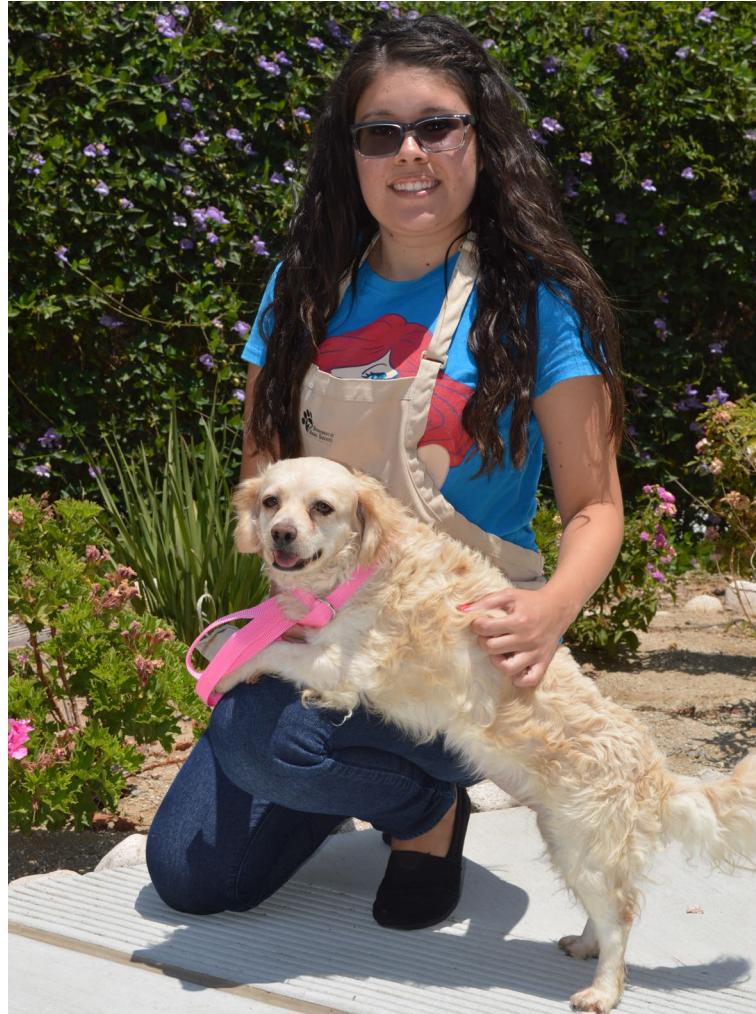




DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

County of Riverside, California



Emily Cota

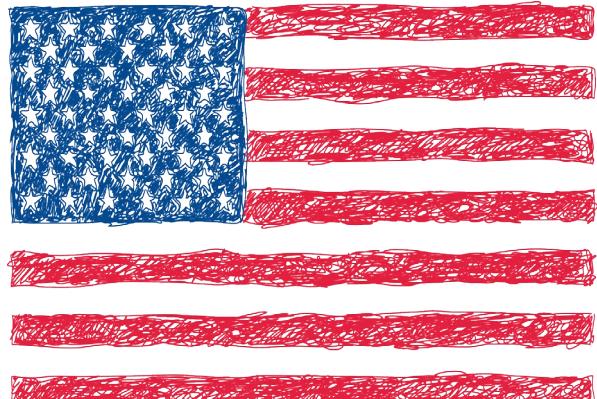
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Volunteer of the Month

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

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Save the date



July 2nd & 19th: Shot Clinic/Snack Booth Fundraiser

July 4th: Independence Day (shelter closed)

July 14-18th: Critter Kidz Camp (The Zany Zoo)

July 21-25th: Critter Kidz Camp (Down on the Farm)

Reminders

KIOSK: We are really in need of volunteers to help at the front desk. If you're able to volunteer, even for a couple hours, please e-mail Elvira at evalenzu@rcdas.org. We will hold a monthly prize drawing for the kiosk volunteers. Anyone who signs up for and completes an entire shift will be entered into the drawing. Each shift worked is a separate entry.

EVENTS: If you sign up for an event, please make sure to stay for the entire designated hours. If you need to leave beforehand or cannot make it at all, please call/email the Volunteer Department.

SOCIALIZATION NOTEBOOKS: Make sure to sign in any animals you've socialized with during the day in our logbooks. We want to make sure we give credit to volunteers for your hard work!

ADOPTION PROCESS: All animals that are being adopted must go for a vet check, even if they are staying for their spay/neuter surgery.

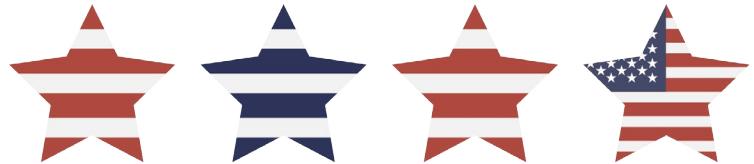
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Interested in helping raise funds for special volunteer events, such as our summer picnic and annual appreciation dinner? Then join the fundraising committee! We need lots of help and ideas! E-mail Elvira for more information at evalenzu@rcdas.org.

