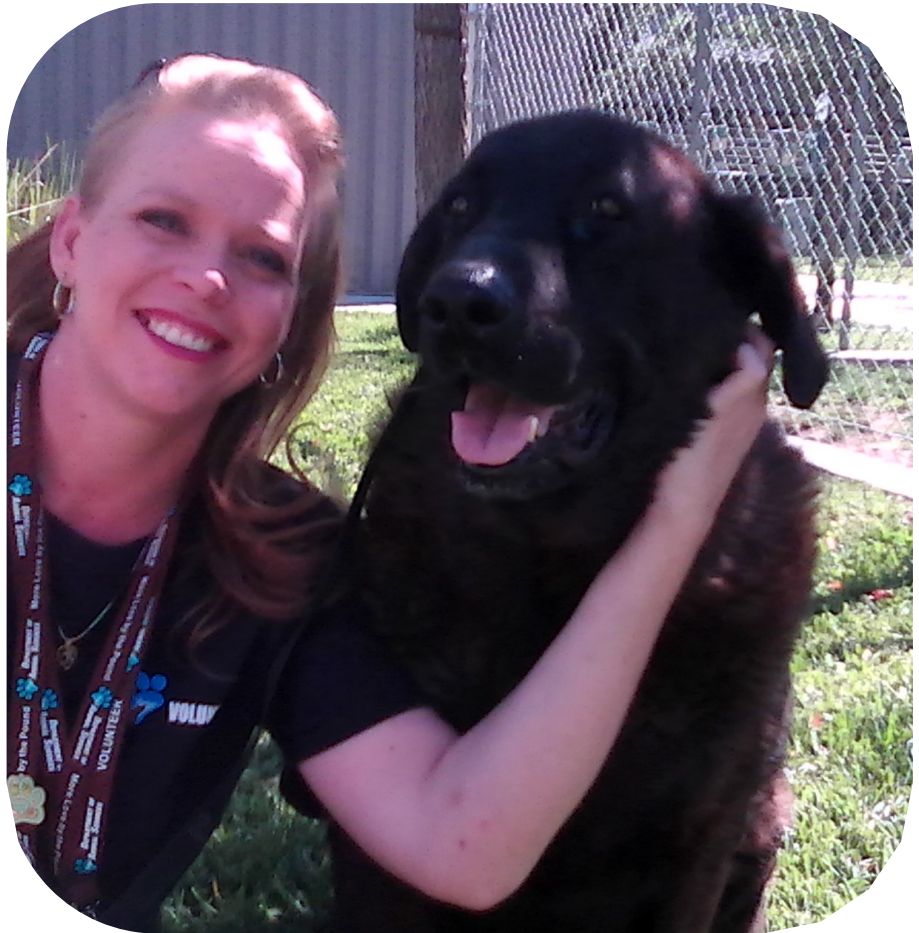




# Volunteer Voices

## RCDAS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER-SAN JACINTO EDITION

### Kristen Hoer

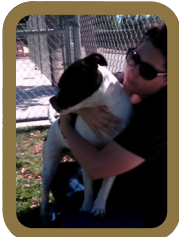
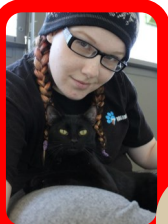
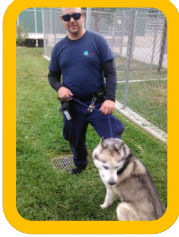
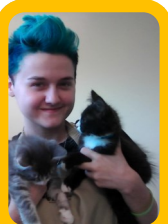
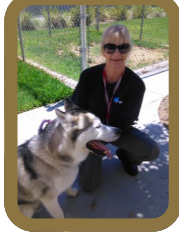
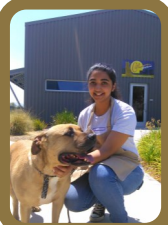
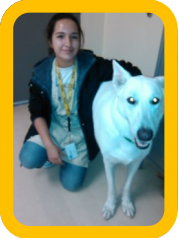


