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Marilyn Clary

December

**Volunteer of the
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Save The Date!



- December 24th & 25th: Shelter closed for the Holidays
- December 31st & January 1st: Shelter closed for New Year's
- January 21st: Shelter closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- February 12th: Shelter closed for President Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- February 18th: Shelter closed for Washington's Birthday Holiday



Reminders



- **Art for the Animals:** We are accepting art for our annual Fundraiser from now until January 18th. Please remind all of the artists in your family about our Fundraiser. Please visit our Website, RCDAS.org for further information.
- Please invite your friends to volunteer by asking them to sign up at www.rcdas.org. The more, the merrier.



Adoptions



November Adoptions: 121 dogs and 37 cats

Congratulations to all of our Volunteers for placing pets in forever homes and all of your hard work here at the shelter!

Volunteer of the Month

Marilyn Clary



Marilyn Clary is one of a kind. She has been volunteering at our Coachella Valley Animal Campus since 2009. Not only does she volunteer at CVAC once a week, she stops by Animal Samaritans first! And we are not done, prior to AS, she takes her neighbor's dog for a walk, and goes to the local

dog park most days of the week.

Marilyn did not start out with the intention of walking dogs when she volunteered at the shelter. Her intentions were to shower the cats with her special love. Slowly but surely, she found her heart wanting to play with the dogs. And the bigger, the better! She started with the small ones, and now prefers large breeds; pit bulls being her favorite.

When you see Marilyn at the shelter, you will notice she is quiet. As she says, she is not a chatterbox. She is strictly there for the animals. Marilyn says she heads for the leashes and gets to work at what she loves best.

At Marilyn's home, you will find no dogs—only cats! She has one female named Cindy and two males named Lucky and Sammy. Remember, cats were her first love!

Marilyn has a website she loves to share. It is www.anim2.com. Photography is another talent of hers. Take a look and you will see the most adorable animals there are.

To our volunteers, Marilyn says, "Just fill the dog up with love—they know your intentions."





Meet the Employee



MARIA RIVERA

Maria Rivera joined CVAC as a first time county employee in the year of 2008. She is an Office Assistant III working the front counter and fills in for her supervisor Sara, when needed. **Maria** is dedicated to her job and is one of those employees who you can count on **every** time! **Maria** tells us that amongst her many tasks that keeps her busy, fixing up the bulletin board has to be her favorite. She never fails to make the bulletin board a highly decorated area that catches everyone's eyes.

A goal **Maria** is most passionate about is becoming an American Sign Language interpreter. No doubt, Maria will be one of the best.

Maria's most memorable moment in her years at CVAC occurred in October when the managers and supervisor's put together a potluck for staff. She enjoyed the atmosphere, appreciation, and, of course, the delicious food.

Maria owns two pit bull mix dogs named Batman and Java. She also has four lovely birds, one which is a Cockatiel, another a Sun Conure, and the other two are Parakeets. In her free time she enjoys watching any current movies which may be out.

To our volunteers, **Maria** would like to say, "Thanks. You provide lots of love at our shelter."



Western Riverside County/City Animal Services & K.A.S.E. (Keeping Animals Safe Everyday) walk with pride at the Palm Springs Pride Festival.



*Photographs provided by
CVAC Volunteer David Page*

New Volunteers

Joseph Lyons and Marielle Sewell

Volunteer Birthdays

Lee Powell, November 14th

Josue Zavala, December 24th

Sarah Bates, November 26th

Gregory Gaskill, January 9th

Erica Ledesma, November 30th

Carlton Gore, January 17th

David Page, December 20th

Loving all Animals

At least 400 homeless dogs and cats found new families in November when Loving all Animals held it's 4th annual adoption fair. Thank you to all the Volun-



teers for participating in this event. The theme of Loving All Animals was "The Wizard of Oz". David Page was our photographer. Thank you David for taking the pictures.



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We'd like to give a special thanks to these great volunteers who help make the shelter an amazing place!

