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# Save The Date!



*Help is needed at these events. Please contact Candace McGrew at:*

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- December 8th: KB Home, Corona, 9:00am — 4:00pm
- 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



- **Clocking in & out:** Please note if you clock in you must clock out in order to accrue your total hours. If you clock in and do not clock out, you will only accrue 2 hours total.
- **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. Visit our Website, [www.rcdas.org](http://www.rcdas.org) for further information.



## November Adoptions



A total of 76 dogs and 53 cats! Once again, **Victoria Pacillas** adopted out the most dogs with 21 adoptions! But this time, she wasn't the only one, **Priscilla Barnes** adopted out 21 dogs as well! And **Michelle Hutton** adopted out 44 cats! Thank you ladies, you helped adopt out 86 dogs and cats between the three of you!

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*

## **VICTORIA PACILLAS**



**Victoria Pacillas** began volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter two months ago. **Victoria** is here every week walking our dogs and assisting with adoptions. Adopting is her favorite job here because it makes her feel good every time she gets a deserving pooch a new home with a loving family. Because of this, it's hard for her to pinpoint a specific memory that stands out to her. She tells us that every single time one of the shelter dogs gets adopted, it's

a good and memorable day for her. Just this past October, **Victoria** helped adopt out 21 dogs! And she didn't stop there. In November, she adopted out another 21 dogs! Congratulations **Victoria**, your dedication is appreciated!

Outside of the shelter, **Victoria** enjoys reading books, with no specific genre being her favorite. Also, she has two dogs, Scarlet, a 2 year old German Shepard/Doberman mix, and a 1 year old Australian Shepard/Doberman mix named Aussie.

**Victoria's** hopes are to continue working with animals, both here, and in her future career. She would love to become a service dog trainer. Her plan is to rescue shelter dogs, train them to be a positive influence in someone's life, and continue making a difference between animal and human relationships.

To our volunteers, **Victoria** would like to say, "Keep up the good work!"



# Meet the Employee

## *Justin Borden*



It will be one year in December that **Justin** Borden came to the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, as our new Supervising Office Assistant I overseeing the Admissions Counter. Prior to the shelter, **Justin** worked in the private sector for various companies, one being IKON Office Solutions.

**Justin's** favorite part of his position here is working with the people and the shelter itself. And in his spare time on the weekends, he referee's professional wrestling! And did you know that he has an alter ego named King Justin, who dresses up like Elvis Presley? Once **Justin** said that, you could see the similarities! If any of you have noticed, he does look a bit like Elvis Presley.

One of Justin's favorite memories is when he helped adopt out Coco, a great dog that was in the shelter for more than 2 years. This definitely tugged at his heart.

**Justin** has one kitten, Snuggles. She was his first foster and shares the same birthday as **Justin**. He also has two red slider turtles, appropriately named Turtle and Turtle Turtle!

To our volunteers **Justin** says, "Keep on doing a great job and keep coming in. Every bit helps. Thank you!"



# Volunteer Voices

## **BRITTANY KASTENS**



In the beginning of October, we were lucky to receive **Brittany Kastens** as one of our new volunteers at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. **Brittany** helps our prospective clients with dog adoptions. This is what makes her the most content here at the shelter because she understands how all our animals are in need of finding a good, loving home. Knowing that she was able to place even just a single pet in a new home, makes it all worthwhile for her. In fact, **Brittany** remembers being able to help a female pit bull get adopted on her very first day volunteering!

On her weekends, **Brittany** dedicates her time to referee soccer teams for young children. But her main love lies with animals. She's working hard to become a veterinarian. At home, **Brittany** has two dogs, one of which she was able to adopt from this very shelter.

To our volunteers, **Brittany** would like to say, "Try to come as often as you can. Any bit of help is needed!"



## **MEGAN SANDOVAL**

**Megan Sandoval** has been volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter since June of this year. Her favorite task would be to work with our behaviorist, Jackie, in order to rehabilitate some of our pets. She loves to see animals who come in behaving a bit skittish and scared, completely change into energetic and loving dogs. In fact, one of her most memorable moments would have to be working with a 6 month pit bull named Ghost. This was **Megan's** first project, and after much work, Ghost went from being a scared little pup, to one of the most loving and trusting pets in our shelter.

Outside of the shelter, **Megan** plays soccer. Being full of energy herself, it's no wonder why she also enjoys agility training her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Rue. She also has two other dogs, Millie and Spike.



To our volunteers, **Megan** would like to say, "Try your hardest when you're here, and no matter how a dog acts, work with them and help them reach their full potential as loving and energetic dogs."



# November 2012 New Volunteers

Donna Gail Braly

Kelley Jenkins

Ashley Graham

Cassandra Ruiz

Alexander Hales

## Volunteer & Employee Kindness

As **Elvira Valenzuela** (OAll) finished up her day on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, and headed out for home, she could not get her car in gear. Of course, visions of a tow truck and dollar signs started to run through her mind as she left her car overnight at the shelter. The next morning, she came in to work and found the November newsletter in her inbox. Upon reading the article on **Paul Hower**, one of our newest volunteers, she learned that he was a mechanic. **Elvira** asked **Paul** if he would look over her car, and without hesitation, he immediately came to her rescue. **Paul** was able to fix her car within a couple of minutes. It is times like this that give us all the affirmation of the wonderful, kindred spirits that we work with.

## Volunteer Birthdays

Lola Alvarez, 12/2

Victoria McGill, 12/8

Mary Anderson, 12/5

Natalie Mora, 12/3

Jennifer Askren, 12/23

Rebecca Micholls, 12/26

Nicholas Barnes, 12/23

Selina Ortega, 12/27

Amirah Brockington, 12/3

Hailey Scoggins, 12/23

Donna Caplan, 12/9

Ashley Vega, 12/8

Anna Dabney, 12/12

Daisy Wymer, 12/12

Raelene Guevara-Herrera, 12/20