### Volunteer of The Quarter

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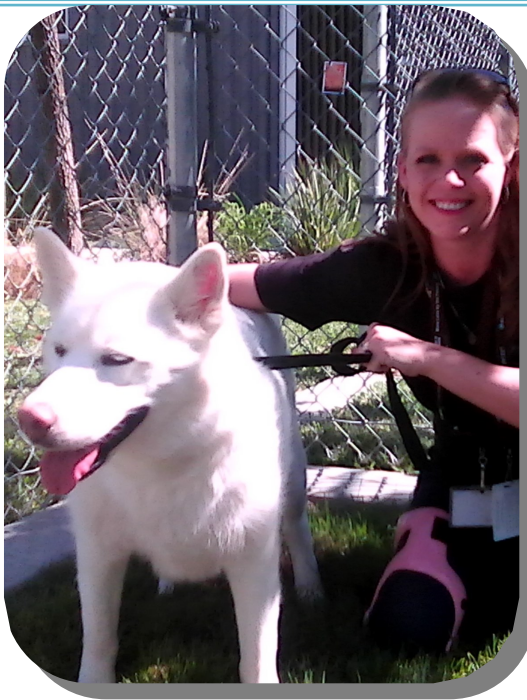
October 2015



# Volunteer of the Month

## Kristen Noer

Kristen began volunteering in 2013. Her favorite part is all the people she has met. She said, "Its nice to be around animal-minded people like myself, that care about them as much as I do!" Currently, she runs the Hemet Petco adoption program and is active with Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Service. Her most memorable moment was opening day at San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus. Also, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets and going fishing at the lake. She has three dogs, four cats, two kittens, and a bearded dragon. Growing up on a farm, she learned how to holistically care for animals and would like to acquire a degree in the animal field.



## Fun Facts:

1. If she could trade places with anyone, she would trade with her friend who is the Senior Mammals Keeper at the zoo.
2. Her hero is her big sister Shannon.
3. She is a mother of five girls.
4. She grew up in Fallbrook, CA and rode horses since before she could walk.

## Meet the Staff

### Jeanette Castro-Animal Care Technician

Jeanette has worked for The Department of Animal Services for almost 9 years. She transferred 1 year ago from our Riverside shelter. She has always loved animals and had a passion for them since childhood. Her favorite thing about her job is being able to help and provide for the shelter animals and ensure quality care. She is currently attending school to acquire her AA and register as a Veterinary Technician. She has an 8-year-old female Chihuahua named Honey that was adopted from the shelter at 4- months-old and she also has four cats that she loves very much.

## Fun Facts:

1. One thing that Jeanette would love to accomplish is to interact with a lion.
2. Her favorite food is sushi and she loves seafood.
3. Her favorite type of movies are horror movies.



## Save the Date

- Volunteer/Employee Picnic  
October 25th
- Halloween Spooktacular  
October 31st





## Your Fellow Volunteers



### Crystal Turri

Crystal became an active volunteer at the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus in October of 2015. She has assisted with Petco adoptions, kiosk assistance, clinic assistance, and photography. She enjoys making a difference and a positive impact in the animals lives. She also knows, the most smallest of gestures can make them happy. She has two dogs, a 10-year-old Rat Terrier mix and a 7-year-old Cockapoo that she raised since they were puppies. She loves her pets to death and they've been through ups and downs however they pulled together as a family and are stronger than ever.

#### Fun Facts

1. Crystal enjoys traveling and new experiences.
2. She enjoys writing and spending time with friends.
3. If she could be an animal, she would be an eagle. "Eagles are majestic, fierce, and have freedom to do whatever they like," Crystal explained.

