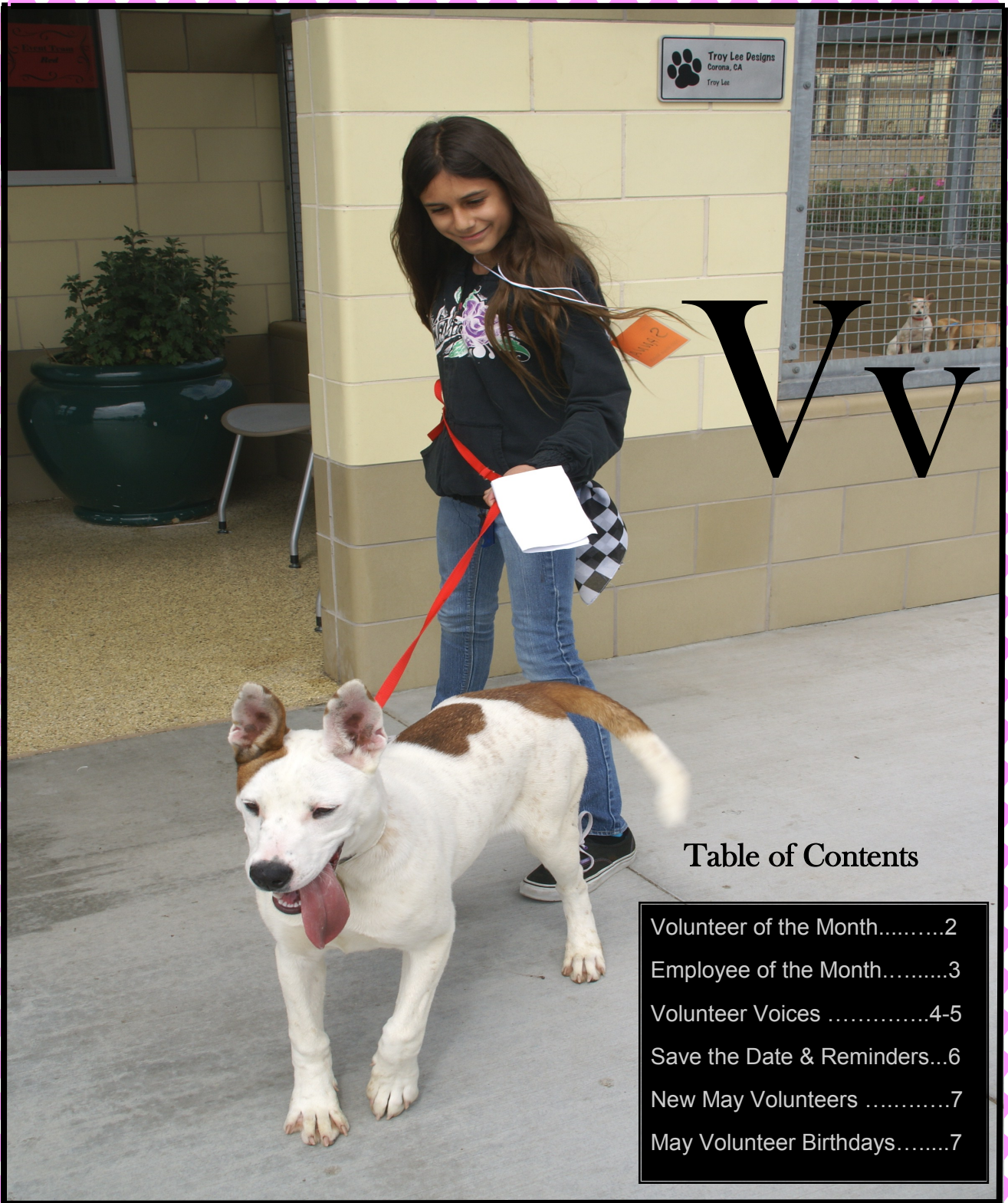


# May 2012 Newsletter



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# Volunteer of the Month



*Tuzday Martinez, Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter.*

## Tuzday Martinez

For the past five years, Tuzday Martinez has volunteered her time helping animals in need. Her love for animals began when she was young and has since continued to grow. When her mom, Candace McGrew, started working at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, Martinez began her road to volunteering. She has adopted her dog, Talula and two cats, Bella and Whiskey from the shelter. She really enjoys fostering animals when she can. "I usually like to foster one dog at a time or two to three kittens," she stated. Her favorite memory about the shelter is "helping with the volunteer appreciation dinner. She said, "Volunteers do so much for this place [and] it's great to be able to give back to those volunteers." Aside from volunteering, Tuzday enjoys snowboarding, going to the beach and running track. Just as unique as her name, she is one of many that helps keep the shelter up and running.



# Employee of the Month

## *Jackie Schart*



*Jackie Schart , Behaviorist, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter*

Ever since Jackie Schart was a little girl, she had an insatiable passion for caring for animals. As a child she always found herself in trouble for bringing lost or injured animals to school, but luckily her parents were always supportive and allowed her to care for the animals at home. With combined passion and support, at age 15 Jackie began her animal career by working in a veterinary clinic.

Today, Jackie is the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter’s Animal Behaviorist and has been with us for the past six years. Her favorite thing about her work is being able to teach people how to communicate with their animals.

Outside of the shelter, Jackie actively participates in dog shows with her three St. Bernards, Carson, Mahony, and Lucius, which all have been AKC champions. Her fourth dog, Miss Peach, was rescued from an animal shelter and will be participating in the kids camp this summer. Of course, being the animal lover that she is, Jackie also fosters numerous animals including chickens. Some advice Jackie would give to her fellow animal lovers would be to “be patient” and have a clear goal of what you want your animal to do.



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# Volunteer Voices



