

AN RCDAS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER—RIVERSIDE EDITION

## Volunteer of the Month



January 2015

### Desiree Horsch



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# Live Art Auction

March 29, 2015

# Art for the Animals

Fundraiser to benefit Riverside County homeless pets



Thunder Heads Over Red Rock - Kelly Vela

## At the Riverside Art Museum

3425 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside, 92501



Man and friend - Jamle Perry

Join us for an enchanting evening of art, music, and food.

Art for the Animals is a fundraiser to benefit shelter animals in Riverside County. Every year, thousands of animals come into Riverside County/City shelters in need of special care.

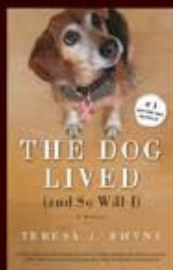
This year's auction will feature art by **dos velas images**, presenting the nature photography of **Gilbert and Kelly Vela**.



Dog Robot - Jim Behrman  
donated by Council Member  
Mike Gardner

Catering by McGrath's, wine and beer offered by Chris Kern PASO'S Best Wines.

4pm to 7pm



Book signing by **Teresa Rhyne**,  
New York Times,  
Wall Street Journal,  
and international best  
selling author of  
*The Dog Lived (and So Will I)*

\*All artwork pictured is available in the auction.



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

By Luciana Caro

## DESIREE HORSCH

Desiree has been volunteering with the Riverside County Animal Shelter since November 2014.

Some spare time on her hands and a lot of love for animals was what brought her here. You can find her at the kiosk where she helps direct customers to their destination. She also enjoys socializing with dogs and loves to watch them play.

Her most memorable moment was when a dog she was very attached to got adopted. She remembers the dog had a tumor and he was very sweet. She was sad to see him go but at the same time she was very happy because he was going to a good home.

Desiree has two dogs, a miniature Schnauzer named Toby and a Yorkie- Shihtzu named Mimi's. One of her hobbies is to make bracelets. On her spare time she likes to play sports such as basketball and she is very keen on photography.

She would like to send this message help and advice other volunteers: 'Be confident when taking dogs in and out of their kennels. Make sure you lock the door properly and always keep an eye on the dog/s. If a dog gets loose don't be scared, there is always somebody there to help you.'



### Fun Facts

**Favorite Song:** Heartbeat by Enrique Iglesias

**Last book read:** The Hobbit

**Phobias:**

Acrophobia (heights) and claustrophobia (being in small spaces)

**Craziest thing you've ever eaten?**

Alligator soup

**If you were stranded on an island, what 3 things would you have with you?**

Clothes, my cellphone and a camera



## MEET THE STAFF

By Melissa Garcia

# TORYON DAVIS



Toryon is currently an Animal Care Technician at the shelter, who decided to join us because of his love for animals, but most of all, his love for dogs.

He has been working at Animal Services for about 7 years and says that his favorite part of his career with has been caring for dogs and working with his coworkers. Toryon's favorite memories at the shelter are made every single day because something positive is always happening. Every time a dog finds a home is also a special memory.

Toryon is often asked by customers if he has any pets and he responds with a no. Customers are usually surprised when he says this, but he always likes to tell them that he does not have any pets because all the animals here are his pets.

Toryon's message to our volunteers and employees is to "Come in with an open mind and an open heart."

### FUN FACTS

**Favorite Book:** By Robert T.

**If you could be any animal, what would it be?**

A Wolf

**What is something that not a lot of people know about you , but you wish more people did know?**

"I'm a Computer Nerd"

**Favorite Season:** Winter

**Favorite Sport:** Basketball

**Favorite Basketball Team:** Los Angeles Clippers





# YOUR FELLOW VOLUNTEERS



## REBECCA SMITH

By Desiree Horsch/Melissa Garcia



Rebecca has been volunteering with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services since August 2014. She decided to volunteer because of her school's requirement and says that one of her favorite tasks at the shelter is bathing the animals. Bathing the animals is her favorite task because she gets to bond with the animals. Rebecca's most memorable moment was getting to see a whole litter of puppies adopted. At home Rebecca has 3 dogs and 3 cats. Her dogs are named: Lily, Bogart, and Bear. Her cats are named: Ally, Max, and ElmurFudd. Some of Rebecca's special interests include drawing, reading, and animals.

