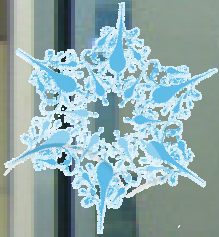
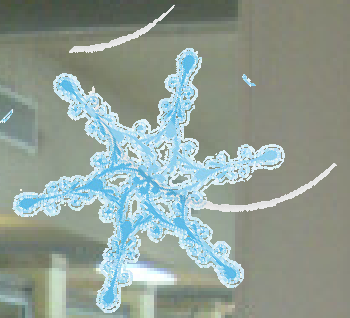
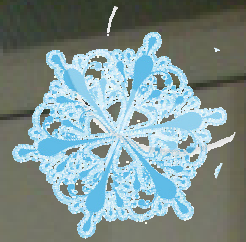




Give a little love this  
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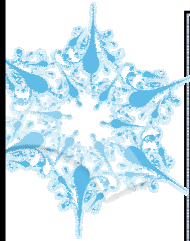
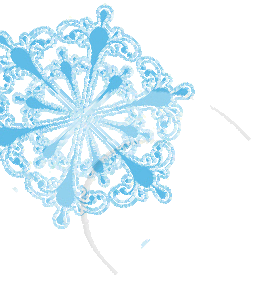
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# Voices

## What are you Thankful for?

I am thankful for a rented cabin in the mountains with kids and grandkids for the weekend (and dogs and grand dogs). You have a great holiday.

**Krystine Johnson -Volunteer**

I'm thankful for all the animals I get to foster and help find loving forever homes. And for all the great people I meet at the shelter. Also I am especially thankful to Sharon in the clinic for all the great things she has taught me so I can become a better foster and more helpful in the clinic.

**Vicki-Volunteer**

I'm a thankful for all of the people who come into the shelter and adopt the homeless pets.

**Aldair Jimenez-Volunteer**

**If you have a story or any pictures you would like to share please email them to [Nwarring@rivcocha.org](mailto:Nwarring@rivcocha.org)**

## Updates:

### Happy Holidays

**We will be closed on**

**December 26, 2011 & January 2, 2012**

**Please don't forget to come in and walk a dog or play with a cat, we miss you!**

## Reminders:

Please do not recommend to anyone who comes to the shelter to turn in their pet and cannot afford to pay the fees, that we have a night drop box. These customers are responsible for owner surrender fees and/or penalties they have incurred.

Just a short while ago, a pet owner came in and explained that she could not keep her dogs, and that they did not have the \$50 to surrender them. This woman stated that someone told her to put the pets in the night drop to avoid paying the fees. \*\*\*This is a big NO, NO - so please do not tell anyone about the night drop.

Anyone that helps transports animals to an event, another shelter, rescue, etc., please clean out the trucks after each use. It has come to my attention that there was poop in one box and vomit in another, EWWWW. Please be kind for the next person that is driving the vehicle.

I appreciate all of your support in both of these manners.

Now through December 31st, dogs and cats are free for veterans with valid ID.

