



Volunteer Voices

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Volunteer of the Month

Leticia Juarez



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By Desiree Horsch & Melissa Garcia



Leticia Juarez has been a volunteer at the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for about four months and was initially brought here because of her love for dogs, plus the recruitment effort made by another volunteer. Through volunteering, Leticia was able to find her love for cats as well. She discovered her love for cats when an ACT needed **help with the cats and asked a volunteer to find “Latisha.” This volunteer accidentally asked Leticia to help instead of “Latisha” and this is where her love for cats began.**

Leticia socializes with cats and dogs, helps out at social events, bathes/brushes the animals, **and greets people at the kiosk. She finds getting to know the animal's' behaviors and personalities rewarding and fun.** One of her favorite memories was on her first day of socializing after her training, the dog she was playing with got adopted. Leticia owns four dogs named Princess, Bofo, Tigger, and Mimi.

Leticia enjoys working with both staff and other volunteers because she gets to meet new **people, make friends, and help others. Her message to the volunteers is: “I want to thank all volunteers for their time and effort. Keep up the good work-I know from experience that the animals and staff appreciate it.”**

Fun Facts

Favorite sport? Soccer Favorite team? Chivas.

Favorite dish? Chicken Alfredo Pasta

Most Interesting Trip Ever Taken? A tropical vacation that included Jamaica, Cancun, Miami and the Dominican Republic.



Meet the Staff

By Elvira Valenzuela &
Melissa Garcia

Brenda Velazquez

Brenda Velazquez is an Office Assistant III and has been working for the Department of Animal Services for 2 ½ years. What brought Brenda to the Animal Shelter was an unexpected phone call to be interviewed for her position. Brenda did not know she was going to get a phone call because her application had been in the shelter's system for a long time. Prior to working for the Department of Animal Services, Brenda worked for a loan company.



Always counting on the animals to make her smile after a long day is one of Brenda's favorite parts of her career at the shelter. Outside of the shelter, Brenda loves to dance and says that she always has a good book to read. Her favorite memories at the shelter are made every single time that she has been able to make a difference in a customer's life. Brenda has a 2 year old Siamese cat named Kitty.

Her message to the volunteers is: "Smile and empathize with everyone"

Fun Facts

Favorite Song? Any Selena song

Favorite Drink? Green Tea Lemonade from Starbucks

Craziest Thing Ever Eaten? Frog Legs



Your Fellow Volunteer

By Jackie Abrams
& Melissa Garcia

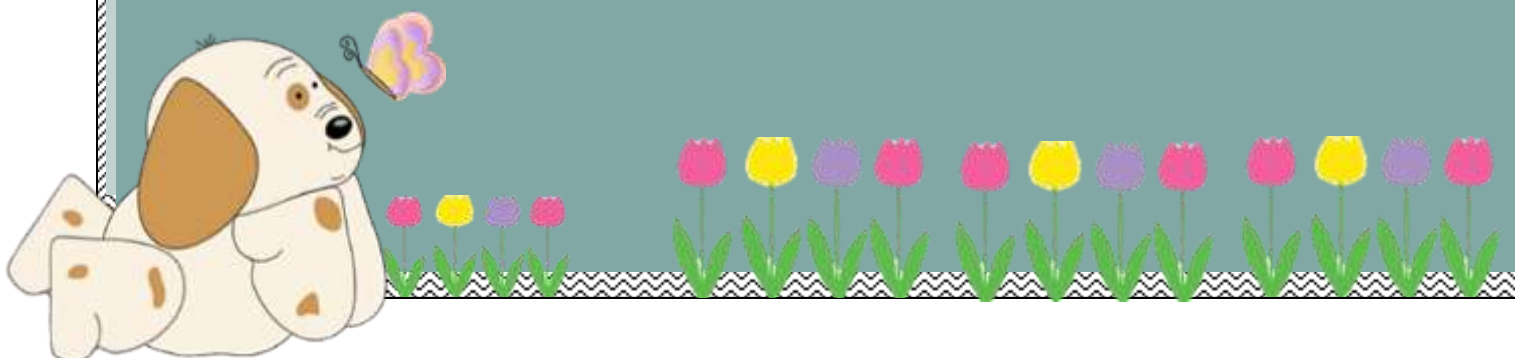
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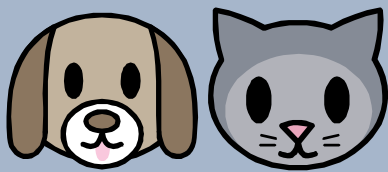


Upon retiring, Jan decided that she wanted to volunteer at the animal shelter, where her love of animals and administrative background would award her with benefits. For the last 5 years, she feels that the Riverside shelter has certainly fulfilled those benefits. Jan says that the shelter offers a lot of flexibility and she often chooses to volunteer in laundry. In addition, she specializes in, foster groups, shows/events, intakes, the veterinary clinic, bathing/brushing, and in collecting donated beds and toys.