Rebecca's message to the volunteers is: "Keep doing what you're doing, helping the animals."

### FUN FACTS:

- **Favorite Movie:** Inception
- **Phobias:** Spiders and Needles
- **Most Wanted Superpower:** Shapechanger
- **Favorite Color:** Shades of Blue

## JO. RO.

By Melissa Garcia

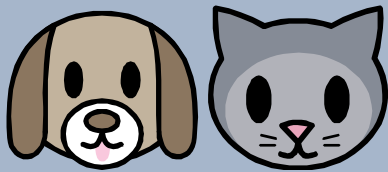


Jo has been volunteering with the Riverside County Department of Animal Service since November 2014 and says his most memorable moment happened on his first day of volunteering. On his first day, Jo got peed on but it was alright because he said he "felt the love". Jo decided to volunteer because of his free time and desire to learn how to take care of a cat and dog. Jo's favorite task at the shelter is taking a dog and letting it loose in the agility yard because he enjoys watching a dog sniff around, run in circles, and relax/cuddle/nuzzle on one's lap.

One of Jo's special interests is videogames because "of the limitless imagination that the creator can portray, which can then be interpreted as good and/or evil depending on perspective."

### FUN FACTS:

- **Last Book Read:** Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
- **Favorite Season:** Winter
- **Favorite Color:** Green
- **Role Model:** Frankie Quiroz (Clothing Designer)



## By the Numbers....

Riverside Shelter

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF JANUARY

630

YEAR TO DATE

All Shelters

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF JANUARY

1,550

YEAR TO DATE

Volunteer Hours—Month (Riverside)

1. Brittany Anderson	185.05 hours
2. Maria Byron	52.35 hours
3. Leslie Nelson	132.15 hours
4. Marcos Luevanos	92.20 hours
5. Erika Lugtu	26.45 hours
6. Perry Sanchez	28.25 hours
7. Sianna Sanchez	522.27 hours
8. Alex Rodriguez	117.20 hours
9. Letty Martinez	172.50 hours
10. Veronica Noyola	70.22 hours

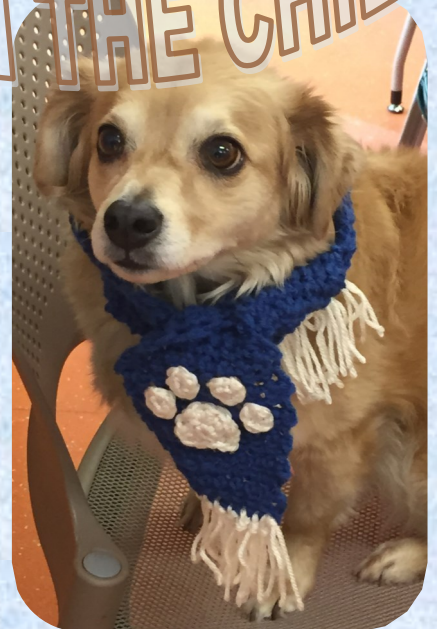
# Shelter HAPPENINGS



## OPERATION BLANKETS OF LOVE



## COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE CHIEF



# Shelter HAPPENINGS

# PHOTOGRAPH DAY

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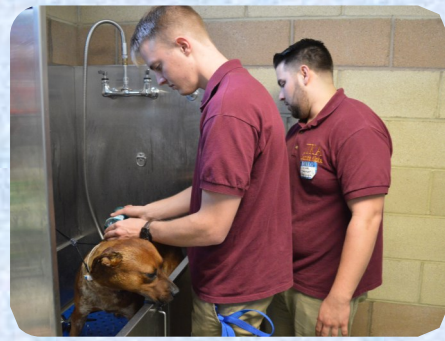


