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Rob Murphy

November's Volunteer of the
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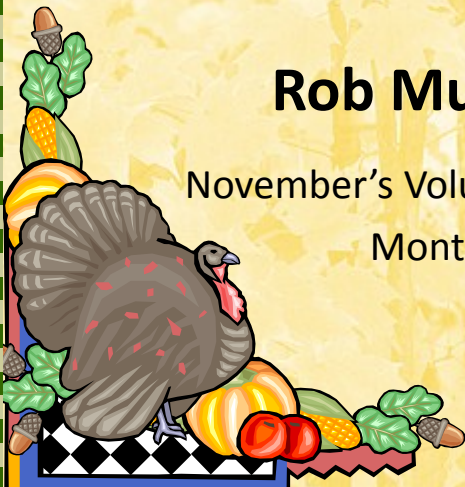


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November Save The Date!

Urgent help is needed at these events. Please contact Candace McGrew at: cmcgrew@rivcocha.org if you are able to give some time.

- November 22nd & 23rd: Shelter closed for Thanksgiving
- December 2nd: Irvine Pet Adoption Event, located at the Irvine Care Center, 10:00am—3:00pm
- December 5th: Shot Clinic: 6:00pm—8:00pm
- December 8th: KB Home Adoption Event, Corona, 8:30am—5:00pm
- December 14th: City of Riverside Home 4 the Holidays, 9:00am — 4:00pm
- December 15th: Shot Clinic, 10:00am — 1:00pm
- December 24th & 25th: Shelter closed for the Holidays
- December 31st & January 1st: Shelter closed for New Year's

Reminders

- Please remember to dress appropriately. All T-shirts and/or tops must be worn 7 inches below your waist, or tucked in. Modesty is the best policy.
- Art for the Animals: We are accepting art for our annual Fundraiser from now until January 18th. Please remind all of the artists in your family about our Fundraiser. Please visit our Website, RCDAS.org for further information.

Adoptions

October Adoptions: 79 cats and 54 dogs. **Michelle Hutton** was instrumental in getting 60 cats adopted! Woo-Hoo! And **Victoria Pecillas** adopted out 21 dogs! Fantastic Victoria! Together you two saved 81 dogs and cats! Job well done!

Congratulations to all of our Volunteers for placing pets in forever homes and all of your hard work here at the shelter!

Volunteer of the Month

ROB MURPHY



Rob Murphy began volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in May of this year. As a retired principal, Rob jokes that working in a hectic environment with animals is as close to his former career as he can get. Through the months, Rob has proven himself to be a huge asset to the shelter. He mostly works with dog adoptions, but never hesitates to help with other tasks such as watching over the pets in the clinic. Rob enjoys being surrounded by all kinds of animals here at the shelter. At home, he has a variety of pets—four cats, Chompers, Daisy, Charlie, and Maggie, along with two dogs, Rex and Lady. But

that's not all; he also has cockatiels, doves, desert tortoises, koi fish, and a variety of snakes!

By far, Rob states that his most memorable moment has had to be working with the S.T.A.R.T. program and loading more than 150 animals to save and send to good homes. When he's not volunteering at the shelter and making the lobby area look fantastic with all the decorations, Rob enjoys working with stained glass to create windows and lamps.

Rob believes that each animal is an individual and should be treated as such. He loves helping with adoptions and matching up our cats and dogs with the right home. To our volunteers, Rob Murphy would like to say, "Keep up the good job, caring for all of our animals and getting them into their forever homes."



Meet the Employee



Gloria Herrera

Administrative Services Analyst II

Gloria Herrera is one of those employees everyone knows! And for good reason—Gloria has the most engaging smile and personality, she draws you right in.

Gloria started with the county 33 years ago, right out of high school working with Riverside County Public/Maintenance/Environmental Department, which eventually became CHA (Community Health Agency). Gloria is now the Administrative Services Analyst II here at the Riverside shelter.

Gloria's favorite part of her career at the shelter is the personal involvement with all of our employees and volunteers, and being able to help them identify their talents. One of her favorite memories so far was on one of her first weeks at the old shelter, when she saw a sole dog, in a green sweater wandering the halls. She went to the clinic to inform them that one of the public's dog was loose. She was told, "Oh, that's just Timmy, he works here!" If you have not met Timmy yourself, make sure you ask who he is!

