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Skyla Salisbury
June's 2013
Volunteer of the Month

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Save the Date

We will be needing extra help with adoptions from June 1st to August 31st. Each month we will be having adoption events/special adoption pricing. Here are a few of the upcoming events:

- June 1: Kick off to the Rachael Ray \$100K ASPCA Challenge!
- June 5: Shot Clinic, 6pm—9pm
- June 8: Free Grooming Seminar for Volunteers! If you would like to RSVP, please e-mail Alejandra Unzueta at aunzueta@rivcocha.org
- June 15: Shot Clinic 10am—1pm
- June 29: Park'n'Bark Event. If you are interested in volunteering in adoptions, you are required to attend a MANDATORY meeting. A RSVP e-mail must be received by June 15 to Alejandra.

Reminders

ASPCA CHALLENGE: The Riverside County Department of Animals Services is entering the ASPCA Challenge. We are kicking off this Challenge with a special, one day promotion: All dogs will be \$20 on June 1st! Your help will be appreciated, as we will be very busy!

EVENTS: Please be sure to check your e-mails and the bulletin board located next to the volunteer lockers and iPad. All upcoming events will be e-mailed/posted. If you are interested in volunteering at any of our special events, please e-mail Alejandra Unzueta at aunzueta@rivcocha.org.

ADOPTION FEES: When letting constituents know the adoption fee of dogs, let them know that there is also a licensing fee which they must pay at the time of adopting.

PULLING OUT DOGS: Please refrain from pulling out dogs before 11am. Staff must do an inventory of every animal each morning. Special events, transports, etc. are excluded.

TRANSPORTING CATS: Always use a carrier when transporting cats.

RECEIVING: If an animal has fleas or ticks, please make a note on the whiteboard in receiving. Do not take the animals to receiving without instructions of staff.

Adoptions & Socialization

Please make sure to look over and fill in the new adoption/socialization logbooks. This is a great way for us to give recognition to our hard working Volunteers. Notes and comments can be written in these sheets for ACTs and other Volunteers to look over. We want to thank each one of you for your dedication to our shelter!

For the month of May, a total of 50 cats and 70 dogs were adopted out by our Volunteers!

In the dog kennels, our Volunteer, **Jonathan Chen**, helped adopt 24 dogs! And **Victoria Pacillas** assisted with 15 dog adoptions! **Frances Ngo** and **Jonathan Chen** walked and socialized 5 dogs!

In the cat kennels, **Michelle Briseno** assisted with 34 adoptions! And **Jonathan Chen** assisted with 9 cat adoptions!

Three dogs were socialized at the front desk! Out of those dogs, one was adopted out by **Judie Kaczoroski**! These dogs worked hard to greet all incoming customers!

Our Volunteer, **Valerie Chavez**, took over 68 pictures of our adoptable dogs for the shelter website.

Over 35 dogs were bathed and/or groomed by our great Volunteers!

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



Little Haydies posing for the camera...

Volunteer of the Month

Skyla Salisbury



Skyla Salisbury has been volunteering for the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter for 10 months. She came in during the summer as a teen volunteer and has been volunteering in all aspects of the shelter. When she first started, she enjoyed working in the clinic. There, she assisted vet staff with the prepping of the animals for their spay/neuter surgeries. Since then, she has floated between departments. From volunteering with the KIOSK,

assisting in special events, and gathering donations for Volunteer events, Skyla has been a very dedicated Volunteer.

Skyla began volunteering because she wanted to help animals. She loves everything about volunteering for the shelter because she finds it to be fun and rewarding. By far, **Skyla's** most memorable moment would be her very first adoption. She assisted with a dog adoption on her first day volunteering! She remembers feeling extremely happy and excited.

Skyla also loves to volunteer in other organizations too. If she isn't giving her time to our shelter animals, she enjoys volunteering at the Aquarium of the Pacific. There she assists guests with any questions they may have about their many animals. She is also part of an organization which helps feed and provide vet care for animals whose owners are homeless.

When **Skyla** isn't dedicating her time to great causes, she enjoys fishing, camping and visiting shooting ranges. At home, she has a fish named Redneck, a bird named Harley, two cats named Tank and Tosh, and two dogs named Snooki and Thor.

To our Volunteers, **Skyla** would like to say, "Ask questions, follow procedures and keep volunteering!"



Meet the Employee

Richard Elias

Richard Elias came to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services (RCDAS) fifteen years ago! At the time, there were only openings for volunteers. Richard decided to enroll and after over 100 hours of service, job openings for Animal Care Technicians (ACTs) opened up. He was invited to apply for the job and soon joined the ACT team.

Prior to joining the RCDAS team, **Richard** held a position as a bus driver supervisor for the Los Angeles transport company, RTD. He finally retired after 23 years of service. Currently, he has a second job as a truck driver for Ralphs. He helps transport materials needed for the supermarkets that get remodeled.



Richard let us know that he decided to work for RCDAS because of his love of animals. He enjoys working with them and working alongside people who have a passion to help animals. He also loves to help match pets to new owners. Recently, he helped reunite a lost pup to its owner! A nice lady brought in a lost dog not too long ago. **Richard** scanned the dog for a microchip and, sure enough, this lost dog had one! Richard then went on to call its owner, who he said was extremely happy. The dog had been missing for two days! Richard tells us that this makes his job worthwhile.

During his time off **Richard** enjoys being around his eight grandkids! But that's not all, with his four-legged children, he has an even bigger family yet! **Richard** adopted four dogs from our county shelters named Boxer, Rocky, Tino, and Sophie. He also adopted a cat named Maya.