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# Shelter HAPPENINGS



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# New Volunteers



Alaniz, Genevieve	Delano, Audrey	Lopez, Erin	Perez, Jacob
Alexander, Kenneth	Dunsun, Kamaii	Manriquez, Monique	Plant, Ashley
Araba, Sydney	Estratalan, Sonia	Martin, Michael	Rivera, Mariana
Barajas, Samuel	Gahler, Angelina	Mendoza, Jesus	Rodriguez, Lorraine
Brown, Destinee	Garcia, Alicia	Montoya, Marisol	Saavedra, Erica
Cardenas, Virma	Hunter-Quesada, Kiana	Ontiveros, Jackie	Segarra, Jessica
Cazares, Jesenia	Lara, Chelsy	Parrish, Tia	Wildman, C. Gail
Chang, Jessica	Lomeli, Gabriela	Parsons Timothy	Wurtz, Jaime

**Be Sure to Seek Out and Welcome our New Volunteers!!**



# Birthdays



Abdelrahman, Nancy 1/6	Gomez, Cassandra 1/8	Moreno, Georgina 1/17
Alvarado, Elizabeth 1/14	Gomez, Cindy 1/22	Nguyen, Lisa 1/2
Alvarez, Angie 1/4	Gonzalez, Alexander 1/9	Obando, Caylan 1/31
Alvarez, Felipe 1/6	Gonzalez, Bridget 1/10	Ong, Melissa 1/3
Ayers, Jeffrey 1/3	Gonzalez, Melissa Lynn 1/31	Penrose, Shannon 1/30
Barnes, Tallianne 1/17	Griffith, Karen 1/19	Phillips, Brenda 1/7
Braly, Donna Gail 1/9	Guadron, Angelica 1/10	Porter, Lauren 1/25
Briseno, Vivian Vanessa 1/16	Guevara, Jackie 1/3	Ramos, Melissa 1/9
Carpenter, Tiffany 1/14	Gutierrez, Omar 1/8	Recovery Learning Center, Rlc 1/1
Castillo, Diana 1/30	Henukh, Welhelmina 1/25	Reyes, Veronica 1/9
Cessna, Millie 1/27	Hill, Stevie 1/3	Rivera, Eric 1/1
Coberly, Lindsey Renee 1/26	Hiroto, Vikki 1/11	Sosa, Sandra 1/28
Coker, Clayton 1/15	Hunter-Quesada, Kiana 1/31	Soto, Pamela 1/14
Connelly, Valentina 1/26	Hutton, Michelle 1/8	Stringer, Eric 1/21
Cottriss, Shelli 1/30	Iqbal, Haidar 1/6	Vela, Gilbert 1/15
De La O, Javier 1/30	Lares, Deane 1/10	Wurtz, Jaime 1/15
Esquivel, Thomas 1/23	Lauricha, Judy 1/6	Yale, Kirk Pair 1/13
Fernandez, Edith 1/4	Lopez, Ruth 1/20	Zamudio, Janelle 1/22
Figueroa, Yesenia 1/21	Lundberg, Emily 1/21	
Flores, Karen 1/9	Matter, Marissa 1/27	
Garcia, Jessica 1/10	Mitchell, Kerry 1/25	
Gil, Julie 1/29	Molina, Kellie 1/11	

# Animal Trivia

## Did You Know?

1. Female Emperor Penguins lay their egg, leave it behind, and partake on 2 month hunting trip!
2. One Indian Snow Leopard in a national park was reported to have eaten 5 sheep, 9 hares, 25 marmots, 5 goats, and 15 birds in one year!
3. The average lifespan of a wild polar bear is between 25 to 30 years!



### Quotes

*“Happiness is a warm puppy.”*

*- Charles Schulz*



*Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?*

*We want to hear it!!*

*Contact your Volunteer Coordinator in person or via email.*