

# Volunteer Voices



RCDAS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER  
-RIVERSIDE EDITION

## Volunteer of the Month Pauline Purcell



### Save the Date

- 2/4 Shot Clinic
- 2/7 Orientation
- 2/9 Problem Solving Workshop
- 2/10 Coffee & Chat with the Chief
- 2/15 Orientation
- 2/18 Photo Booth Fundraiser
- 2/21 Shot Clinic
- 2/24 Taco Tuesday Fundraiser
- 2/23 Potty Training Workshop



February 2015

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# Live Art Auction

# Art for the Animals

Fundraiser to benefit Riverside County homeless pets

March 29, 2015



Thunder Heads Over Red Rock - Kelly Vela

## At the Riverside Art Museum

3425 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside, 92501



Man and friend - Jamie Perry

Join us for an enchanting evening of art, music, and food.

Art for the Animals is a fundraiser to benefit shelter animals in Riverside County. Every year, thousands of animals come into Riverside County/City shelters in need of special care.

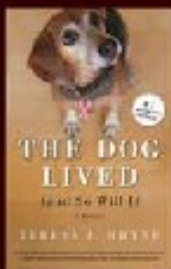
This year's auction will feature art by **dos velas images**, presenting the nature photography of **Gilbert and Kelly Vela**.



Dog Robot - Jim Behrman  
donated by Council Member Mike Gardner

Catering by McGrath's, wine and beer offered by Chris Kern PASO'S Best Wines.

4pm to 7pm



Book signing by **Teresa Rhyne**, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and international best selling author of *The Dog Lived (and So Will I)*

\*All artwork pictured is available in the auction.



# Volunteer of the Month

## Pauline Purcell

By Melissa Garcia



Pauline has been volunteering with the Department of Animal Services for almost four years. She says she was brought here due to her free time in retirement and a love for animals. After retiring and adopting her first cat, Charlie, Pauline realized that Charlie needed a new friend, so she went back to the shelter to adopt Joey and this is when she was told about the Volunteer Program. She says that she has never regretted her choice to volunteer.

### Fun Facts

**If you had a time machine, what year would you go back to and why?**

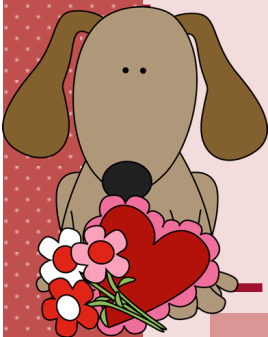
**Go back to my senior year in high school and know what I do now, make plans for college and better career choices.**

**If you could have a super-power what would it be?**

**To be able to find a cure for Cancer**

At the shelter, Pauline works in the clinic preparing the microchip packets, “popping syringes” for use by the RVTs, assembling e-collars, and helps bring parents together with their fur babies. She also volunteers at shot clinics, where she prepares the syringes. Being awarded “Director’s Choice” has been Pauline’s most memorable moment at the shelter.

Pauline has 3 cats named Charlie, Joey, and Ceaser. Besides volunteering at the shelter, some of Pauline’s hobbies are playing bingo, sewing, and reading. Her message to the Volunteers is “ Find something you are passionate about at the shelter and give your best effort.”





# MEET THE STAFF

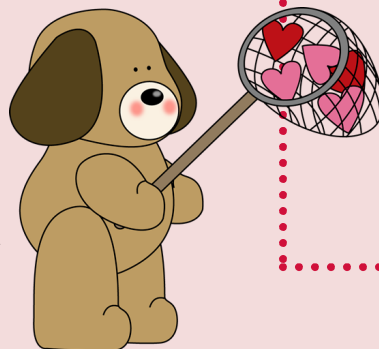


By *Melissa Garcia*

Stephanie has been working for the Department of Animal Services for 6 years and first started as an Office Assistant II at the Admissions Counter. She decided that she wanted to work here because of her love for animals and desire to improve the lives of animals. Stephanie says that her favorite part of her career at the shelter has been researching because of how much she is relied on and the satisfaction everyone feels once she finally finds what everyone is looking for. One of Stephanie's favorite memories working for the shelter was when she adopted a cat out to Slayer's guitarist, Kerry King, and his wife, Aisha King. It was a surprising and exciting memory for Stephanie and the couple decided to name the cat Von D.