To our Volunteers **Richard** would like to say, "Keep doing a great job! Learn as much as you can and ask questions to the ACTs. We love to see you working here."

Volunteer Voices

Michelle Briseno



Michelle Briseno began volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in April to gain animal handling experience. **Michelle** hopes to one day be a veterinarian.

While volunteering, **Michelle** enjoys socializing cats, especially those who are shy. She also assists ACTs by cleaning the kennels and providing food and water. **Michelle** tells us that she loves to work with cats because of their funny, cute and playful personality.

At home, **Michelle** has three dogs, Mitzy, Bowser and Pumpkin. She also has two parrots. Recently, **Michelle** adopted a cat from this very shelter whose name is Monster.

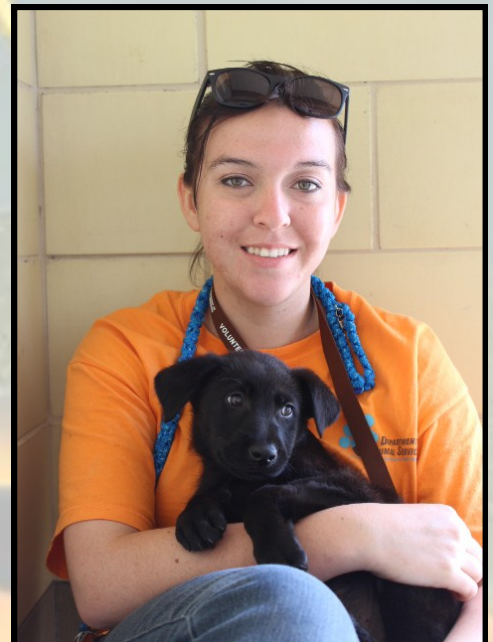
To our Volunteers, **Michelle** would like to say, "Enjoy what you're doing here."

Madison Vicario

A month ago, **Madison Vicario** began volunteering at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. She tells us that she loves interacting with our animals on a regular basis. When **Madison** volunteers, she dedicates her time to walking and socializing our shelter dogs because she knows that they all need a good home and by socializing them, she is able to better their chances.

Madison can recall a day she came in to volunteer with the shelter dogs. She was socializing with three German shepherd puppies when they overpowered her to the kennel floor and started to give her lots of kisses!

To our Volunteers, **Madison** would like to say, "Adopt out puppies!"



May New Volunteers

Stacee Gutierrez

Jonni Placencia

Heather Kanet

Gabriela Vasquez

Kelsey Mackelvey

June Birthdays

Jose Lara 6/3

Christina Alvarez 6/4

Brenda Perez 6/9

Ashley Taylor 6/14

Adelaida Cabanillas 6/15

Maureen 6/16

Signe Petrarca 6/19

Brandi Vasquez 6/20

Dominique (Nikki) Abarquez-Pelasko 6/21

Amanda Pierson 6/21

Jennifer Gulden 6/23

Sarah Crawford 6/25



Max caught on camera...



Marlena looking into our camera...

Shelter Happenings

Here's a few photos of our Annual Appreciation Dinner...



Volunteers give the greatest gift of all...
their time!



The welcoming crew...



Rob Miller, Vikki Hiroto, Jackie Schart,
and Frank Corvino serving dinner...



Dr. D. presenting a few announcements...



Volunteer, Kathy Morris, with husband...



Cindy Gomez claiming her opportunity drawing
prize...

Shelter Happenings



Volunteers with 250+ hours...



Volunteers with 500+ hours...



Volunteers with 3+ years of service...



Volunteers with 4+ years of service...



Volunteers with 5+ years of service...

Shelter Happenings



Helen Mattias and Barbara Djordjevic...



Natalie Swickle...



Dr. D. and Frank Corvino serving food...



Excited to eat!



Having a good time...



Candy Weil and Frank Corvino...

Shelter Happenings



Volunteers receiving the Presidential Award...



Frank Corvino announcing Volunteer of the Year...



Candace McGrew and Frank Corvino presenting Judie Kaczoroski the Volunteer of the Year Award...



Rob Miller presenting the Director's Choice Award to Mary Anderson...



Mary Anderson receiving her award...

Shelter Happenings



The Volunteer Committee...



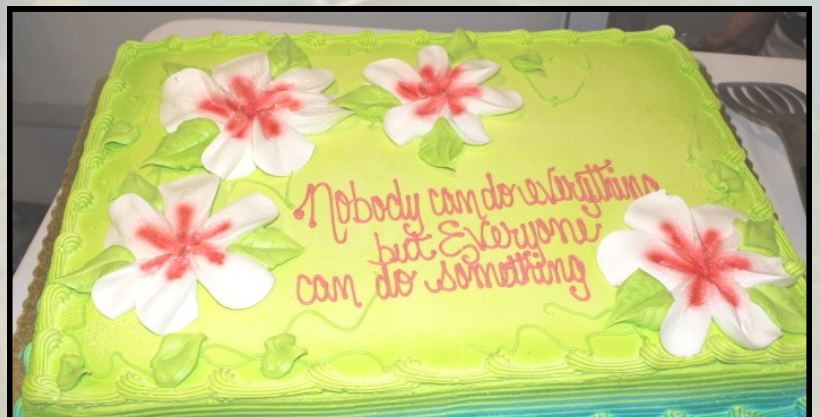
Volunteers watching a slideshow presentation...



Bill...



Krishonna Chatham...



Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something....