



Volunteer Voices

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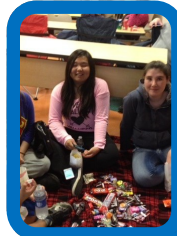
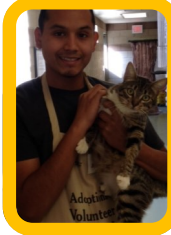
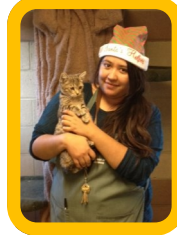
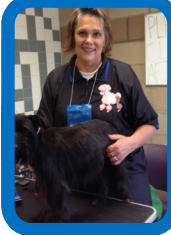
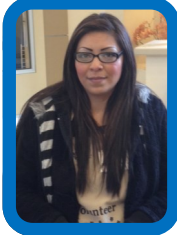
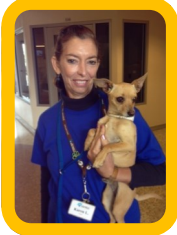
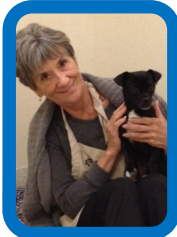
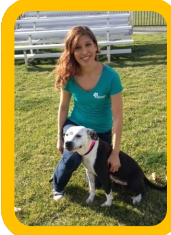


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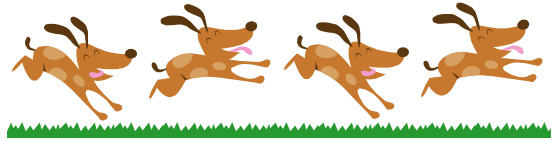
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Joan Doup has been an active Riverside volunteer for two years. Prior to joining, she had driven by the facility numerous times before being inspired to stop by.



As an animal lover, her decision to volunteer was to give back to the animals and truly make a difference. Joan has worked in many areas in the shelter, including the grooming room and lobby kiosk.

Her all-time, favorite task is grooming the animals that are in desperate need of it. She enjoys helping them feel and look better, which gives them a better chance at being adopted. She has met and worked with numerous staff members and volunteers, who have all been very helpful to her. When asked what her family and friends think about her volunteering at the shelter, they are both surprised and happy for her.

Her most memorable moment was “Seeing a transformation of a Cocker Spaniel I once groomed, who was sweet and patient. It took about two hours to get him cleaned up.”

Joan has two dogs: Corbin, a 5 year old Schnoodle and Carly, a 5 year old Chihuahua.

Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, reading, movies, and teaching her great-granddaughter sign language.

Joan wishes for others to know that she is deaf in one ear and not ignoring anyone who speaks to her.

Her message to the volunteers is, “You’ll learn to love it here, even more and more.”

Save the Date

Meet the Staff

Russell Taylor—Office Assistant III



Favorite Song: Led Zeppelin- Stairway to Heaven

Craziest Thing I’ve Done: Wrestled on live worldwide TV for the WWE at Staples Center

If you could trade places with any person for a week, who: Anyone from a 3rd World Country to allow them a chance to view life differently and change their world.

If you won the lottery, what 3 things would you do first: 1, Buy a house, 2. Make several Investments, Give a large portion to families that have faced severe hardships.

Most interesting trip you’ve taken: I was once on a 3 month tour of Japan for wrestling. I traveled for free and was paid for my time while I got to compete across the entire country and see their amazing culture.



Your Fellow Volunteers



Latisha Plance

Began Volunteering with the Dept of Animal Services July 2014.

Latisha's favorite part of volunteering is that she has the chance to socialize the cats and gets to know each one of their personalities.

On her free time, aside from working and volunteering here at the Riverside Animal Shelter, Latisha follows her passion of Film and Television acting. Holding a Bachelors of Arts and Theater, Latisha hopes to one day do some acting with animals.

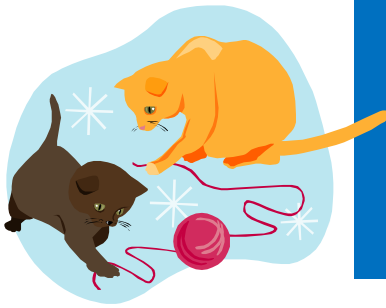
Favorite Song: Defying Gravity by Wicked

Trade Places With Someone for a Week: Mindy Kaling because she likes her fashion.

