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Valerie Chavez
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Volunteer of the Month

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Adoptions & Socialization

Special recognition goes out to the following Volunteers:

For assisting with the most cat adoptions: **Lisabeth Santana** with 35 cats and **Michelle Briseno** with 22 cats!

For assisting with the most dog adoptions: **Abi Hwang-Nable** with 22 adoptions and **Denise Morgan** with 20 adoptions!

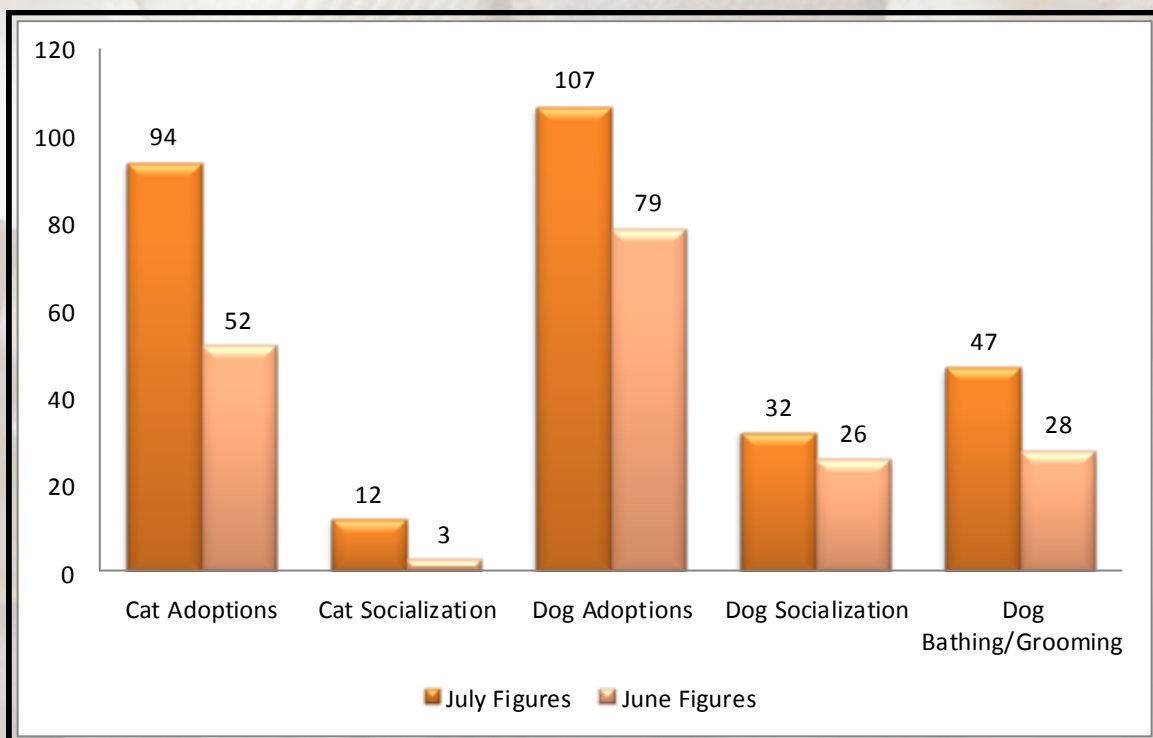
For socializing the most cats: **Lisabeth Santana** with 5 cats and **Jessica Garcia** with 4 cats!

For socializing the most dogs: **Abi Hwang-Nable** with 19 dogs and **Frances Ngo** with 10 dogs!

To **Karen Griffith, Joan Doup, Victoria Pacillas, Cindy Gomez, Marco Valencia, and Jarred Jackson** who collaboratively helped bathe or groom our animals. They made more than 29 animals look beautiful!

Valerie Chavez, took 249 new photos of our animals with the assistance of Volunteers to hold them in place!

Here's a chart comparing July's to June's adoption, socialization and bathing/grooming figures. Let's try to improve every month!



Volunteer of the Month

Valerie Chavez

Valerie Chavez has been chosen for August's Volunteer of the Month!

Valerie decided to join the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter because of how friendly staff and volunteers were towards her when she came in to adopt her Siberian Husky.

When volunteering, **Valerie** will take updated pictures of our animals once they have been moved to the adoptable side of the shelter.

Her most memorable moment thus far would be a day she came in to photograph animals. **Valerie** had taken out a dog to take a new photo of him, when a family approached her. This family was interested in the dog, and by the looks of it, the dog was interested in them too. As they had approached, the dog stood on its back legs and began "dancing." The family absolutely loved his little trick, so they decided to adopt him and named him, Happy.