Prior to working at the shelter, Stephanie worked as a sales associate at Gottschalks, as a Security Guard at the Department of Justice, and at Juice it Up making juices. Going to school at Cal Baptist and helping out her daughter's class with activities are among her favorite hobbies.

Stephanie's message to the volunteers and employees: " Love how they come in on their own time and they work so hard to care for the animals at each shelter and we appreciate them more than they would ever know."



## Stephanie Rubio



### FUN FACTS

**Last Seen Movie:** Billy Madison

**If you could trade places with any person for a week (dead or alive) whom would it be?**

Walt Disney ( Stephanie Loves Disney)

**Craziest Thing Ever Done:**

Held an Anaconda

**Favorite Piece of Clothing:**

Dooney & Burke Disney Bag and Cole Haan Bag

# YOUR FELLOW VOLUNTEERS



FRIENDS EDITION



By Melissa Garcia

## Maria Munoz and Samuel Barajas



Maria and Samuel have been volunteering for the Department of Animal Services for about 6 months and decided to start because of their school's requirement. Although volunteering is a school requirement, they say that they have really come to enjoy it. You can find both of them walking dogs, helping out at the clinic, greeting at the kiosk, and selling dog tags. Their favorite task is to spend time with the dogs and bond with them because it is always a rewarding moment to see those dogs get adopted. Maria's most memorable moment was when a dog she really liked named, Lil' Wayne was adopted by a loving family. She says that he looked mean but was actually really sweet. Samuel's most memorable moments always involve him helping out at the shot clinics. He says that you can really tell that the dogs appreciate your work. Both Maria and Samuel own multiple pets. Maria has an iguana named Iggy, a turtle named Chubbs, and a dog named Squirtle. Samuel has an iguana named Squigly and 2 dogs named Taboo and Lucy. Maria says she is a Turtle Enthusiast while Samuel is a self-proclaimed Connoisseur of Cheese.

### FUN FACTS

*Favorite Car?*

*Maria: 57 Bell Air*

*Samuel: 1960 T-bird*

*If you could be any animal what would it be?*

*Maria: Sea Turtle*

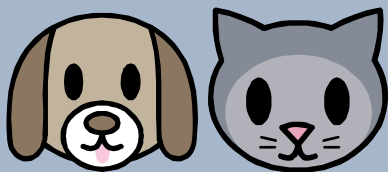
*Samuel: Sloth*

*Favorite Song?*

*Maria: Strange Fruit by Billie Holiday*

*Samuel: Strawberry Fields Forever by The Beatles*





## ***By the Numbers...***

### **Riverside Shelter**

### **Adoptions & Rescues**

### **MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

917

### **YEAR TO DATE**

7,631

### **All Shelters**

### **Adoptions & Rescues**

### **MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

361

### **YEAR TO DATE**

1,404

### **Volunteer Hours—Month (Riverside)**

1. Ronesha Eason	33.25
2. Jasmine Jones	53.55
3. Jeffrey Writer	9.5
4. Emily Cota	966.32
5. Chela Owens	389.45
6. Lisbeth Santana	205.25
7. Ariel Sepulveda	182.46
8. Kaithlyn Rush	153.50
9. Latisha Plance	141.50
10. William Jauregui	116.55





