

October 2010

The Volunteer Voice

News from the Riverside Shelters

## Volunteer of the Month Natalie Swickle

Natalie Swickle has been volunteering with Animal Services since August 2010.

Natalie specializes in dogs, and has been a major help in transferring dogs from non adoptable to the adoptable kennels.

She attends the Animal Behavior College in hopes of forming a rescue to rescue dog organization. What is that? She wants to rescue dogs from shelters and train them to be search and rescue canines.

Her life long dreams are well on their way as she works with our dogs to turn them from bad to wonderful. She works closely with Rudy the Animal Care Tech to gain experience and knowledge in her field of expertise. Natalie has the right idea working hand in hand with the employees to learn her trade. Thank you



Natalie!

On a side note Natalie has a twin sister

named Emily who is almost an exact copy, so if you ever have the feeling of déjà vu, maybe you just need to look a little bit closer.

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Can you guess who is who?

### Trick or treat!

## Volunteer October 2010 Birthdays

Hidalgo, Gabriela 10/4 Quintanar, Hector 10/5 Vargas, Jocelyn 10/6 Mocsi, Jeri-Ann 10/7 Kelley, Morgan 10/7 Castro, Monica 10/10 Burleson, Christy 10/10 Juarez, Adel 10/10 Gomez, Edenny 10/11

Flores, Rudy 10/12 Gavino, Bryon 10/13 Monarrez, Catherine 10/13 Fields, Mark 10/14 McKitterick, Amanda 10/14 Terriquez, Jenny 10/14 Drobnack, Sarah 10/14 Vogelpohl, Megan 10/15 Penright, Essence 10/17 Reveles, Amanda 10/18 Urzua, Vanessa 10/19 Deupree, Katherine 10/19 Ruvalcaba, Yesenia 10/19 Collier, Cheri 10/19 Richardson, Ryan 10/20 Vasquez, Amanda 10/21

Morlan, Marco 10/21 Kelley, Joy 10/24 Mora, Carlos 10/25 Mundt, Sherry 10/25 Cortes, Michael 10/30 Vizcarra, Itzel 10/30 DeLaVega, Christina 10/30

Gonsalez, Miranda 10/21





## TRICKY TREATS FOR DOGS

Halloween candy is absolutely forbidden for pets. Lollipop sticks can get stuck in the throat and candy wrappers can cause an obstruction. But the animal in your life likes a treat, too, so here is a recipe that is healthy for your pet and tasty too.

### Ingredients 2 cups water 3/4 cup canned applesauce 1/8 teaspoon vanilla 1 egg 3 cups whole-wheat flour 1 cup white flour 1/4 cup chopped nuts 1 tablespoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 cup food coloring or spinach powder (to get the color desired)

#### 7/8 cup water

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In a bowl, mix water, applesauce, vanilla and egg thoroughly.

In a separate blow, combine flour, nuts, baking powder, nutmeg, and cinnamon, stirring well.

Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well.

Spoon into greased Halloween muffin tins , filling each cup completely and bake for about I I/4 hours. Cool completely and store in a sealed container.

(some reactions may occur in sensitive pets)

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### **Volunteer Docents**

What is a docent? They are volunteers who take the lead in managing the volunteers in various departments. Mary Anderson, and Alison Rieve are just two of the docents here at the Department of Animal Services that we will be highlighting in this months issue.

If you need help or have a question answered find one of these fine docents. They specialize in their areas and have a wealth of knowledge in their assigned department. Not only do they help to make everything run like clockwork, they supervise and help train volunteers to be the best they can be.

Many of you may remember them from your orientation as they guide you in your first steps with us to improve the lives of shelter animals.

#### What does it take to be a Volunteer Docent?

- Time: Being a docent requires you to spend 20 hours a week working with your department and the volunteers who are working in that department.
- Commitment: Dependability is key to being a docent that the volunteer department can rely on you. This is an important position that involves a great deal of training and skill,



Mary Anderson

(Volunteer Office Docent )



Alison Rieve

(Information Center and Reunions)

- Organization: As a docent you, must be able to multitask, arrange training classes, and assist with one on one volunteer guidance
- Experience: Know how, understanding, and poise with management potential will help to make you a top docent
- **Knowledge:** Many of your docents have a background in the areas in which they supervise or have a strong willingness to learn.

If you are interested in applying to be a docent and you think you have what it takes please contact the volunteer department for an interview.

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Www.RCDAS.ORG

Halloween as its known today started as a tradition where people would give out muffins, scones, and apples as treats because they could be easily stored. Kind of makes you appreciate the little candies you get, ....but a nice warm muffin does sound yummy.