Allie Saenz, Pet Life Saverz Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter .

## Allie Saenz

Dedicated and hardworking doesn't even begin to sum up Allie Saenz's passion for helping animals in need. You will often see Allie manning the front desk or running errands for some of our ACT's. Adoptions is another area that truly speaks to Allie's heart.

Since January, Allie has logged an amazing 100+ hours in hopes of pursuing a career as an animal care technician. In fact, Allie will be applying for the

TAP program (temporary ACT) this year.

One of the best experiences Allie has had so far is seeing Pinky get rescued. Pinky was a female Pit-bull that unluckily kept getting returned to the shelter by her adopters. Finally, Pinky was taken in by a rescue.

Outside of the shelter, Allie enjoys photography and is currently taking a photography class. She is also part of the adventuring crew for Boy Scouts of America because of her brother Aaron.



Alyssa Veliz , Pet Life Saverz Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter

## Alyssa Veliz

Although 15 year old Alyssa Veliz has only been volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter since January, she hasn't failed to make an impact. Alyssa has dedicated approximately 70 hours of her time socializing both dogs and cats. At home, Alyssa has one cat and a dog named Hippie. Hippie is very energetic and playful and has helped her prepare for some of the more lively animals at the shelter.

Alyssa recalls one of her more embarrassing moments when a giant German Shepard pulled her down. Despite some of the challenges that volunteers face, Alyssa loves working with the animals.

At home, Alyssa loves working with paint to express her artistic talent. She also has an interest in history, but her excellent and thorough explanations to customers are what really make her a superb volunteer. Alyssa says, "Without pets, life wouldn't be life."



# Sianna Sanchez

You may easily recognize Sianna Sanchez by her beautiful long brown hair and a dog leash always in hand. Sianna is one of our younger volunteers that are a part of our Teen Life Saverz program. Since January 2012 Sianna has diligently come twice a week and logged more than 80 hours at the shelter. Although she

has dabbled in different fields, dog adoptions is by far her favorite. Adoptions is very rewarding because she gets to see animals

*Sianna Sanchez, Pet Life Saverz Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter*

go home to good families.

