



Volunteer of the Month **Brian Ridgley**



Our Volunteer of the Month Brian Ridgley has been volunteering with Riverside Animal Services since October of 2009.

He is easily identifiable because he is constantly watering the plants and working on our landscaping. When he began volunteering it was his wish to give back to his community by helping both people and animals. Brian is a dog lover so it made sense to him to give his time to the shelter animals that are in need of attention and love.

Since 2009 he has logged over 619 hours as a volunteer working as an adoption

assistant, greeter at the information desk, reuniting lost pets with their owners, and cleaning dishes and doing laundry. Brian is a DOCENT Volunteer who helps us train new volunteers. Brian has proven to be an exceptional volunteer because of his commitment and devotion to the volunteer program. He is a hard worker, compassionate, and welcoming.

We are very lucky to have him as a shelter volunteer, and so are the animals.



Volunteer December 2010 Birthdays

Muckleroy, Markelle 12/1	Bachelor, Jenny 12/11	Polucha, Kendra 12/22	Leslie, James 12/30
Brockington, Amirah 12/3	Mejia, Consuelo (Connie) 12/15	Burruss, Ashley 12/22	Santacruz, Erick 12/30
Anderson, Mary 12/5	Rincon, Miguel 12/15	Nieto, Carmen 12/23	Johnson, Kory 12/30
Singh, Parbhdeep 12/5	Hernandez, Stephanie 12/15	Barnes, Nicholas 12/23	Argueta, David 12/31
Soto, Nancy 12/6	Dominguez, Stephanie 12/16	Askren, Jennifer 12/23	
Butler, Melissa 12/7	Taylor, Sandie 12/17	Coley, Patricia 12/24	
Reyes, Sonia 12/8	Kirtland, Karen 12/17	Mora, Yanet 12/24	
Amaro, Savannah 12/9	Aguirre, Tammara 12/18	Krall, Randi 12/27	
Caplan, Donna 12/9	Sharma, Hamash 12/19	Vega, Hazel 12/27	
Maya, Ramses 12/9	Villegas, Stephanie 12/20	Moreno, Steven 12/27	
Renteria, Carla 12/10	Aguayo, Maria 12/20	Mendoza, Sergio 12/29	
Arce, Stephanie 12/11	Bell, Megan 12/20	Bisgaard, Brian 12/29	
Torres, Jennifer 12/11	Hernandez, Anthony 12/22	Rieve, Alison 12/29	



Christmas Mint Dog Cookies

Ingredients

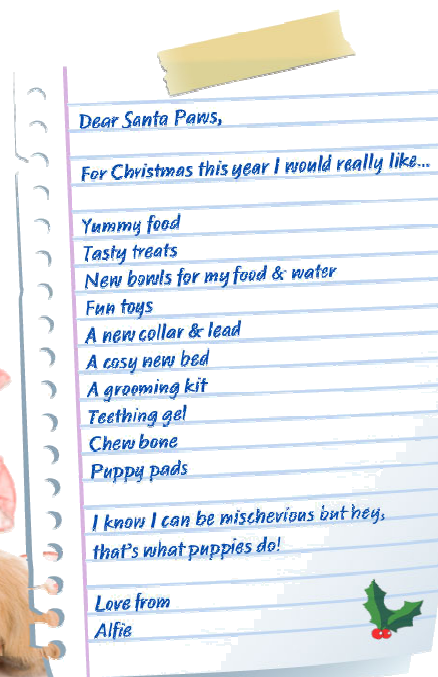
Combine 1 cup flour, 1 cup baking mix (Bisquick or Jiffy), 5 drops mint flavoring, ¼ cup milk, 2 tablespoons margarine, 1 egg and 1 teaspoon corn syrup.

Directions

Mix all ingredients and roll out onto a floured surface to approximately ¼ inch thick. Cut with holiday cookie cutters and position on a cookie sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes until lightly browned. Cool before storing or giving to your pup. Store these treats in a sealed, airtight container.