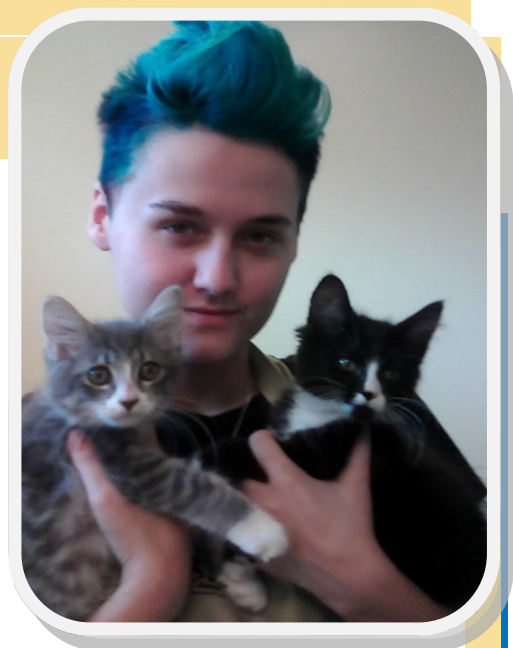


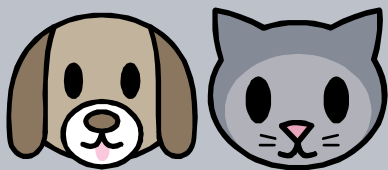
### Tiffany Costello

Tiffany began volunteering for the Department of Animal Services in July of 2015. Her favorite part of volunteering is working with the cats. Tiffany's most memorable moment at the shelter was when Princess, the Pit Bull, got adopted. The moments she holds near and dear are the moments with the shelter cats and when she sees or assists with an older dog's adoption. During her free time, Tiffany enjoys spending time with her cat, Theodore, and socializing with other cats. She is a Girl Scout Leader and has been in Girl Scouts for 10 years and enjoys doing good for the community.

#### Fun Facts:

1. If possible, she would trade places with Michelle Obama for a day because she feels that she is good hearted to those around her.
2. Favorite movie: Peter Pan
3. Hero/role model: Harrison Ford





# By the Numbers....

## Hours Volunteered—Year to Date\*

**San Jacinto:** 321 hours     **All Shelters:**213,433 hours

\*does not include hours from group volunteers

**All Shelters  
Adoptions & Rescues  
YEAR TO DATE  
13,015**

## San Jacinto Shelter: September's Numbers

## Volunteer Hours—September (San Jacinto)

1. Jacque Dinicola	82.1 hours
2. Tiffany Hines	60 hours
3. Kristen Noer	29 hours
4. Helen Mattias	26.1 hours
5. Ellen Young	19.5 hours
6. Nancy Madigan	18.75 hours
7. Leslie Mills Photographer	15 hours
8. Marlene Pirtle	11.5 hours
9. Barbara Djordjevic	11 hours
10. Leonora Melendez	10 hours

## Dog Socialization

Name	Total
Ellen Young	25
Nancy Madigan	19
Elizabeth Quesada	6
Nikki Rossi	6
Katrina Condis	5
Leonora Melendez	5
Joseph Hagan	5
Bianca Vega	4
Glynn Brown	4
Joseph Hagan	3
Selena Huerta	3
Brittany Cornell	3
Paulette Cominotto	3
Rochelle Polzin	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>

## Cat Socialization

Name	Total
Leonora Melendez	17
Bianca Vega	16
Brittany Cornell	9
Katrina Condis	6
Rochelle Polzin	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

## Animals Photographed

Name	Total
Leslie Mills	24
Helen Mattias	24
Barbara Djordjevic	24
Susan Lepidi	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

# Shelter HAPPENINGS

- ◆ Buddy with Nancy Madigan is designed to give volunteers the opportunity to observe how to handle dogs safely. We want to establish a safe environment for the people and the animals by offering assistance from someone with experience for those who do not feel comfortable. Buddy with Nancy Madigan is available Tuesdays and Thursdays at our San Jacinto Shelter from 11:00am-2:00pm.
- ◆ Photography assistance needed Thursdays from 11am-1pm.
- ◆ Volunteers needed Wednesdays for Kiosk/Information desk from 2:30-6pm.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for Petco adoptions every other Saturday from 10am-2pm.

If you are interested, please email Sabrina Garcia for more information or to schedule for activities at [sdgarcia@rcdas.org](mailto:sdgarcia@rcdas.org)



## Jason Rae Working With Dogs and Enrichment

Jason Rae is founder and CEO of [Strutmymutt.com](http://Strutmymutt.com) an online dog training platform for Shelters and Rescues that helps new adopters get off to a great start by providing free online training programs. He is also the owner and founder of Inside Out Dog Training which provides dog training services to Southern California residents. Whether its online or in person Jason is passionate about teaching others how to focus on building a positive and trusting relationship with their dogs.

## Volunteer/Employee Picnic

Our annual Volunteer/Employee Picnic will be hosted at our Riverside Shelter 6851 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA 92509. We look forward to seeing all of you there! We will be offering a shuttle service from San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus that will be leaving at 10:00am on October 25th to our Riverside Shelter. If you are interested in the shuttle service, you must RSVP with Elvira Valenzuela the Volunteer Services Coordinator, and disclose if you have any guests to ensure space. You may email her at your earliest convenience to reserve your spot.

[evalenzu@rcdas.org](mailto:evalenzu@rcdas.org)

# Shelter HAPPENINGS

Get ready to blast to the past at our



# Rock-A-Billy



## Volunteer and Employee Picnic!

Sunday, October 25th

11am - 4pm

Lots of CASH Prizes-Grub, & FUN!!!