## Contact Number:

**Candace McGrew**

**Volunteer Program Manger**

**[Cmcgrew@rivcocha.org](mailto:Cmcgrew@rivcocha.org)**

**951-358-7467**

# December 2011 Birthdays

Adirah Morgan	12/27	James Leslie	12/30	Natalie Dean	12/29
Alyssa Gutierrez	12/28	Jennifer Askren	12/23	Natalie Pozzobon	12/29
Amirah Brockington	12/3	Jenny Bachellor	12/11	Nicholas Barnes	12/23
Anna Dabney	12/12	Jessica Samano	12/11	Nicholas Lough	12/18
Anthony Rivera	12/9	Julian Silva	12/5	Patricia Coley	12/24
Ashley Burruss	12/22	Karen Kirtland	12/17	Patrick Fung	12/3
Ashley Sanchez	12/27	Kimberly Ruesga	12/23	Patty Parker	12/10
Ashley Vega	12/8	Kory Johnson	12/30	Raelene Herrera	12/20
Brittany Johnson	12/3	Kristy Heiliger	12/9	Ramses Maya	12/9
Carla Renteria	12/10	Magali Sanchez	12/18	Rick Bloomingdale	12/24
Carmen Nieto	12/23	Mariah Therrian	12/17	Sarah Sifunetes	12/1
Charlotte Morgan	12/31	Markelle Muckleroy	12/1	Selina Ortega	12/27
Connie Mejia	12/15	Mary Anderson	12/5	Simon Wu	12/23
Cristina Nunez	12/20	Mayra Robles	12/29	Stephanie Hernandez	12/15
Daisy Rojas	12/17	Megan Bell	12/20	Stephanie Moore	12/27
Donna Caplan	12/9	Melissa Butler	12/7	Stephanie Villegas	12/20
Donte Franklin	12/2	Melissa Gonzalez	12/18	Steven Moreno	12/27
Ebony Canady	12/31	Michal Canga	12/24	Tara Haidary	12/22
Edith Venzor	12/26	Miguel Rincon	12/15		
Hamesh Sharma	12/19	Nancy Soto	12/6		



## Making a Difference

Jennifer, Dana, and Eric are wonderful volunteers from one of our local organizations. They come to the shelter once a week to help us pick up trash. When they are done their reward is walking Talula, Candace's life long friend, and socializing her bunny, Harry. Thank you for making a difference.





## Signe Petrarca: Volunteer of the Month



Signe Petrarca has been volunteering for Animal Services for eight months at the Information Desk. Signe always has a smile on her face and is ready to greet every customer who comes through the door.

Last month Signe wanted to help more and she noticed that the volunteer department needed leashes to walk and show potential adopters the dogs. She took home a sample leash, took it apart to use it as a pattern, ordered leash fabric, cut and sewed them together, and gave them to the shelter employees and volunteers.

Our volunteers and employees are very grateful for these sturdy, strong leashes that she is able to provide.

Thank you, Signe! Congratulations on being the Volunteer of the Month.

## Jeannette Castro:

## Volunteer Choice for Employee of the Month



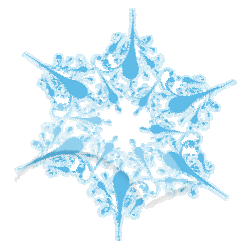
Jeannette Castro has played an important part in training volunteers how to work in the lobby cleaning and in the cat adoption area.

The volunteers have chosen Jeannette because of her kindness to others and her willingness to help and teach new volunteers.

Many of the volunteers say they enjoy the fact that she is always smiling, hard working, and friendly to the public and volunteers.

When she laughs it is contagious and brings joy to those around her. The volunteers have said, "she has a great work ethic and loves to assist others." Jeannette is so positive in her interaction, collaboration, and communication with volunteers.

Keep that smile, Jeannette. Congratulations on being the Volunteer Choice for Employee of the Month.



# Volunteers in Action





*Congratulations Volunteers,  
You have been Nice this year!*



*Together you have accomplished the following statistics this year, Jan-Nov 2011:*

Assisted customers with 6,238 adoptions.

Walked more than 10,000 dogs.

Manned the front desk 2,184 hours.

Volunteered 34,000 hours supporting adoptions, grooming animals, cleaning the horses and barn animals, volunteering in the clinic, clerical, reuniting lost pets with their owners, transporting animals to other shelter locations and adoption events, supported more than 45 events including offsite adoptions, employee fundraisers, parades, health fairs, mentored for the teen club, participated in the Pet Life Saverz Youth Club, helped at our shot clinics, took photographs of the animals and uploaded them into Chameleon, and so much more.

*"The road to success is not crowded. Because while most are looking for ways to take, the truly successful people are finding ways to give. With a giving attitude, every situation is an opportunity for success."*

*- Unknown*