Favorite Cereal: Life Cereal

Hero/Role Model: Darren Criss

Most Memorable Moment: Adopting a cat that was at the shelter since June. She said "It was a bitter sweet moment to see him go but I knew he was going to a good home."



Mary Ward

Began Volunteering with the Dept of Animal Services September of 2014.

Mary's love towards animals is something you can see as soon as you meet her and is what brought her to volunteer here at the shelter.

You can usually find Mary in the cat adoption area.

Pets at Home: 3 dogs, 3 cats, a rabbit, and a snake.

Biggest Fear: Spiders.

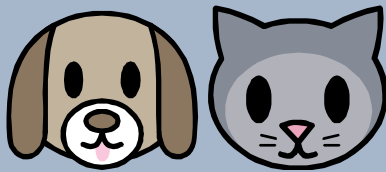
Last Movie Watched: Annabelle.

Most Wanted Superpower: Power of Curing others.

Favorite People to Work With: Jessica (volunteer) & Sandra (Animal Care Technician).

Most Memorable Moment: Socializing a cat named Ashton. She says Ashton was a shy cat but she quickly turned that around by playing with him and simply petting him.





By the Numbers....

Hours Volunteered—Year to Date*

Riverside: 12,822.43 hours **All Shelters:** 17,179.32 hours

*does not include hours from group volunteers

Riverside Shelter

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF OCT

917

YEAR TO DATE

7,631

All Shelters

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF OCT

1,543

YEAR TO DATE

12,988

Volunteer Hours—October (Riverside)

1. Jan Hart	211.73 hours
2. Maureen Guthormsen	65.5 hours
3. Daniela Ramirez	52.25 Hours
4. Maya Wiltz	48.93 hours
5. Mercie Ramirez	35.75 hours
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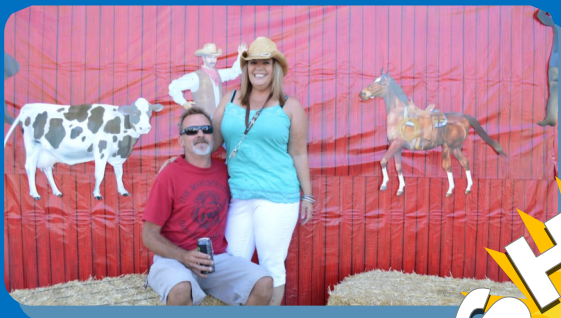
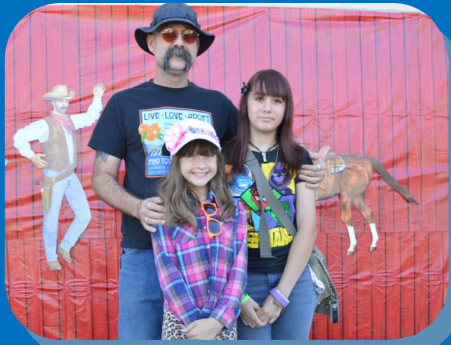


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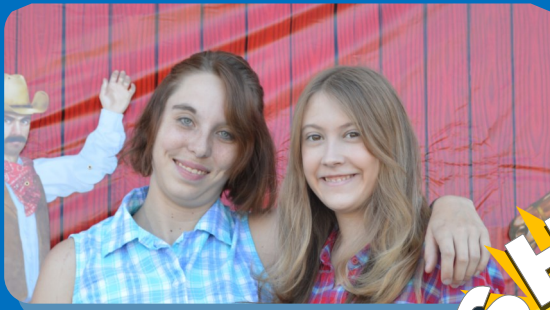
GIRL SCOUTS





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A large, stylized sun icon with a smiling face, positioned in the center of the collage. The sun has rays and a simple, happy expression.



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New Volunteers



Blanco, Paulina	Horsch, Desiree	Ramon, Erika
Bose, Xena	Medina, Liliana	Romero, Valerie
Bulis, Shalee	Mendoza, Celeste	Rozon, Virjo
Chung, Seung	Merrill, Chistina	Saephanh, Koy
Dlubac, Rebecca	Musielak; Pair, Valerie	Su, Gloria
Eskew, Gina	Palos, Brianna	Tapia, Joey
Gonzalez, Melissa Lynn	Prevost, DeJane	Yarmoff, Jessie
Higashi, Karen	Quiroga, Alberto	Zavala, Sophia

Be Sure to Seek Out and Welcome our New Volunteers!!