Perform your heart out in our TALENT SHOW and  
enter the Rock-A-Billy Dress Contest!!!

## Opportunity Drawings!

## Top Gift is \$500!

\*RSVP - click the link in your email to register by October 8th.

\*Note: Employees attendance to this event is on your own time unless it is  
your scheduled work day.

NO alcoholic beverages are permitted!

## 1ST ANNUAL RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICE

### HOWL-O-WEEN SPOOKTACULAR

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

COSTUME CONTEST

10:00 TO 11:00 AM

TRUNK OR TREAT

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

WHERE:

SAN JACINTO ANIMAL

CAMPUS

581 S. GRAND AVE

SAN JACINTO, CA 92582

WHAT:

TRUNK OR TREAT FOR THE KIDS

PETCO PET COSTUME CONTEST.

SPONSORED BY THE HEMET PETCO

SHOT CLINIC (10 AM-12 PM)

BRING YOUR TWO-LEGGED AND FOUR-LEGGED GOOLS AND  
GOBLINS FOR THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT!!! COME DRESSED  
TO IMPRESS IN YOUR BEST COSTUMES!!!!



# Shelter HAPPENINGS

## Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular



# Shelter HAPPENINGS

## Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular







# New Volunteers



- ◆ Natasha Hancock
- ◆ Gabrielle McCabe
- ◆ Rochelle Polzin
- ◆ Eva Queja
- ◆ Gloria Valenzuela
- ◆ Crystal Turri
- ◆ Kamiern Lowery
- ◆ Araceli Martin
- ◆ Janna Evans

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



# Birthdays



- ◆ Robert Williams Oct. 2nd
- ◆ Tina Hinojosa Oct. 11th
- ◆ Amber Johnson-Mills Oct. 20th
- ◆ Madison Bright Oct. 24th
- ◆ Christian Montano Oct. 28th
- ◆ Rachel Mullin Oct. 29th
- ◆ Nancy Madigan Nov. 3rd
- ◆ Adie Huard Nov. 4th
- ◆ Navrose Brar Nov. 15th
- ◆ Lilly Bryant Nov. 17th
- ◆ Nelda Lemke Nov. 20th
- ◆ Brenda Gutierrez Nov. 23rd
- ◆ Candace McGrew Nov. 30th
- ◆ Kamerin Lowery Dec. 4th
- ◆ Connie Brants Dec. 6th
- ◆ Leonora Melendez Dec. 8th
- ◆ Elizabet Quesada Dec. 8th
- ◆ Heather Smith Dec. 9th
- ◆ Stephanie Beck Dec. 14th
- ◆ Abigail Porter Dec. 15th
- ◆ Nikki Rossi Dec. 17th
- ◆ Maria Hernandez Dec. 19th
- ◆ Rosana Garcia Dec. 23rd
- ◆ Heleana Mann Dec. 26th
- ◆ Paulette Cominotto Dec. 30th

# Years of Service

## **1 YEAR**

Jennifer Wesolowski  
 Paulette Cominotto  
 Marlene Pirtle  
 Kristen Noer  
 Tiffany Hines  
 Susan Lepidi  
 Jamie Lee  
 Sandra Gleason  
 Danielle Jackson

## **1 YEAR**

Nelda Lemke  
 Christian Myer  
 Rachel Mullin  
 Nikki Rossi  
 Robert Schiebe  
 Heather Smith  
 Amber Swanson

## **3 YEARS**

Stephanie Beck

## **6-7 YEARS**

Jacque Dinicola  
 Helen Mattias

## **8 YEARS**

Barbara Djordjevic

*Please take a moment to congratulate these volunteers for their dedication to the animals*

# Animal Trivia

## Did You Know?

1. The roadrunner is classified as a bird, specifically a cockatoo. Although it is a bird, it does not do much flying. Roadrunners prefer to stay on the ground. They have four toes on each of its feet, two toes facing forwards and two toes facing backwards.
2. Dog's nose prints are as unique as human fingerprints and can be used to identify them.
3. Butterflies taste with their feet

### **“Quotable”**

“The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.” - DeAnn Hollis



**Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?  
We want to hear it!!!**  
**Contact your Volunteer Coordinator in person or via email.**  
**pdewing@rcdas.org or Office Assistant sdgarcia@rcdas.org**