Being around such a great variety of animals brings Jan her most memorable moments. She remembers one particular time, where a beautiful Tennessee Walker had been brought in and it was a joy to be able to see him blossom and become playful. When Jan is not at the shelter volunteering, she enjoys the company of her family and friends, who are all very supportive. She has a beautiful 7 year old Akita. Unfortunately Jan's second dog recently passed away. Jan's second dog was 15 years old and she got him from the shelter when he was only 6 months old. "He was the best dog. He will remain part of my heart forever" -Jan.

In her free time, Jan enjoys gardening and decorating/remodeling her home. She also loves and enjoys baseball and basketball, a great Prime Rib, spring season, and of course her favorite color-orange. Her message to volunteers is that being a volunteer is both challenging and rewarding but to remember that you get out what you put in.





By the Numbers...

Riverside Shelter

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF MAY

1,131

YEAR TO DATE

4,733

All Shelters

Adoptions & Rescues

MONTH OF MAY

1,944

YEAR TO DATE

6,468

Volunteer Hours—Month (Riverside)

1. Sarah Alderson	713.50 hours
2. Elizabeth Alvarado	173.10 hours
3. Isidro Avina	83.05 hours
4. Nicholas Barnes	119.45 hours
5. Erica Franco	171.40 hours
6. Jennifer Guiden	101.30hours
7. Maureen Gutriormesen	317.55 hours
8. Jocelyn Izquierdo	353.22 hours
9. Rob Murphy	437.15 hours
10. William Pentalton	226.26 hours



Shelter HAPPENINGS Cinco de Mayo Potluck



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Park n Bark





New Volunteers

Jasmine Ahuja	Lara Hunter	Kathryn Sedano
Yesenia Alvarez-Preciado	Anne Johnson	Joshua Shook
Cindy Benitez	Michelle Mabrey	Sarah Stratton
Brittany Coronado	Elizabeth Morale	Jiillian Tito
Randy Cruz	Yubisela Navarro Hernandez	Anyi Ye
Briana Encinas	Jessica Palomares	Anna Zagari
Samantha Flores	Brianna Pino	
Vincent Galvan	Gregory Powell	
Evan Grumling	Stephanie Ramirez	

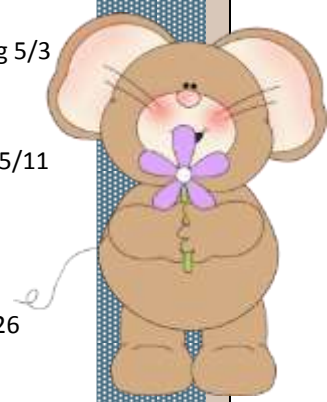
Be Sure to Seek Out and Welcome our New Volunteers!!



BIRTHDAYS



Shalee Bulis 5/3	Arthur Jensen 5/19	Erika Ramon 5/28
Janelle Centella 5/14	Catherine Johnson 5/23	Juliet Robba 5/2
Chavarria James 5/11	Leticia Juarez 5/28	Andrea Rubio 5/8
Dorene Chavez 5/7	Kobe Kendall 5/30	Allie Saenz 5/28
Seung Chung 5/11	Roger Macias 5/15	Kimberlee Schartung 5/3
Valerie Collier 5/2	Sherry Marshall 5/31	Laura Schober 5/4
Veronica Cox 5/28	Angeles Martinez 5/17	Pamela Singhavong 5/11
Emily Debois 5/15	Patrick McElroy 5/30	Sarah Stratton 5/3
Audrey Delano 5/12	Christ'Ann Mckinney 5/22	Taylor Vance 5/13
Samantha Erickson 5/29	Liliana Medina 5/9	Marissa Vasquez 5/26
Wendy Estrella 5/11	Anayeli Mendez-Sanchez 5/10	Noemi Villareal 5/4
Dayanna Fernandez 5/11	Jesus Mendoza 5/21	Carrie Walden 5/27
Levi Ferro 5/17	Yubisela Navarro Hernandez 5/3	Harmony Weischedel 5/18
Angelina Gahler 5/16	Chelsea Olson 5/7	Nicolas Willsea 5/30
Esmeralda Garay 5/9	Robert Osborne 5/21	Dana Winchell 5/26
Monique Garcia 5/30	Stephanie Pascual 5/12	Becky Yoo 5/3
Marlene Gomez 5/1	Rachel Prosis 5/2	Sophia Zavala 5/8
Sara Gyi 5/13	Stephanie Ramirez 5/5	Alicia Zvoda 5/7



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

Animal Trivia

Did You Know?



Hummingbirds beat their wings as fast as 50 times per second!

White Tail Deer can sprint up to 30 miles per hour!



The fastest butterflies can fly up to 37 miles per hour!

"Quote"

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."

-Anonymous

Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?

We want to hear it!!

Contact your Volunteer Coordinator in person or via email.

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