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: Make sure to follow the volunteer pages!
Facebook: **RCDAS Volunteers** ; Instagram: **@RCDAS_Volunteers**

Emily Cota

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

By Skyla Salisbury



Emily Cota has been a volunteer for 3 years. She recently moved to Riverside and she has previous experience volunteering at a shelter in the city she used to live at.

Emily really loves animals and enjoys helping them too. Emily's favorite task is playing with the kittens that are in 900. Her favorite things to do while she is here is adopt out cats and work at the kiosk because she likes socializing with the public.

One thing Emily really enjoys about volunteering is that she gets to go to adoption events. She loves adopting out animals to people and seeing how happy the customer is to adopt one of our animals. One of her memorable events is when she went to OC pet expo for the first time last year and she really enjoyed seeing almost every single dog that was taken from the shelter get adopted. Emily likes going to Disneyland, dancing and fishing.

Emily has a few animals which include: A Russian tortoise named Kailian, orange tabby named Simba, a Bichon Frise named Abbey, grey tabby named Axel Rose, Shit-Zu named China, golden retriever named Abby.

Emily's message to the volunteers is: "Remember to always be kind to one another and to live, love and adopt!"



Fun Facts:

Her favorite movie is "Frozen".

Emily has a phobia of spiders.

One of her wishes is to be on "Dancing with the Stars".

If stranded on an island, the three items she would like to have with her are: an iPod, her dog Abbey, and a fishing pole.

If she could be any cartoon character it would be Olaf.

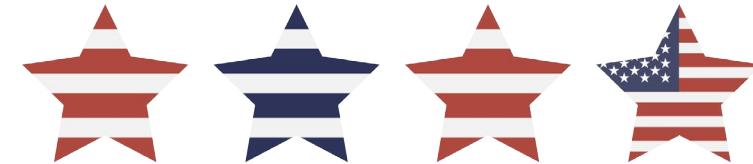
Emily enjoys working with Skyla Salisbury, Alejandra Unzueta and Judie K.

Her most interesting trip taken was to South Carolina.

Jennifer Loredo

MEET THE EMPLOYEE

By Elvira Valenzuela



Jennifer has been an employee for nine years and she is proud of making the decision of changing from specialty medicine. She knew she wanted to help homeless animals so she is glad to have the opportunity to be a part of it here.

Jennifer's job is to supervise the Clinic, Receiving, Stray Kennels, Barn, and the medical well-being of all shelter animals, mobile spay and neuter clinic. She enjoys taking on new projects and having the opportunity to work with animals to help make them adoptable. One of her most memorable moments is when she was involved with the dogs that were brought back from Hurricane Katrina and how people were so giving and loving and wanting to help these dogs. She was amazed on how there was so many caring people.

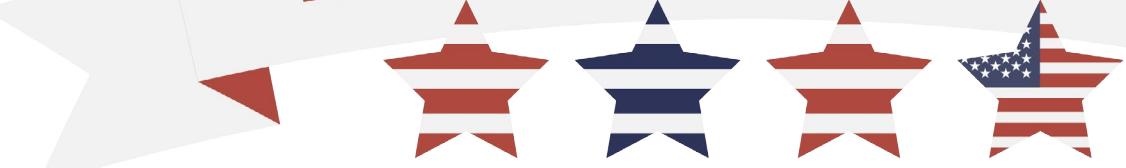
Jennifer is a big animal lover and has many of her own. She has three horses with the names of Quincy, Lita, Pipi. She also has two goats, Piper and Billy. Jennifer also has five dogs, Doyle, Grady, Margie, Harry and Chaps. She is a proud owner of four cats too by the names of Damian, Bridgette, Taffy, Meow. She also has various animals, such as, a chinchilla, chickens, peacock, turkey, bunny and five tortoises.

Jennifer's message to the volunteers is: "We really appreciate what they do, don't know what we would do without people like Pauline that are dedicated and Clair that makes us laugh."



Volunteer Voices

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Jesse Argueta

Jesse has been with animal services for 10 months. He has always been animal lover and that is the reason he decided to come in to our shelter to volunteer.

Jesse is also looking to gain experience as he plans to be a Veterinarian in the future. He enjoys socializing with the dogs and cats because he says it helps make them adoptable. It brings him happiness to know that he is a part of finding a forever home for our shelter animals.

Jesse has two dogs that are siblings by the names of Buddy and Bella. Jesse recently started volunteering in the clinic and plans to dedicate more time with the horses because he has a strong passion for them too. He has plenty of experience with horses since he helps his uncle every afternoon feed, clean, and walk his horses.

Jesse's message to the volunteers is, "Any volunteer hours are appreciated even if it is an hour or half an hour to come in and help."

