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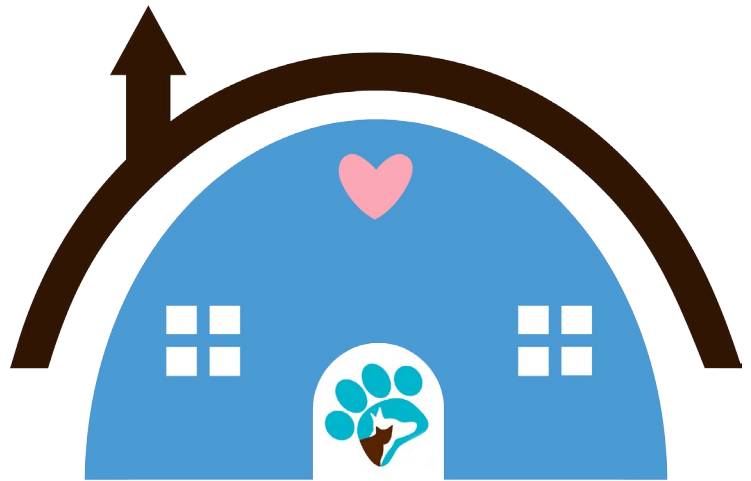


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Save the date

August 6th & 16th: Shot Clinic / Snack Booth Fundraiser

August 9th & 28th: New Volunteer Orientation

August 28th: American Heart Association Fundraiser / Labor Day Potluck

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**

Jessica Garcia

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

By Elvira Valenzuela

Jessica Garcia has been a volunteer for one year and two months and she has been a great asset to the shelter every time she is here! Jessica decided to volunteer for the Department of Animal Services because she hopes to be a Veterinarian one day.

She enjoys spending time with animals and likes helping them get adopted. Jessica is mostly at the Kiosk where she greets the customers and helps direct them to where they need to go. She enjoyed helping the Fiscal department where she filed paperwork, data entry, helped with the mail and organized shipping deliveries.

Jessica's most memorable moment is when she fostered a Chihuahua named Hershey. She got really attached that she got teary eyed when she had to bring him back because Hershey had gotten adopted.

Jessica has four dogs and one cat named Tiger. She has a Chow/German mix named Leo, and Rocky, Bruno, and Precious are all Chihuahua's. Jessica enjoys reading thriller and mystery books and she says one of her talents is drawings. Hopefully we will see her art entered at the next Arts for the Animals event.

Jessica's message to the volunteers is: Volunteering is a great opportunity to gain work experience and meet new people.



Fun Facts:

Favorite song is "Just The Way You Are" by Bruno Mars.
Her biggest wish is to have a big house so she can adopt more animals.
The super hero character she can identify herself with is Wonder Woman.
If she were an animal, she would be a lion.
Favorite sport is baseball and her favorite team is the Dodgers.

Peggy Hudson

MEET THE EMPLOYEE

By Elvira Valenzuela

Peggy has been an employee for twenty one years and has enjoyed learning as much as possible to be able to promote. Peggy previous worked with an appliance store as an Accountant but unfortunately they went out of business.

She applied for the County of Riverside and was hired with the Department of Animal Services as an Office Assistant II. Peggy has had different duties in the shelter, such as, dispatching, front counter, making deposit, answering phones. She is now an Accounting Technician I and works in Fiscal department.

Her favorite part of working at the shelter is helping out at the events and would like to help with adoptions in the future. Peggy's hobby is restoring her 1966 Nova that she will hope to see one day at our event Park N Bark the shelter has once a year.

She enjoys this hobby with her husband. One of her most memorable moments while working at the shelter was when she was answering the phones and a constituent was calling to report a sighting of Big Foot up in Big Bear. Since the area was out of jurisdiction, she referred them to call Fish & Game and San Bernardino Animal Control.

Peggy's message to the volunteers is, "Thank you so much for all your hard work."

Fun Facts:

Her phobia is falling.
Cartoon character she would like to be is Speedy Gonzalez.
Time machine: she would love to go back to the 70's because she likes Disco music.
Her superpower would be to fly.
Animal she would like to be is a dog, because they live a happy life, love unconditionally, are fed and have no worries.



Volunteer Voices



Patricia Drayton

Patricia has been a volunteer with the Department of Animal Shelter since December, 2013 and has enjoyed every minute of her time here with us.

She said she will be retiring from her job soon and was looking to do something with her free time once she retired. Patricia really loves animals and decided to give it a try to volunteer here to see if this is the place she will be coming more often when she retires.

Patricia has volunteered in the Kiosk where she helps direct the customers to their destination. It has been a memorable experience because she gets to meet different people every time she is here. Her other joy is to socialize with the cats.

Patricia's message to the volunteers is, "Have fun & enjoy volunteering."

Fun Facts:

Phobia is elevators.

