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Volunteer Voice



Shimmy for Critters

October 8th,
2011
at the
Riverside Shelter

Dogtoberfest

October 29th at
Skip Fordyce
Harley Davidson

Upcoming Events

October

- Shot Clinic Every First Wednesday of the month from 6pm to 11pm and every third Saturday from 9am to 4pm.
- \$40 Fidos Every Saturday at the Van Buren PETCO

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**DEPARTMENT OF
ANIMAL SERVICES**

Riverside County Community Health Agency



Your Voice

It's not always easy, in fact sometimes it's an extremely difficult thing to do, but I still keep volunteering anyways because it brings me joy
-Christina Finney, Volunteer-

LUV OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!
-Carolyn, ASK Foundation-

I think it's great to volunteer and I love working with Travis, Itzel, and I adore Jen
-Claire Takeshita, Volunteer-

I like meeting interesting people at the front lobby and helping the new volunteers get trained
-Aldir Jamenez, Volunteer-

I love volunteering!
Every time I can help out an animal it makes me feel good. When I see them go with their new families it puts a smile on my face because it's one less animal on the streets.
-Selina Meraz, Volunteer-

I feel volunteering it is so rewarding.
-Terri Centella, Volunteer-

The Grooming Room

The grooming room has been gifted with a great volunteer named Adam Brown who has been very busy these last 2 months helping with grooming bathing, brushing and clipping the dogs.

Adam's groomer training allows him to help the dogs at our shelter look great so they can hopefully get a new and permanent home.

Adam is at the shelter Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to know how to bathe and brush a dog, please come by on these days and see Adam.

He is better known to the shelter as "Lara's right hand man".

-Lara Winchester, Docent Volunteer-

If you have a story or any pictures you would like to share please email them to Nwarring@rivcocha.org

Reminders:

Our dogs miss our volunteers and the joy they bring to them.

Please drop by whenever you can to walk and exercise our dogs!

Updates:

Volunteers can learn more about making the animals shine by bathing and brushing a dog.

Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10-3 with Adam and Lara

We will no longer be having volunteers on Sundays.

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Volunteer October 2011 Birthdays

Kara Brownlee	10/1	Kelly Murdock	10/13	Alex Contreras	10/25
Erinn Pueschel	10/2	Amanda McKitterick	10/14	Amelia Mercado	10/26
Alan Wagner	10/2	Sarah Drobnack	10/14	Kady Martineau	10/27
Michael Nava	10/2	Holly Nelson	10/14	Susan Scott	10/27
Brittaney Newland	10/3	Ashlie Fleischer	10/14	Melissa Arndt	10/27
Maria Hernandez	10/4	Marre Prestigiacomo	10/14	Rachel Stewart	10/27
Ricardo Nunez	10/5	Marci Wagner	10/14	Eric Huggins	10/28
Edward Renteria	10/5	Ashlie Fleischer	10/14	Ashley Hay	10/29
Jocelyn Vargas	10/6	Ashlie Fleischer	10/14	Clarissa Hernandez	10/29
Richard Ortega	10/6	Megan Vogelpohl	10/15	Andres Hernandez	10/29
Joanna Fernandez	10/6	Angelica Valenzuela	10/16	Itzel Vizcarra	10/30
Olivia Hake	10/6	Ana Prieto	10/16	Christina DeLaVega	10/30
Morgan Kelley	10/7	Essence Penright	10/17	Christine Newton	10/30
June Barlow	10/9	Robert Kirby	10/17	Rita Aguilar	10/30
Chelsea Hoban	10/9	Glenn White	10/18	Elizabeth Naranjo	10/30
Charlotte Davidson	10/9	Jennie Lavy	10/18	Michael Zarate	10/31
Monica Castro	10/10	Katharine Marrs	10/18	Amy Manning	10/31
Adel Juarez	10/10	Michelle Wolf	10/18		
Alicia Saucedo	10/10	Susan Tufts	10/18		
Aaron Robles	10/10	Dawn Hans	10/19		
Lindsay Gorton	10/10	Cheri Collier	10/19		
Brittney Rodriguez	10/10	James Weekly III	10/19		
Edenny Gomez	10/11	Marysol Olvera	10/19		
Heather Uribe	10/11	Ryan Richardson	10/20		
Jose Reyes	10/12	Mellisa Espinoza	10/20		
Yvonne Martinez	10/12	Kristina Sanchez	10/20		
Jessica Lopez	10/12	Stephanie Williams	10/21		
Diana Segura-Lovo	10/12	Veronica Contreras	10/22		
John B Garcia	10/13	Miguel Rodriguez	10/22		
		Pamela Morgan	10/23		
		Joy Kelley	10/24		
		Sarah Frye	10/24		
		Barbara McVey	10/25		
		Carlos Mora	10/25		
		Sherry Mundt	10/25		
		Analy Hernando	10/25		