Fun Facts:

Jesse's favorite song is "I was a fool", by Tegan and Sara.
His favorite car is 1967 Mustang Fastback.

The last book he read was "The Fault in our Stars".

His biggest phobia is heights.

His favorite drink is water.

Jesse's favorite sport is Soccer.



Sherry Marshall

Sherry has been volunteering with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for three months and has found this shelter to be very enjoyable. She became interested in volunteering for the shelter when she adopted her dog here.

She thought everyone that helped her was very nice and it is a beautiful shelter. She was also interested in helping with animals so she became involved to see what she can do to help.

While Sherry is here volunteering she likes to socialize with the dogs and cats to help make them adoptable. She also volunteers at the Kiosk where she sees different people and helps direct the customers as well as answer questions.

Her most memorable moment was when she helped a very small kitten get adopted. Sherry knew she was part of finding a forever home for the kitten. Sherry has a poodle mix named Peggle and enjoys gardening.

The message Sherry sends out to the volunteers is, "Stick with it because it is very rewarding and it feels good to help all the animals."

Fun Facts:

Her favorite song is "All You Need is Love", by The Beetles.
Her favorite movie is "Indiana Jones".
The last movie she saw was "Godzilla".
Her one wish is to have world peace.
Sherry's favorite cartoon character is Minnie Mouse.
The super power she would like to have is flying.



Adoptions & Socialization



Special recognition goes out to the following Volunteers:

There was a total of **102** animals bathed and groomed. Volunteers socialized and walked more than **146** dogs and cats. For socializing the most dogs: **JoAnna Romero** with **31** dogs, **Kaitlyn Rush** and **Shanna Bartlett** with **17** dogs and **Karen L.** with **14** dogs! Job well done volunteers!

There was a combined total of **563** adoptions in July! That's incredible!

Please, remember to use the dog and cat socialization and adoption logs when you have assisted in showing or adopting. We want to recognize these efforts as well!



A very big thank you to the following volunteers for their years of service!

Rob Murphy with 2 years of service!

Skyla Salisbury with 2 years of service!

Aldair Jimenez with 3 years of service!

Signe Petrarca with 3 years of service!

Ryan Richardson with 4 years of service!

Emily Cota with 4 years of service!



June New Volunteers

Please, join us in welcoming these volunteers!

Shanna Bartlett
Bonnie Clasby
Stephanie Estrella
Rachel Francis
Esmeralda Garay
Alexander Gonzalez
Christie Guzman
Logan Hamilton
Micheal Holm
Deangelo Jabido
Kim Jaure

Dani Kerr
Jade Lechuga
Fiona Lee
Melody Lopez
Roger Macias
Letty Martinez
Leslie Nelson
Mercie Ramirez
Elizabeth Reed
Riverside Community Center, for Spiritual Living

Kaitlyn Rush
Jasmine Sagisi
Pamela Singhavong
Rebecca Smith
Tracey Townsend
Maya Vazquez
Patrica Kelly Vela
Brenna Vredeveld
Brittany Yeager

July Birthdays

Let's wish the following volunteers a very special day!

Frederick McCarthy III 7/05
Taryn Hefler 7/05
Harkeerit Bathh 7/06
Mercedes Lebron 7/06
Colby McCall 7/06
Natalee Stapleton 7/06
Mackenzie Hays 7/07
Janis McNulty 7/07
Erik Patterson 7/07
Priscilla Marquez 7/08
Catherine Narvaez 7/13
Keith Myers 7/14
Guadalupe Fariaz 7/15

Rob Murphy 7/15
Abigail Aguilar 7/17
Nickolas Koch 7/18
Allison Johnson 7/19
Julietta Morales 7/19
Stella Kim 7/25
Amrit Sekhon 7/25
Maria Terri Centella 7/26
Monique Ruiz 7/28
Kelly Cartwright 7/29
Deonna Diaz 7/29
Lorena Sanchez 7/31
Lupita Hernandez 7/31





Pet Corner

Fourth of July Safety Tips

For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with good friends and family—including the four-legged members of the household. While it may seem like a great idea to reward Rover with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch fireworks, in reality some festive foods and products can be potentially hazardous to your pets. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips:

Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.

Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach. Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing—or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.

Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give your pets severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals who have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. And keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes & raisins, salt and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.

Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it. While the luminescent

substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.

Keep citronella candles, insect coils and oil products out of reach. Ingestions can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.

Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, so please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities. Instead, keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/fourth-july-safety-tips>

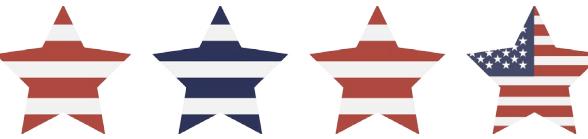


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Shelter Happenings



Volunteer **Chela Owens** does a big part in helping out with the laundry during her time at the shelter.



CRITTER KIDDZ CAMP!

