

The

Volunteer

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Voice



**DEPARTMENT OF
ANIMAL SERVICES**

Riverside County Community Health Agency

The Events!

Recent Events

May

- Memphis Tennessee Rescues
 - Car Show
 - Adopt-A-thon
 - Art Exhibit
 - Community Health Picnic
 - Watermelon Festival
 - Drum Mask and Dance Festival
 - Meet Shorty the Pit Boss

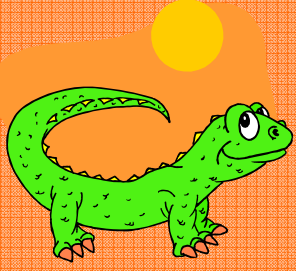


Upcoming Events

- Pet Life Saverz Youth Club Program Begins
 - Art for the Animals Online Auction

Drum Mask and Dance Festival





Critter Kiddz Camp!

At the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter
Come join us for Critter Kiddz Camp!

Each session is one week long (Mon-Fri) filled with animal themed summer camp activities. Space is limited

Sign up now!

At camp kids can:

- Interact with dogs and cats
- Meet bunnies and reptiles
- Enjoy animal related games
- See special guest presenters
- Make crafts and more...

Dates: July 11-22

Ages: 6-11

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Cost: \$75 per week (Mon-Fri)

Register online here through the ASK Foundation.

Scan and email registration forms to: kmcwhort@rivcocha.org

And if interested in volunteering please email by July 6, 2011 to
nwarring@rivcocha.org

Volunteer of the Month



Lara Winchester

On February 26, 2011, the volunteer department was fortunate to come across such an amazing volunteer, Lara Winchester. In a short 4 month period, Lara has already achieved 362 hours of service. That is an average of 90 hours a month.

Lara catches a ride on the bus to and from the shelter 6 days a week.

Lara said, “being around the other volunteers and staff makes me so happy there is no other place she could ever think of being.” When I asked her why she chose to spend her time here with us she said, “there are animals here that need loving homes and she is here to make sure that happens.”

Lara's love for animals, all of her long hours, and hard work have contributed to her success. She has been promoted to a Docent Volunteer very quickly. She teaches other volunteers how to be their best at the Information Desk. She helps transport our animals in need of spay or neuter surgery to our newly open clinic facility in San Jacinto. She assists reuniting owners with their long lost pet. But Lara’s favorite thing to do is to get these animals out to a loving family.

For instance, we had a 110 lb Rottweiler named Bubba, and he was a teddy bear, Lara said. She expressed happiness during his adoption and helped through the entire process.

In her spare time, Lara attends Ashford University for her Degree in Business.

Thank you Lara for being an outstanding volunteer!

ADOPT-A-THON

Peace Love and Pets

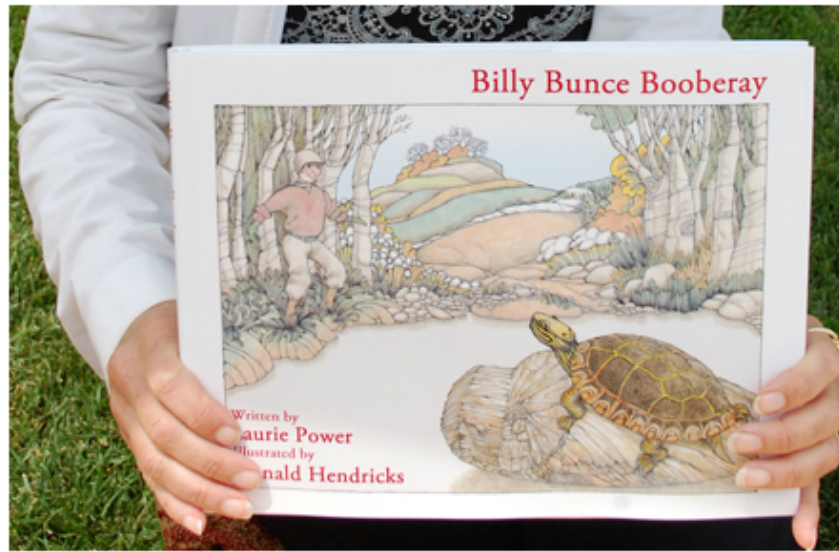
Adopt-A-Thon/Car Show/Art Walk was a great success and all of you deserve the credit! Thanks to you, 55 animals have found new homes and 6 animals found their way back home. Now many of you who have been around since the first adopt-a-thon may remember much higher adoption

totals for the first and second years. But don't forget, back then we held the event for 3 days and had three days worth of adoptions to make up those totals. 55 adoptions is far better than an average Saturday and is needed during a time when our kennels are so full. Great work to all of you who worked with the public looking for new pets to add to their families!

The car show was fantastic and for those who didn't get to see the beautiful cars on display, we had 61 entries, which is higher than last year and everything I heard from the car owners was positive and they felt the venue was much better than the previous year. John Welsh will be posting pictures and video on our website, so if you didn't see the entries, look at RCDAS.org. Remember, part of the entry fees for the car show go to the ASK Foundation to help fund critical needs of the department.

Equally, the art walk went well with 12 artists displaying their work. As part of their participation, artists donated a work for the Art for the Animals auction. Once again, the proceeds from the Art for the Animals event will go to the ASK Foundation to help support the needs of DAS.