Spoil your pup with everything he wants this **Christmas...**



The Volunteer Voice

Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers

Contreras, Veronica

Uduman, Kiara

Gonzalez, Denisse

Davis, Daniel

Warmoth, Kristen

Hogue, lone

Davis, Debbie

Askren, Diane

Hubbard, Linda

Heiliger, Kristy

Broyles, Andrea

Jones, Nicole

Johnson, Brittany

Carman, Shawna

Palafox, Miguel

Pierce, Kristina

Felix, Megan

Uribe, Heather

Saenz, Candice

Frausto, Gabriela

Vega, Nicole

Stout, Heidi

Garcia, Robert

Villalobos, Reyna

Weekly III, James

Minnie Mouse Volunteer's pet of the month

Hi my name is Minnie mouse I was a shelter dog. My mommy and daddy got me when I was six weeks old. I cried the first night so my mommy put me in bed with her and daddy, now I sleep there all the time. I like to play with my toys, I have lots, I like to sit on mommy's lap the best. When I wake up in the morning, I go over to daddy and put my neck over his and kiss his ears to wake him up. Then I go to mommy and get her up so I can eat breakfast I am always hungry. I do not like to go out in the rain. My Mommy and daddy are Jim and Helen Leslie my daddy volunteers at the shelter and he likes horses.



Ask President Obama

If you're looking for a new pet, it can be tempting to go straight to a breeder or to be enticed by kittens being sold at pet stores. But if you really want to save an animal's life, you might consider [adopting a pet](#) from your [local animal shelter](#). Animals end up at shelters for all kinds of reasons — they may have been stray, or they may have been unwanted by previous owners. One thing is for certain: animals who end up in shelters are the most at-risk for euthanasia due to overcrowding or inability to be adopted.

That's why adopting from a shelter can save more than just your pet's life. It clears room for other stray or unwanted animals to come and have the chance to be adopted.

Write to President Obama asking him to endorse a National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, so that we can raise awareness about the importance of saving the lives of our shelter animals!



Did you know Science Diet donates all the food to the cats and dogs here at the shelter , also they provide the first round of food for every adoption from Animal Services . To find out more about Science Diet visit there web-site at:

<http://www.petfooddirect.com>

If you are interested in applying to be a decent and you think you have what it takes please contact the volunteer department for an interview.

Here are a few fun facts

- 🐾 Cats in Halifax, Nova Scotia, have a very high probability of having six toes.
- 🐾 A cat's jaws can not move sideways.
- 🐾 Police dogs are trained to react to commands in a foreign language; commonly German but more recently Hungarian or some other Slavic tongue.
- 🐾 A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- 🐾 Reindeer like to eat bananas.
- 🐾 The Pug dog is thought to have gotten it's name from looking like the pug monkey.
- 🐾 The newest dog breed is the Bull Boxer, first bred in the United states in 1990-91.
- 🐾 A cat has four rows of whiskers.

Classified Ads

Events

🐾 **December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st Closed**

The Shelter will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Years Eve and New Years Day

Important Reminders

The teen volunteer program is full at this time. Please check back in the spring time to start with our Pet Life Saverz Youth Group by visiting www.rcdas.org.

The clerical area is for our employees and volunteers that are approved to do clerical assignments only. Please report directly to your assignments when you arrive. Nicole is available in the event of an emergency. Otherwise you can schedule an appointment with her if you want to talk about new ideas, suggestions, or issues at nwarring@rivcocha.org or 951-358-7380.

Happy Holidays from Animal Services Volunteer Department



2010 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards Ceremony



Jim Leslie
Presidential Award
1000 hours of Services



Diana Paulus
2010 Volunteer of the Year



Stephen Cuomo
Presidential Award
1000 hours of Services



From Left to Right: **Art, Diana, Colby, Makayla, Brian, Jackie**
500 Hour Club



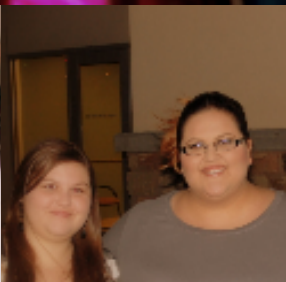
250 Hour Club



100 Hour Club



40 Hour Club





*"The Fun
we had"*