At home, Sianna has three dogs, Max, Skipper, and Toby. Sianna and her family adopted Toby, a Pitbull-Lab mix, from the shelter in February of this year. Beside her work here at the shelter, Sianna has helped with the Riverside International Film Festival alongside her close friend. Something you may not have known about Sianna is that she also has experience with horses and loves



# Haley Deike

Haley Deike, another hardworking Teen Pet Life Saverz member, volunteers her time assisting the shelter animals in finding good homes. She has worked the information desk, cat adoptions, and dog adoptions, but finds that dog adoptions is the most rewarding. Being able to work with adoptions has given Haley the opportunity to work on her shy disposition. Since January of this year Haley has learned many different skills that will help her be successful in the future.

*Haley Deike, Pet Life Saverz Volunteer, Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter*

Many of our volunteers have adopted animals from our shelter, but Haley's newest addition to the family was a complete surprise. In March of this year, Haley was surprised with Bella, her Chihuahua mix that her mother brought home. At first Bella was shy and always covered in the corner, but since then she has become an active member of the family.

# 2012 Save The Date!

- July 16 –20, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am – 1pm
- July 23–27, 2012, Riverside Shelter Critter Kiddz Camp, 8am–1pm

## 2012 Reminders

- As of 5/3/12, Reunions need to be directed to the Admissions Office.
- All volunteers who are at the Shelter gaining work experience and/or attaining volunteer service hours, must have their hours verified by Gile Kirk, OA III, Mary Anderson (Volunteer) or Candace McGrew, Volunteer Manager. **No one else is authorized to sign these forms. Please drop off your forms for signature one week in advance** at Gile's cubicle across from Candace's office. Once signed, you will find your paperwork signed and in this cubicle as well. The boxes are marked for your convenience.
- All teen volunteers need to sign in under the Pet Life Saverz Youth Club, then select the area you will be working in, such as adoptions, clinic, dog walking, kiosk, etc. All teen volunteer hours must be tracked for reporting purposes.
- The Volunteer Department would like to invite you to participate in the Volunteer Program Assessment (VPA) survey. An email from Candace was sent to you on May 14th. Your participation in this survey gives you the opportunity to improve our organization. Your voice is very important for making positive change. This survey was developed by the Creighton University's VPA Team which will donate their time to create and analyze the survey data collected. Make sure your voice is heard!
- **Important:** When you notice there might be something wrong with one of the animals, write the kennel number and problem down on the White Board in Receiving. If you are not able to get to Receiving to do this, it is your responsibility to alert a staff member or supervisor and report the particular animal to them.
- If you need to talk with one of the staff members, or another volunteer, and you see they are having a discussion with another person, **please do not interrupt them**. We all need to be respectful of this type of situation. Just come back later, or if it is very important, please contact another staff member..

## **May 2012 New Volunteers**

**Lola Alvarez**

**Charlene Delafield**

**Christopher Garcia**

**Connor Hradecky**

**Mariah Loomis**

**Rob Murphy**

**Dakota Ornelas**

**Paola Perez**

**Katlyn Reber**

**Mark Salah**

**Barbie Tobin**

**Jean-Pierre Uribe**

## **May 2012 Volunteers Birthday**

**Evelyn Beatie**

**Janelle Centella**

**Elaine Che**

**Haley Deike**

**Jeffrey Delgado**

**Nia Gipson**

**Jill Langley**

**Tamara Lwenya**

**Crist'Ann McKinney**

**Cheryl McVeigh**

**Rebecca Meyer**

**Dennis Nguyen**

**Roxanne Orantes**

**Stephanie Pascual**

**Allie Saenz**

**Eric Shook**

**Darin Trincherro**

**Taylor Vance**

**Ana Vasquez**

**Billy Yang**