Lastly, attendance from the public was better this year and the event saw a steady stream of people throughout the day. The food vendors also reported good sales, which is always helps in getting them to return the next year. The



Art for the Animals

wonderful volunteers for everything they do! I also want to thank again all of the staff who worked long hours, came in on their day off, or made any other contribution to make this year successful, including the ACO's who worked in the kennels to free up the ACT's so they may provide better customer service and shorter wait times! I truly appreciate everyone's effort and collaboration at getting the job done! Well Done! All of you are amazing!

live band played awesome and had a really good time, so we are hopeful they will return as well.

I want to give special thanks to each person on the planning committee, those who oversaw different areas of the event, and everyone else who had a hand in the planning and oversight of the event! John Welsh for filming the event and all of our



Car Show

Classified

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Open Shelter Jobs

These Jobs are still open and need to be filled

***Front Information Desk (up to 6 Volunteers needed 2 per shift)**

The hours are Saturdays

10:45am to 1:00pm

12:30pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Job Duties: Adults 18 and over

Directing customers to areas of interest

*** Clinic (up to 9 Volunteers needed 3 per shift)**

The hours are Monday to Saturday

8:00am to 12:00pm

1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Job Duties: 13 and up only responsible hard working may apply. General Spay and Neuter Clinic Duties

If you are able to fill any of these days or hours please reply to the volunteer office

Training classes

Want training or just need a refresher class.

Cat - Every Mon & Wed 10:30-6 p.m.

Dogs - Every Monday to Saturday 11am – 3 pm

Clinic- Every Tuesday Wednesday 8:30 am to 10:30 am Thursday 8am to 9 am

Grooming -Every Wednesdays 4 to 5:30 and Sunday 1:30 to 3:30

News Flash!

Our new Bather/Brusher training program has already helped **two** volunteers get hired at local grooming salons. Both came to the program with some experience so they quickly moved through training. Their own responsibility, work ethic, and skills combined with our training and practice, connections, and their volunteer commitment put them at the top of their new employers lists. Congratulations to Maria (Lucy) Hernandez and Samantha Clawson! Are you interested in learning more about the Grooming Program come down and - Wednesday 4 to 5:30 and Sunday 1:30 to 3:30.

Volunteer June 2011 Birthdays

Alisha Virgen 6/4
 Amanda Cullen 6/2
 Arianna Runyon 6/28
 Arron Chauvin 6/24
 Austin Thompson 6/17
 Baily Pickett 6/19
 Barbara Evans 6/16
 Belen Gomez 6/30
 Brenda Perez 6/9
 Brenda Rivero 6/17
 Cassandra Hernandez 6/24
 Clemente Barajas 6/28
 Dale Dozier 6/15
 Daniel Frazier 6/28
 Daniel Ross 6/20
 David Salazar 6/16

Dayna Pittman 6/9
 Erik Johnson 6/3
 Helen Wyss 6/1
 Ione Hogue 6/15
 Isabella Kim 6/8
 Jakeline Espino 6/28
 Jose Lara 6/3
 Julia Snyder 6/29
 Kalina Thornton 6/23
 Katelyn Puentes 6/4
 Kristy DeLeon 6/16
 Kylie Sproles 6/6
 Lauren Antrim 6/22
 Leigh Kirk 6/12
 Mafalda Neckelmann 6/18
 Marla Swanson 6/25

6/28
 Maya Harmon 6/3
 Megan Roden 6/20
 Nasir Jan 6/7
 Rebecca Tewis 6/8
 Robert Garcia 6/15
 Samantha Enoch 6/19
 Sarah Crawford 6/25
 Sarah Johnson 6/19
 Signe Petrarca 6/19
 Stephanie Sanchez 6/23
 Steve Kneass 6/6
 Susan Brown 6/27
 Susan Woods 6/18
 Tammy Machicado 6/25
 Theresa Haislett 6/19
 Timmie Woods 6/5

Maya Flynn



Well miss you

When I started to volunteer here I just had some community service hours to do and wasn't real thrilled with cleaning kennels. I was disconnected from life and had little compassion. I showed up and the more I watched and learned from the employees the more my life became richer and fuller with gratitude. RCDAS staff are the most dedicated and caring bunch of people I've ever had the honor of working with. The level of dedication, compassion, work ethic and willingness to teach has been the most amazing experience of my life. I don't have the words to express what you have all given me.



Not only have I gained new skills to start a new career as a veterinary technician, I have woken up a part of me I thought was lost. Everyday is full of joy and excitement at what the next day is going to bring. Even though I will be moving on I will keep every animal and smiley face in my soul forever. Thank you.

To all the amazing volunteers I have worked with thank you for showing me what it is to give of yourself. My life is forever changed because of my experiences here. You are all an amazing group of selfless people and it has been an honor working beside you! I will miss you all so much!

Heart felt thanks to you all

Dayna Pittman "Volunteer"

Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers

Amador, Stephanie
 Battiest, Alex
 Beaudoin, Kayla
 Bibbs, L'oreal
 Brewer, Jaylene
 Cole, Amber
 Franklin, Donte
 Frye, Sarah

Fung, Patrick
 Hay, Ashley
 Jenkins, Sierra
 Johnson, Serena
 McKendry, Heather
 Morgan, Charlotte
 Olivas, Ismael
 Perez, Brenda

Puentes, Katelyn
 Ramirez Rodriguez, Mariana
 Robb, Stevie Marie
 Rowse, Daniel Paul
 Terry, Emily
 Thomas, Steven
 Vasquez, Joseph
 White, Khyber

Volunteers in Action