To our Volunteers, **Valerie** would like to say, "Thanks to everybody for coming, for your hard work, and for your dedication to our animals... even if it's just for a little while, thanks."



FUN FACTS ABOUT VALERIE:

- She loves photography
- She enjoys reading
- She likes to draw and paint
- She likes to play video games
- Her favorite color is red
- Her favorite animals are tigers
- If she could be an animal, she would be a dolphin
- She loves to work alongside all our Volunteers and Staff
- Her family is her inspiration and they are all her role models

Meet the Employee

Ana Jara



Meet **Ana Jara**! She currently works as an office assistant in the Finance Department.

Ana joined the animal shelter over a year ago, when the Riverside Department of Animal Services departed from the Community Health Agency.

Prior to joining the Riverside County however, **Ana** worked for Werner Enterprises, a trucking company. There she created assignments and routes for drivers to drive off and recover trucks throughout the United States and Canada.

Ana thoroughly enjoys working for Animal Services for a number of reasons. One of those reasons would be the participation and

involvement of the staff and Volunteers during our special events. She loves the fact that participation is open to all throughout the shelter, and to see the dedication of those who work special events is inspiring.

You might see **Ana** walking around with a couple of different dogs when she is working at the shelter. That's because **Ana** is involved in the foster program. She loves having the ability to foster a dog and make a difference in its life.

Currently, **Ana** has two small dogs of her own named Chiquito and Chispita. And of course, she is fostering a young dog named Simon (he's the pup shown in the picture). She has been fostering Simon for a month now and will be fostering him for at least another month. After speaking to **Ana**, she tells us that she might adopt Simon and have him officially join her family!

To our Volunteers, **Ana** would like to say, "I admire the Volunteers on the great job they do. My greatest appreciation goes to everyone who handles the big breeds too."

June New Volunteers

Tonna Barrie

Maria Byron

Anthony Conley

Myrian Figueroa

Jessica Garcia

Vanessa Garcia

Matthew Haddad

Mackenzie Hays

Kathleen Rumin

Lindsey Schwartz

Amrit Sekhon

Brittany Sims



Little Vernie posing for the camera...

August Birthdays

Maria Byron 8/25

Susan Feng 8/21

Marcia Graefe 8/05

Haylee Gymer 8/25

Artesia Harris 8/08

Kelley Jenkins 8/21

Aldair Jimenez 8/03

Heather Kanet 8/25

Jodie Nalivansky 8/06

Sam Nusbaum 8/06

Pauline Purcell 8/18

Kathleen Rumin 8/02

Jessica Sandoval 8/01

Jackie Sorcic 8/20



Young kitten, Mellow, caught grooming himself...

Shelter Happenings

Here are some Volunteers caught in action!



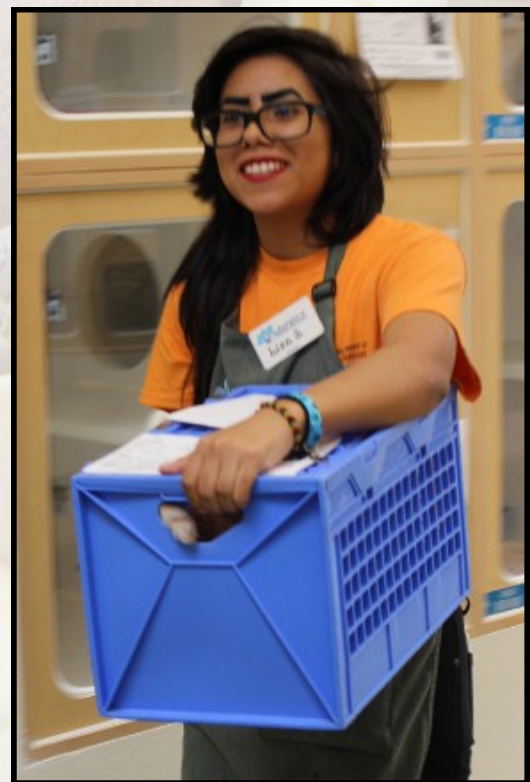
**New Volunteer, Jose Ramirez,
socializing a dog...**



Daniel Villalobos greeting customers with a smile...



**New Volunteer, Jessica Garcia,
socializing a small dog...**



**Lisabeth Santana assisting with a cat
adoption...**