



Volunteer Voices

AN RCDAS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER—SAN JACINTO EDITION



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2015 Quarterly Newsletter

July, Aug, Sept

Volunteer of the Month

Katrina Condis



Katrina has been volunteering at RCDAS for 5 months. Her favorite thing to do at the shelter is to socialize the cats. Although she has made many great memories at the shelter, the most memorable moments are when Katrina sees animals who have spent a bit of time in the shelter waiting for the perfect home get adopted. During her free time, she really enjoys going to the shelter to be with the animals. She knows that she's helping them just by sitting with them, playing with them and/or walking

them, but they also help her on days she needs it most. Katrina's message to the volunteers: "I couldn't ask for a better place to spend my free time. I love San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus. The staff, volunteers and of course the animals are absolutely amazing. It is one of the best experiences I have had in my life." Katrina really enjoys spending time at the shelter and wishes she could go more often than. She grew up with animals and has always had a huge passion for them. She's currently looking into attending school to become a Veterinary Technician to happily spend the rest of her life working with animals.

Fun Facts: Favorite movie: Aristocats, Favorite food: Chinese



Save the Date

- ◆ July 14-18 Critter Kiddz Camp
- ◆ July 21-25 Critter Kiddz Camp
- ◆ 7/2 Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ 8/6 Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ 9/3 Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ 10/31 Howloween Spooktacular
- ◆ Chili's Fundraiser—July 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, Grab a flyer and help the volunteer program.
- ◆ Welcome Training Saturdays



Meet The Staff

Flora has **Flora Gens**

been working for Riverside County Department of Animal Services for 16 years. She has been a vital asset in our San Jacinto Shelter through previously working as an Office Assistant, License Inspector, Animal Control Officer, and Senior Adoption Counselor. Currently, she is an Animal Care Technician Supervisor that enjoys helping and being around all of the animals. Her favorite part of working for Riverside County is working with the scared animals to get them adoptable. The craziest thing she has ever done was when she caught a stray wallaby as an Animal Control Officer. If Flora won the lottery, the first 3 things she would do is buy a huge property and equip the property with high end kennels so that she can rescue as many stray dogs as possible. She currently has four dogs, four birds, and one fish.

-The most interesting trip Flora has ever taken was to Catalina Island.

-Flora's favorite song is "See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa.

Fun Facts:



Your Fellow Volunteers



Marlene Pirtle

Marlene began volunteering for RCDAS a year and a half ago. Her favorite part is seeing the animals being adopted into wonderful homes. Her most memorable moments as a volunteer happen anytime a dog is adopted or rescued. Marlene especially likes reuniting lost pets with their owner(s) because it's a really heart warming feeling.

Fun Facts:

1. On her free time she enjoys walking her dogs, scrapbooking, and jig-saw puzzles.
2. If Marlene could trade places with someone for a week, she would trade places with Sherley Wood Clane.
3. Favorite song: Blackbird by the Beatles.
4. Marlene's favorite cereal is oat bran or oatmeal.
5. Her hero is Jane Fonda.



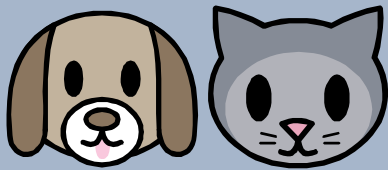
Selena has been volunteering for RCDAS since July of 2014. Selena's favorite part of volunteering at the shelter is to be around the animals. On her free time, she enjoys exercising and playing with her 4 dogs. If Selena could trade places with anyone she would trade places with a veterinarian to continue to do what makes her happy. Her most memorable moments at the shelter happen every time she feels a special bond and spends time with the animals and assists with getting them adoptable.

Fun Facts:

1. Favorite color: Blue
2. Favorite food: Lasagna
3. Hero/role model: Selena Quintanilla Perez

Selena Huerta





By the Numbers....