Welcome All Of Our New Volunteers

Amador, Stephanie	Gonzalez, Gregory	Murray, Lissa
Barron, Jessica	Hermosillo, Katherine	Payne, Sherri
Beck, Steve	Hernandez, Maira	Ruvalcaba, Gloria
Bergeland, Matt	Kirby, Robert	Serrato, Adrianna
Brimhall, Ashleigh	Landgren, Sarah	Sharp, Kayleigh
Brimhall, Ryan	Madera, Brianna	Sollom, Laura
Cisneros, Carolina	Martinez, Maxine	Stewart, Rachel
Dacay, Danica	Meador, Sanisha	Stone, Harold
Dean, Natalie	Meyerett, Kay	Urrutia, David
Garcia, Ashley	Morgan, Kaytlyn	Vasquez, Gladis
Gipson, Nia	Mulligan, Rose	Willis, Graham

Itzel Vizcarra Volunteer of the Month



"I am very grateful for the time with employees like Felix, Travis and Sharon spend teaching me and sharing their knowledge. All the employees deserve a raise!"

**-Itzel Vizcarra
Clinic Volunteer-**

Itzel Vizcarra has volunteered with Animal Services for over a year. She has grown up with animals all her life and that has inspired her to pursue a career as a veterinarian. Her role models are her parents and her sister. They have always pushed her to follow her dreams which has lead her to us. She says the best part about volunteering is the time she spends with the animals and learning more about how to care for them. Itzel attended North High School just like many of our teen volunteers. Now she is attending Riverside Community College with a major in Animal Science . Her career goal is to go to UC Davis for her veterinary education. She finds it hard to balance volunteering and studying, but she manages to volunteer at least once a week in the clinic. Itzel's goal is to learn as much as she can. Her favorite places in the shelter are in the surgery room and the maternity ward. In her free time she loves to hang out with her friends, playing tennis, the piano and wrestle with her dog Potter.

Chris Mayer has been working with the teen volunteer's to prepare and train them on the activities and duties of our Field Services Department. For the last three months, every Saturday, he has taken his time to train an interested volunteer about the work done by an animal control officers and what it is like to be in the field. Some of the things he has learned about are how to complete a trip sheets, how to pick up dead animals, and how to write up a work log. Chris hopes to eventually start a teen program that is a mix of Big Brother/ Big Sister and incorporate the Riverside Police Department's Explorer and Cadet Program where the officers can work with our youth.

Experts tell us that our youth are more likely to succeed in life when they have positive role models and options for education. Chris couldn't agree more with the results of an intensive study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters done by *Public Private Ventures*:

"Taken together, the results presented here show that having a Big Brother or Big Sister offers tangible benefits for youth. At the conclusion of the 18-month study period, we found that Little Brothers and Little Sisters were less likely to have started using drugs or alcohol, felt more competent about doing schoolwork, attended school more, got better grades, and had better relationships with their parents and peers than they would have had, had they not participated in the program".