Her one wish is to live in the beach.

Most interesting trip was when she visited Ireland.

Time machine: to go back to 2011 and do things differently.

Three things she would grab in case of a fire: dog/computer/cell phone.



Shanna Bartlett

Shanna has been volunteering with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for two months and so far she says she has enjoyed working with the animals as well as with others.

The reason she came to volunteer here was because she truly loves animals and it was a way to be closer to them. While here volunteering, Shanna usually walks dogs and works in the Kiosk.

They are both interesting duties but she prefers socializing with the dogs because of how playful and happy the dogs get and these are the memories she takes home that the most memorable moments while volunteering. She feels good that she is able to come in and help with the dogs and be a part of finding a forever home for them.

Shanna is a hair stylist and enjoys hiking on her off time away from the shelter. She also loves spending time with her dogs she has at home. Shanna has three dogs which two are golden retrievers named Dino and Marlee. She also has a beagle named Max.

The message Shanna sends out to the volunteers is, "Relax and enjoy the moment when socializing with the animals."

Fun Facts:

Her favorite song is "All You Need is Love", by The Beatles.

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:

Volunteers socialized and walked more than **151** dogs. For socializing the most dogs: JoAnna Romero and Manmeet Bhele with **19** dogs, and Larry R. with **15** dogs. Nice job volunteers! There was a combined total of **587** adoptions in August. Amazing! Way to go volunteers!

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!

- [Lynn Anderson](#) with 2 years of service!
- [Julia Hernandez](#) with 2 years of service!
- [Kobe Kendall](#) with 2 years of service!
- [Aldair Jimenez](#) with 3 years of service!
- [Brenda Perez](#) with 3 years of service!
- [TEAM Program](#) with 4 years of service!

July New Volunteers

Please, join us in welcoming these volunteers!

Marisa Adams
Jennifer Albin
Stephanie Amador
Brooke Anderson
Gabriela Arreola
Jennifer Berndt
Jarren Burt
Victor Cortez
Shelli Cotriss
Andres Cuellar-Castillo
Emily Debois
Lucia Del Toro

Ronesha Eason
Kayla Eshelman
Wendy Estrella
Jessica Gil
Cassandra Gomez
Jose Gonazales
Sara Gyi
Peggy Lafferty
Nathan Lugo
Kandy Mercado
Rachel Merlan
Jenna Rae Murillo

Deborah Nghiem
Paul Lyla
Lauren Porter
Melissa Ramos
Joanna Romero
Sabrena Samsoc
Laura Schober
Nichole Teel
Katelyn Traylor
Frankie Valenzuela
Jonathan Valenzuela
Janelle Zamudio

August Birthdays

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

Jessica Sandoval 8/01
Yvonne Arellano 8/02
Christie Guzman 8/02
Kathleen Rumin 8/02
Aldair Jimenez 8/03
Elizabeth Reed 8/04
Marcie Graefe 8/05
Jodie Nalivansky 8/06
Sam Nusbaum 8/06
Artesia Harris 8/08
Tracey Townsend 8/08
Kathleen Chan 8/10
Paola Parobok 8/10

Jesus Bojorquez 8/16
Stephanie Hernandez 8/16
Nathan Lugo 8/16
Deborah Nghiem 8/16
Patricia Drayton 8/18
Pauline Purcell 8/18
Breanna Saucedo 8/19
Jackie Sorcic 8/20
Francisco Valenzuela 8/21
Kelley Jenkins 8/21
Isadora Silva 8/21
Rachelle Litsheim 8/23
Nicole Bennett 8/24

Alexandria Gonzales 8/24
Hamilton Logan 8/24
Taylor Caren 8/24
Darrell Wampler 8/24
Maria Byron 8/25
Haylee Gymer 8/25
Heather Kanet 8/25
Alan Charlton 8/26
Jennifer Ruiz 8/28
Theresa Ramirez 8/29
Mariel Morales 8/31
Larry Rudolph 8/31

Pet Corner



Hiking Safety Tips

Looking to escape your hometown haunts for a wilderness hike? Don't forget your pooch! Dogs love to explore our country's vast natural resources as much their two-legged counterparts—not to mention, hiking is great exercise for all. But remember, a hiking trail isn't your average walk around the block. The ASPCA offers some helpful tips for keeping you and your pet safe and sound on your outdoor adventures.

Extending leashes are great for wide open spaces, but if your romp is taking you through wooded areas, it's best to leave the flexi-leads at home. Otherwise, you'll probably spend more time untangling your dog's leash from trees and brush than you will enjoying your walk!

If your pup is the trustworthy sort and you want to give him the opportunity to enjoy some untethered time on your hike, first make sure that dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the area you're exploring. Second, be sure that he responds reliably to your recall command—even the most obedient dog might bolt after some fascinating new critter.