Hours Volunteered—Year to Date*
 All Shelters: 207,516
*does not include hours from group volunteers

San Jacinto Shelter

Bathing/Grooming

Name	Total
Pat Ratliff	1
<u>Total:</u>	1

Cat Socialization/ Adoptions

Name	Total
Leonora Melendez	22
Eva Queja	17
Bianca Vega	15
Navrose Brar	13
Brittany Cornell	13
Total	80

Dog Socialization/Adoptions

Name	Total
Dolly Young	40
Navrose Brar	31
Nancy Madigan	14
Leonora Melendez	6
Eva Queja	4
Bianca Vega	4
Paulette Cominotto	3
Brittany Cornell	3
Total	105

Shelter Happenings

Art for The Animals Award Ceremony





New Volunteers



Akkerman, Nicholle
 Aschenberg, Amy
 Brants, Connie
 Brar, Navrose
 Bright, Madison
 Bright, Melissa
 Cardenas, Katherine
 Condis, Katrina
 Cornell TMI, Brittany
 Dixon, Meleisa
 Gaines, Catherine
 Garcia, Sabrina
 Granados, Anissa

Hernandez, Maria
 Hinojosa, Tina
 Huard, Adie
 Huerta, Selena
 Jarvis, Stacie
 Johnson, Brooke
 Madigan, Nancy
 Mann, Heleana
 Martin, Araceli
 McGrath, Tim
 McRitchie, Sapphire

Melendez, Leonora
 Montano, Cristian
 Parker, Marianne
 Plichta, Jamie
 Porter, Abigail
 Ratliff, Patricia
 Rogers, Savannah
 Stackhouse, Sydney
 Trinidad, Rebecca
 Vega TMI, Bianca

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



Birthdays



July

Mattias, Helen
 McNamara, Bradley
 Meyer, Christian
 Noer, Kristen
 Pirtle, Marlene
 Wesolowski, Jennifer

August

Cornell, Brittany
 Djordjevic, Barbara
 Gonzalez, Vianey
 Hinojosa, Brianna
 Jarvis, Stacie
 Julian, Alexandria
 Moore, Tyrese
 Newton, Madison
 Plichta, Jamie
 Ratliff, Patricia

September

Bright, Melissa
 Cardenas, Katherine
 Gaines, Catherine
 Grincer, Marie
 James, Ian
 Lee, Jamie
 Martin, Araceli
 Martinez, Erendira
 Vega, Bianca

Years of Service

2 YEAR

Stephanie Beck

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

Pet Care Corner

Flea Prevention & Treatment

Did you know that fleas can cause your pet various health problems such as intestinal parasites, allergies and skin infections? We encourage flea prevention treatment, which costs considerably less than having to treat an infestation. You can begin a series of treatments during the months of June to November (start earlier if the summer days begin in advance).

Available in tablets or topical ampoules, most flea control products should be administered once a month and can be used both as prevention and as a treatment. Many of these products are prescription-only, but there are also very effective ones available without prescription at your vet. It is very important not to use flea control products for dogs on your cat, as they can be toxic for your feline.

Here are Health Canada's recommendations regarding fleas and your pet:

Preventing an outbreak of fleas on your dog or feline can save you a lot of headaches and hassle down the road. One of the best ways to do this is to inspect your pet regularly once spring arrives. Here's what to look for:

- Fleas are small insects (one to four millimeters long) with dark brown or reddish brown flattened bodies. Though wingless, they have powerful back legs that allow them to leap up to 200 times their body length.
- Bits of black the size of ground pepper on the skin near the tail on the back of your dog or cat are tell-tale signs that they may have fleas.



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Hello Everyone,

Just wanted to let you know that your Volunteer Fundraising Committee has been busy!!

Halloween Party event to be held this October.

We have the encouragement and support of the ASK Foundation, a 501(c) 3 which raises funds for Riverside County Department of Animal Services (all 4 shelters) projects and events. We are currently working on the resource funding for our Foster Volunteer Program.

We are hoping to do a SCRATCH AND HELP fundraiser between now and October to help raise funds for our Halloween event see volunteer Sharon for details.

Sharon Denison
Volunteer
Fundraising Committee Chair

Looking for other ways to help?

Our goal is to get all the animals at the shelter into new and loving homes. Here are some items our furry friends would love to have during their time with us:

- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Leashes
- ◆ Dog and Cat toys
- ◆ Grooming Brushes
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Pet Shampoo
- ◆ Newspaper
- ◆ Dish Soap



Animal Trivia

Did You Know?

1. Ostriches can run faster than horses and the males can roar like a lion.
2. Bats are the only mammal that can fly.
3. Cats have 36 muscles in each ear.
4. Tigers not only have stripes on their fur, they have them on their skin.
5. Elephants can smell water from up to 3 miles away, they are also 1 of 3 mammals that undergo menopause.

“Quote”

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

Thoughts? Opinions? Ideas?

We want to hear it!!

Contact your Volunteer Coordinator in person or via email.

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