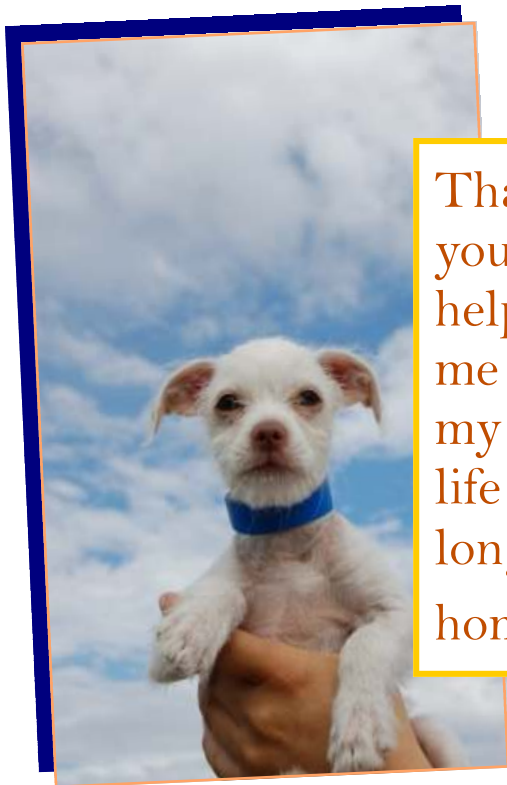
The employees at Animal Services work hard to make the animals' lives better and those of our volunteers.

Thanks, Chris Mayer.



Chris Mayer

The Volunteers Employee of Month.



Thank
you for
helping
me find
my
life
long
home”

What it means to the Department of Animals Services to volunteer.

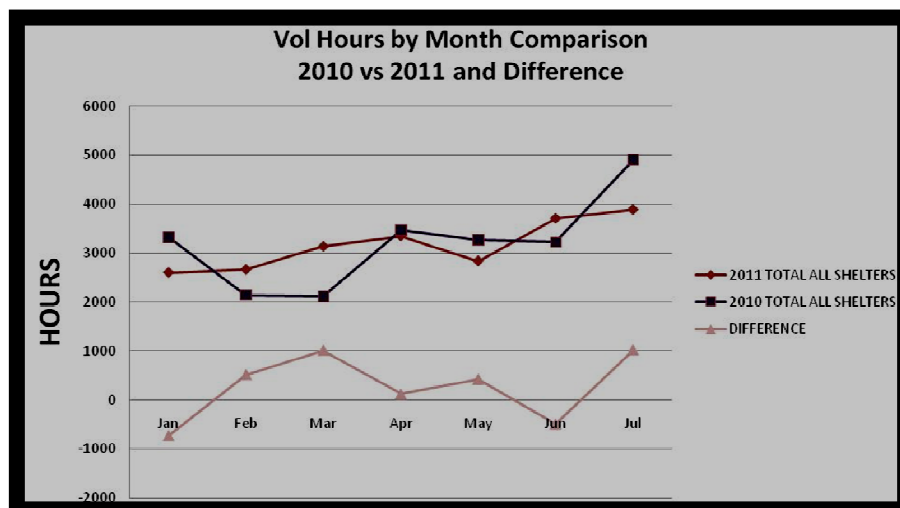
Volunteers are seen as valuable human resources that can directly contribute to achievement of the organization’s mission.

A 2002 study of volunteers in Canadian hospitals found that:

The contributions that professionally managed volunteer programs make to hospitals is significant. Formal hospital volunteers contributed approximately 70,000 volunteer hours to each of the 31 hospitals studied. Estimates of the value of their time, derived from four different methods, average over \$1.26 million per hospital per year against an average investment of \$185,405 to staff and run a professionally

managed program. This represents a cost-benefit ratio of 6.84. In other words, for every dollar that the hospitals in our study spent on professional management of volunteer resources, they derived \$6.84 in value from their volunteers.

We estimated more than twenty years ago that the average volunteer “contributed” more than \$150 per year in out-of-pocket expenses.



Volunteers in Action



Taking a dog for a walk



Making Friends



Fostering Puppies



Making sure every dog has his card



Helping out in the clinic



Laundry day



Keeping the shelter clean

To see more picture of volunteers in action visit our face book page at or websites rcdas.org