Sewing (beautifully) and raising her rescue dog Squirt are her favorite hobbies. Gloria has two dogs. Squirt is a Chi/Pom (Chihuahua & Pomeranian mix) and Yugi is a Chi-weenie (Chihuahua & Dachshund.)

Gloria's message to our Volunteers is, "The hours that you dedicate to our shelter is something that can never be replaced. Because you took the time to dedicate your personal time, you have saved and rescued pets...and unknowingly rescued their owners too. Thank you!



Volunteer Voices



JULIE GIL

In early October, **Julie Gil** began to volunteer at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. As a former registered nurse, Julie has fit right in to the clinic. When she isn't helping out cleaning surgical instruments and other tasks in our busy clinic, Julie also enjoys helping our dogs get groomed and prepped for adoptions. In fact, her most memorable moment thus far would have to be grooming the dog in the picture on the left. Julie and others helped groom this pooch, who was extremely dirty and matted, for well over 3 hours, but in the end, she knows it was worth her time to see this gorgeous dog go home to a new family.

After her busy days volunteering here at the shelter, Julie returns to a big family just waiting for her arrival. When she's not tending to her three dogs, Duncan, Tigger, and Chewy, or her three cats, Yoda, Zorro, and T.J., Julie enjoys reading and gardening.

To our volunteers, Julie would like to say, "Volunteer more and hope to see you soon!"

PAUL HOWER

Also joining the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in early October, **Paul Hower** is one of our most recent volunteers. He volunteers in our clinic, helps with adoptions, and also works at the Kiosk. While working hard here at the shelter, Paul is also dedicated to becoming a veterinary assistant, as you may find him reading his textbooks when he gets the chance.

In his spare time, Paul enjoys working in auto repair, which he's done for about 35 years now. He also enjoys spending time with his own pets, Bear, a pure bred boxer, Jessie, a rescued German Shepard mix, Bailey, a lovable cat, and Pat, his Cockatiel.



To our volunteers, Paul would like to say, "If you have any spare time, come volunteer."



October 2012 New Volunteers

Crystal Alvarez

Vivian Vanessa Briseno

Valerie Chavez

Julie Gil

Marcie Graefe

Melissa Hearing

Chrystal Holk

Paul Hower

Graciela Jimenez

Allison Johnson

Brittany Kastens

Lakhvinder Kaur

Miguel Marquez

Douglas Moore

Aubrey Sercl

Erik Shaffer

Laura Soto

Jayne Walsh

November 2012 Volunteer Birthdays

William Pendleton, Nov 1

Aubrey Sercl, Nov 1

Andrea Chavez, Nov 4

Liz Walter, Nov 4

Stanley Morton, Nov 5

Shazi Khan, Nov 6

Joseph Nelson, Nov 6

Jessica Salgado, Nov 7

Marissa Saucedo, Nov 7

Cassandra Ruiz, Nov 7

Luis Tejada, Nov 8

Amber Duling, Nov 9

Melissa Gutierrez, Nov 11

Laura Estrada, Nov 12

Claire Takeshita, Nov 14

Alexandra Fisher, Nov 14

Sara Labor, Nov 16

Aidan Van Gossen, Nov 16

Liyiana Santamaria, Nov 16

Frances Ngo, Nov 19

Marylu Membreno, Nov 19

Brian Ridgley, Nov 21

Veronica Puga, Nov 21

Maria Chaves, Nov 22

Emilio Felix, Nov 23

Elsa Lara-Plascencia, Nov 23

Marcos Luevanos, Nov 23

Graciela Jimenez, Nov 23

Kendall McCardle, Nov 24

Megan Sandoval, Nov 24

Hanna Kang, Nov 24

Eli Rivera, Nov 25

Kristina Klimova, Nov 25

Julia Hernandez, Nov 26

Torrey Stutzman, Nov 26

Linnea Friberg-Price, Nov 26

Alejandra Unzueta, Nov 27

Jaime Aragon, Nov 28

Patricia DeLaCruz, Nov 30

Alyssa Veliz, Nov 30