Hard to believe, but not everyone is as enamored with dogs as we are! Some people get very nervous around unleashed dogs. As a courtesy, have a leash on standby to clip to your dog when encountering other hikers.

Whether you're using a leash or not, don't forget IDs, please! Always make sure that your current contact information, including your cell phone number, is attached to your dog's collar or body harness. If for any reason your pet gets lost, a collar and tags and a microchip will increase the likelihood that he or she will be returned to you.

You never know what you may encounter on a hike—so before setting out into the wilderness, check your pet's veterinary records and make sure his vaccinations are up-to-date.

Training tip: Teach your dog to come to you for treats whenever you pass by other hikers, especially if they have dogs, too. Your dog will learn to not interfere with passersby, and at the same time, you're ensuring he associates new people and dogs with good things, like tasty treats from you.

If a poop falls in the woods and no one else sees it, do you get a free pass? NO! There's no such thing as a victimless poop. Please have respect for your surroundings, native wildlife and fellow hikers by scooping up after your dog and toting the baggie back to civilization if there are no trash cans around.

Both of you need to stay hydrated, so bring enough water for two. Don't allow your pup to drink from puddles, ponds, lakes or streams—in other words, "nature's dog bowls"—as they may contain nasty parasites or toxins that could cause her harm.

When your hike is finished, give your pooch a thorough once-over for ticks and other creepy-crawlies. Pay special attention to her belly, ears, and any skin folds and crevices. If you do spot a tick, treat the area with rubbing alcohol and remove the parasite immediately by slowly pulling it off with tweezers. Be careful when removing a tick, as any contact with its blood can potentially transmit infection to your dog or even to you. Wash the bite area and keep an eye on it for the next few days—if irritation persists, contact your vet.

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/hiking-safety-tips>

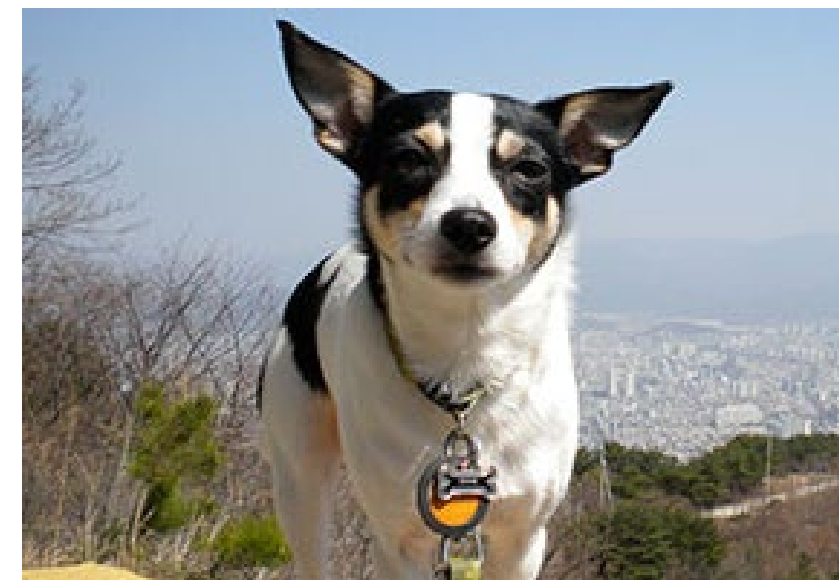
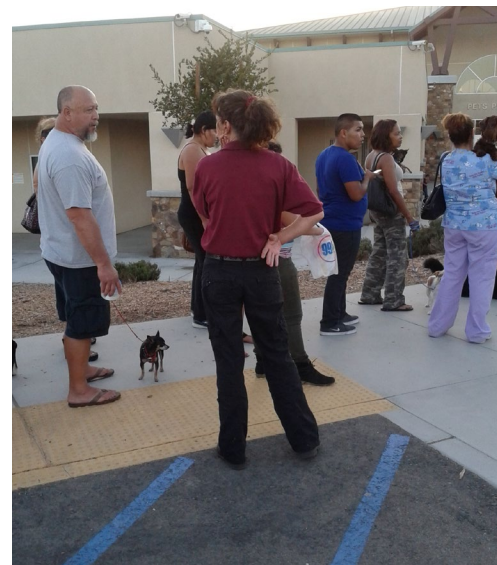


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Shelter Happenings



LEFT: Photography Assistants - Volunteers come in to help pull dogs and groom them for a great picture form Kelly Vela and update picture in our database to help make them more adoptable.



LEFT: Salad Bar Fundraiser - Raise money for the American Heart Association.



ABOVE: Shot Clinic/Snack Booth - Raising money for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Volunteer & Employee Picnic.



LEFT: Shot Clinic - Bonnie and Jenna helping the customers and filling up the water bowls for the dogs.