Birthdays



Gauley, Tiffany 11/4	McGrew, Candace 11/30
Powell, Lee 11/14	
Bryant, Lilly 11/17	
Lemke, Nelda K. 11/20	
Morin, Camille 11/26	
Glasier, Holly 11/27	
Templeton, Carol 11/27	

Years of Service

2 YEARS
 Joan Doup
 Guadalupe Fariaz
 Cindy Gomez
 Artesia Harris
 Welhelmina Henukh
 Joseph Biglay
 Jessica Sandoval

4 YEARS
 Erica Franco

Please take a moment to congratulate these volunteers for their dedication to the animals



Pet Care Corner

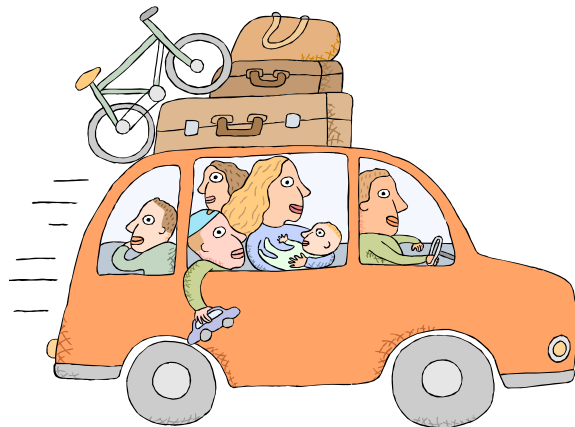


Top 10 Tips for Safe Car Travel With Your Pet

For some pet parents, a trip's no fun if the four-legged members of the family can't come. But traveling can be highly stressful, both for you and your animal companions. With thoughtful preparation, you can ensure a safe and comfortable trip for everyone.

Planning a road trip? Traveling with a pet involves more than just loading the animal in the back seat and motoring off—especially if you will be driving long distances or plan to be away for a long time. The ASPCA offers the following tips to help you prepare for a safe and smooth car trip:

1. Keep your pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated crate or carrier. There are a variety of wire mesh, hard plastic and soft-sided carriers available. Whatever you choose, make sure it's large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around in. And P.S., it's smart to get your pet used to the carrier in the comfort of your home before your trip.
2. Get your pet geared up for a long trip by taking him on a series of short drives first, gradually lengthening time spent in the car. And please be sure to always secure the crate so it won't slide or shift in the event of a quick stop.
3. Your pet's travel-feeding schedule should start with a light meal three to four hours prior to departure. Don't feed your furry friend in a moving vehicle—even if it is a long drive.
4. Never leave your animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked automobile can become a furnace in no time, and heatstroke can develop. In cold weather, a car can act as a refrigerator, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
5. What in your pet's traveling kit? In addition to travel papers, food, bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and a pet first-aid kit, pack a favorite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity.
6. Make sure your pet has a microchip for identification and wears a collar with a tag imprinted with your home address, as well as a temporary travel tag with your cell phone, destination phone number and any other relevant contact information. Canines should wear flat (never choke!) collars, please.
7. Don't allow your pet to ride with his head outside the window. He could be injured by flying objects. And please keep him in the back seat in his crate or with a harness attached to a seat buckle.
8. Traveling across state lines? Bring along your pet's rabies vaccination record, as some states requires this proof at certain interstate crossings. While this generally isn't a problem, it's always smart to be on the safe side.
9. When it comes to H₂O, we say BYO. Opt for bottled water or tap water stored in plastic jugs. Drinking water from an area he's not used to could result in tummy upset for your pet.
10. If you travel frequently with your pet, you may want to invest in rubberized floor liners and waterproof seat covers, available at auto product retailers.



Animal Trivia

Can You Answer These Without Cheating?

1. What is the correct name for a group of ducks?
2. What do Butterflies taste with?
3. How long can a termite queen live for?
4. How do honey bees communicate with each other?
5. What is the largest member of the deer family?
6. On what island was the Manx cat first bred?
7. What is the largest breed of domesticated cats?

ANSWERS: 1. BRACK, 2. BY DANCING, 3. 50 YEARS, 4. BY DANCING, 5. A MOOSE, 6. ISLE OF MANX, 7. MAINE COON

“Quotables”

“Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

