping horses. Before working at Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, Candy owned and operated the Brigadoon Foundation. The Brigadoon Foundation takes in abandoned horses and trains them to work with disabled children in the Menifee area. In 2008 Candy came to work here at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. Her natural talent with horses shines as she helps countless shelter horses recover so they can be adopted.

Candy has several horses of her own, but one of her most memorable horses was “Bucky”. Candy adopted Bucky from the Riverside Shelter and trained him. Bucky helped many a child during his tenure at the Brigadoon Foundation, but it was one little girl named Kay who Bucky helped conquer her fear of horses. Kay fell so in love with Bucky that she ended up adopting him from Candy.

Candy works hard in rehabilitating the injured and handicapped horses here at the shelter. The most gratifying experience is being able to match the perfect adopter with the right horse. As Candy said, “there’s no such thing as a handicapped or untrainable horse. For me every horse is a good horse.”

Voices of Volunteers

Pauline Purcell

Knowing you make a difference is at the heart of every good worker. This can be said about Pauline Purcell who's natural compassion for cats has changed the lives of every feline she has cared for at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. A few years ago Pauline adopted two cats from the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter – and it was that experience that gave her a desire to volunteer once she retired from Anheuser-Busch. Pauline's two lovable cat's are, Charlie a playful orange Tabby and Max, a friendly Great Tiger.

Pauline's heart for cats shined even brighter once she started feeding, grooming, socializing and finding forever homes for the shelter cats. Pauline feels accomplished knowing that each person she talks with is ready to take on the responsibility of owning a cat. Also, Pauline loves to help the older cats get adopted, "It's guiding people to see that an older cat is just as great as a kitten. They are just as loving and fun to have." One of the most rewarding areas, Pauline says, is "Knowing that each person I talk with is ready to take the responsibility of owning a cat, and giving that cat the loving home it deserves."



Pauline Purcell caring for one of the cats in the Community Cat Room at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.

Brian Ridgely

As far as Brian Ridgely can remember, he has always had an aspiration to lead a team and serve his community. He knew at an early age volunteering would help him learn effective communication skills, which in return would help in the working world. In his early childhood Brian joined the Boy Scouts and helped coordinate events involving environmental work, and assisting in local charities and churches. Thus began his volunteer work.

Brian joined the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter Docent Volunteer Program in 2010. As a Docent, Brian takes the responsibility of personally training and guiding teen volunteers to master the daily tasks needed at the animal shelter. Brian explains his proudest accomplishment here has been helping the teen volunteers develop responsibility, self-discipline, and a deep sense of duty to the work they are doing. Brian is an outdoors man who enjoys hiking in the hills with Buster, his white and black husky mix dog.



Brian Ridgely, Volunteer Program Docent at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.

Voices of Volunteers

Jacky Walkien



Jacky Walkien, at Wond-Purr-Land, socializing one of the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter cats.

Jacky Walkien has always loved cats. A year ago Jacky found out about the volunteer opportunities here at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. Immediately Jacky put through her application and went through orientation training to become a Pet Life Saverz volunteer. Checking to make sure the cats have fresh water, food, a clean litter box, pillows, and toys are the norm for Jacky as she makes her daily rounds of Wond-Purr-Land, along with grooming the cats to ensure healthy fur. Jacky makes every effort she can to effectively inform visitors about what it takes to raise a healthy and happy cat and has seen many times that a beautifully groomed cat will catch the eye of a visitor.

Jacky owns a few pets of her own: Angel, a black striped grey cat; Shadow, a brown striped Tabby; and Mollie a Yellow Lab. Jacky is very proud of her accomplishments here at the shelter. As she explains, "I'm not saying I'm proud of everything I do here in an egotistic way, what I mean is I'm proud to do anything for the shelter, no matter how small the task may seem, to me small tasks are just as important as the big ones."



Volunteers in Action



Alitta Acosta



Joaquin Hernandez



Emily Lunberg



Jacelyn Izquierdo



Michelle Tuiaea