## Volunteers Work Up a Sweat "Shimmy for Critters"

On September 19th 2010 we had a wonderful event! Shimmy for Critters!

Bringing in new culture to the shelter, we invited belly dancer Marifa and her friends to shake their money makers to raise funds for the shelter animals!

The event went off with



out a shake or hitch in the program, because of all the volunteer contributions!

That Sunday was warm but, the dancers made it even hotter and everyone had a lot of fun!

The day started off with our volunteers directing traffic, customers, and vendors.

Candace McGrew, our volunteer program manager, stated that "The event was wonderful." She gave many praises to the volunteers helped set-up, clean up, assisted with adoptions and so much more. This event was so successful due to all the volunteers support. I am so grateful for everyone's help. Many of our volunteers

> loved the event, and were grateful for the great entertainment, fun, and good times it brought!

Check your emails and the newsletter for more fun events to come.



















### **Caught in Action**





sale well done



## Here are a few fun facts to learn and share with others.

**Napping Gators!** To get a alligator

state, trainers turn the gators onto their backs and rub

### **Classified Ads**

### Important Reminders

Even though this is a fun place to volunteer, Animal Services is a business. Please conduct yourselves in a professional manner. Be mindful of your surroundings, others, and how you approach the customers. Respect other peoples' property, don't go into offices that you are not assigned to, leave your personal belongings in your car or at home. Don't forget to sign in and out mark the area you worked. In case of a fire, we

need to know where you are located to ensure everyone has left the building.

from a champagne

bottle, than by a

poisonous spider.

Lefties! All polar

handed! Must be

bears are left

the weather

Caught with

your paws up!

Nose prints are

used to identify

dogs like finger-

identify humans!

prints are used to

둙 Please do not take, touch, or handle any animals that are coming into the animal shelter by the public or being held by employees.

Do Not take animals from customers. Please do not stop employees who are working to question them about an animal they are processing.

Please note that it is our policy for our volunteers to ONLY handle adoptable animals.....!

To sign up for any of the up coming classes/events email, call 951-358-7973 or visit the Volunteer Office.

# **Fun Animal Facts**

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their bellies.

Bat Lash! Bats

sleep upside down

for anywhere from

day! That's nothing

16 to 20 hours a

to bat your eye-

Fish Lips! Most

lipstick contains

fish scales, to pro-

vide enough oil to

evenly apply the

desired product

A Toast! you are

more likely to be

killed by the cork

lashes at.

to go into a sleepy

## **Riverside Events**

Flea market! **October 8th** \* Fashion show

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October 20th \*

October 1st

Soup Contest

October 30th \*₩

Dogtoberfest!

November 13th Ъ₹

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

## Welcome all of our New Volunteers

Albright, Brittany	Mendoza, Karina	Therrian, Mariah
Askren, Jennifer	Merritt, Candice	Tsai, Dylcia
Badger, Carolyn	Mora, Carlos	Tulisiak, John
Baniaga, Alyssa	Mundt, Sherry	VanHove, Margaret
Baniaga, Olivia	Novaselec, Barbara	VanHove, Timothy
Bell Frost, Laurie	Nunez, Ricardo	Villanueva, Sage
Butler, Kate	Ordonez, Brian	Vogelpohl, Megan
Christian Jr, Gary	Ortiz, Annette	Zimmerman, Chelsea
Crow, Sarah	Pickett, Baily	
DeLaCruz, Patricia	Plascencia, Elsa	
DeLeon, Kristy	Plascencia, Sandra	
Delgado, Hector	Quiroz, Brenda	Thank you for your
Figueroa, Joseph	Rivero, Brenda	Thank you for your time and loving ap-
Gambina, Dorothy	Roden, Megan	come and coving ap-
Garcia, Stephanie	Ross, Daniel	precíatíon!
Grove, Alexis	Ruiall, Alexis	•
Hernandez, Stephanie	Runyon, Arianna	The shelter and the
Hoof, Jasmine	Shyne, Okema	animals Thank
Juarez, Adel	Sierra, Christianna	
Lennox, Christopher	Snyder, Ellen	You!
Lippert, Teri	Snyder, Julia	
Machicado, Tammy	Sprowls, Nicole	
Mallard Jr, Wilfred	Stool, Jamie	OCD CJ CD C
Martinez, Roman	Stool, Kailee	
Mattice, Julie	Tapia, Allison	



## Volunteers Needed!

Dogtober Fest is right around the corner! We need as much help for the event as possible!