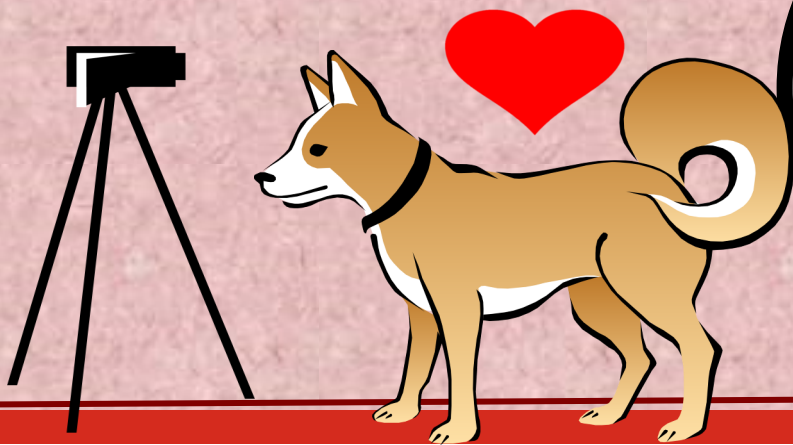
# Shelter HAPPENINGS

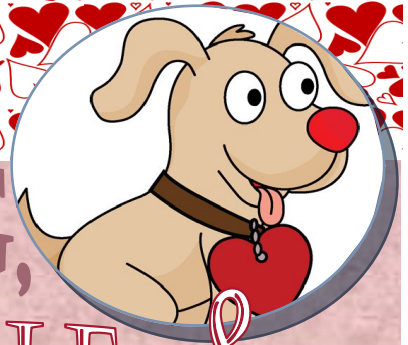


# PHOTO BOOTH



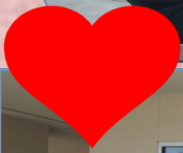
# FUNDRAISING





# Shelter HAPPENINGS

# DOG TAG, SOCK SALE, & SNACK BOOTH AT THE SHOT CLINIC





# New Volunteers

Alaniz, Genevieve  
Alexander, Kenneth  
Araba, Sydney  
Barajas, Samuel  
Brown, Destinee  
Cardenas, Virma  
Cazares, Jesenia  
Chang, Jessica  
Delano, Audrey  
Dunson, Kamaii  
Estratalan, Sonia

Gahler, Angelina  
Garcia, Alicia  
Hunter-Quesada, Kiana  
Lara, Chelsy  
Lomeli, Gabriela  
Lopez, Erin  
Manriquez, Monique  
Martin, Michael  
Mendoza, Jesus  
Montoya, Marisol  
Ontiveros, Jackie

Parrish, Tia  
Parsons, Temothy  
Perez, Jacob  
Plant, Ashley  
Rivera, Mariana  
Rodriguez, Lorraine  
Saavedra, Erica  
Segarra, Jessica  
Wildman, C. Gail  
Wurtz, Jamie

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



# Birthdays



Aguilar, Victor 2/8  
Albin, Jennifer 2/14  
Alderson, Sarah 2/8  
Amis-Richardson, Catherine 2/18  
Anderson, Brittany 2/12  
Araba, Sydney 2/2  
Barbosa, Bianca 2/12  
Becker, Nicole 2/13  
Bridges, Kathleen 2/16  
Calder, Chuck 2/25  
Caton, Kyle 2/13  
Cazarez, Jesenia 2/23  
Chang, Jessica 2/12  
Cortez, Victor 2/5  
Crist, Gabrielle 2/21  
Cunningham, David 2/9  
Dainovskaja, Julija 2/26  
Dunn, Anita 2/1

Eleby, Cherelle 2/12  
Eshleman, Kayla 2/28  
Feliciano, Marlene 2/8  
Nayeli Galan-Calito 2/15  
William Galloway 2/25  
Sierra Goudie 2/23  
Jasmine Hernandez 2/16  
Paul Hower 2/5  
Jocelyn Izquierdo 2/26  
Janet Jensen 2/8  
Curta Jones 2/27  
Brittany Kastens 2/19  
Krystal Nishimoto 2/13  
Jasmine Ocampo 2/28  
Jackie Ontiveros 2/1  
Mayra Ornelas 2/2  
Deborah Pallotto 2/27  
Devin Perdomo 2/28  
Lisa Perez 2/14

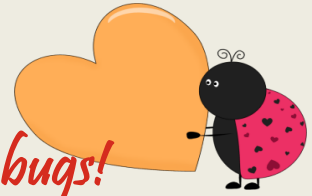
Gabe Pulido 2/23  
Claudia Ramirez 2/2  
Daniela Ramirez 2/14  
Marjorie Rendon 2/8  
Marie Rodriguez 2/24  
Molly Rodriguez 2/8  
Joanna Romero 2/2  
Erica Saavedra 2/26  
Danielle Grace Sanchez 2/23  
Sianna Sanchez 2/27  
Xiomara Santamaria 2/11  
Lindsey Schwartz 2/16  
Brittany Sims 2/19  
Michael Singer 2/7  
Rikki Singleton 2/18  
Amber Swanson 2/19  
Marco Valencia 2/2  
Julie Valenzuela 2/10

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

# ANIMAL TRIVIA

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. *There are about 5,000 different species of Ladybugs!*



2. **A Fox uses its tail as a warm cover in cold weather!**

3. Only male cardinals are red while fe-



male cardinals are tan/gray!

## "QUOTES"

*"A house is not a home without a pet. "*

*-Anonymous*



**Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?**

**We want to hear it!!!**

**Contact your Volunteer Coordinator in person or via email.**