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RIVERSIDE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

## Employee Nurtures Rescue-Group Relationships, Pet Foster Homes

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Just about everyone in Riverside County Animal Services knows that employee Sue Zucker is always working her magic in trying to save as many animals as possible.

Sue is an adoption partner coordinator assigned primarily to work with Animal Services' friends in the nonprofit world.

Sue's efforts are a complement to the daily adoptions by the wonderful people that visit one of the county's four shelters and find their perfect pet.

She specializes in finding a specific homeless pet, usually a certain breed, that fits the bill for rescue group organizations throughout Southern California.

One such group that often visits: Coastal German Shepherd Rescue,

which has an Orange County office in Irvine.

Sue also nurtures relationships with smaller mom-and-pop operations and individuals willing to take in an injured— or special-case animal as a foster pet. When the animal recovers fully, Sue then finds the energized pet a full-time, loving home.

Each month hundreds of animals are saved by Sue's efforts with these very important groups and people. (Each month Sue sends off a whopping 290 animals!)

Frequent partnerships include Corona-based Gena's Friends For Felines cat rescue, Tender Loving Critters of the Inland Empire and Good Dog Rescue from Los Angeles.

Some rescue groups will take on a challenging dog and work with its behavior.



*Sue Zucker shows off one of her most recent special packages to foster care, Elena, a 6-year-old poodle mix that came to the Riverside Shelter as an injured stray. Elena suffered bite wounds and some skin infections. Veterinary team members nursed the dog back to health. Sue handed her off to Starlight Stepping Stones Cat Rescue of Norco on Wednesday, Sept. 9.*

Sue's telephone pitches and that beaming smile enchant rescue group organizations from as far as San Diego County and the San Fernando Valley.

"This agency could not have had the success in saving so many lives without Sue's efforts in developing and maintaining relationships with the rescue groups," said Lori Neddermann, an operations chief who oversees the program.

"She works tirelessly and uses all resources available to make sure every shelter animal has an opportunity to find a forever home," Neddermann said. "When I have to fill in for her, I get to see just how challenging the job is. I do not know how she accomplishes all she does."

Added Lori: "She is truly passionate about her job and never complains, unless it is to fight for the life of a shelter animal."



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