VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Fred Bommer

Riverside Volunteer

Fred Bommer (AKA Freddie B.) has been a volunteer with our department for nearly 3 years and has accumulated 1,204 hours of service. After his retirement as a Sheriff Deputy, he wanted to be useful and make a difference in the community. When we opened the San Jacinto Animal Campus he decided to volunteer for our department and to help the homeless pets. We are fortunate that he came on board because he helped numerous families find their new forever homes. Fred also was a professional photographer and his experience brought a new light to our animals. The photos are so amazing and we love to post them in lieu of their intake photos. He also used his photography skills to help the volunteer program and started doing photography fundraiser events, he even dressed up as the grinch.



Thank you, Fred, for all your help and dedication!

Fred has such a huge heart for the large breed dogs and wanted to start helping our rescue dogs and signed up to take courses with the Animal Behavior College. Fred then started to do his internship at the San Jacinto Campus and this helped us by providing the dogs the much needed love, attention, and training required to overcome their fear and anxiety. He is very gifted and knowledgeable with these special needs dogs and worked with them every time he went to volunteer which helped them become less fearful or shy. Once COVID hit he began assisting in his community by becoming a community ambassador. He helps pets that are lost by taking photos and videos of them, posting on our website and social media outlets to help them find their owners. Thank you, Fred, for all your help and dedication to our department. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you!

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Rick Iacovino

CVAC Volunteer

Rick Iacovino has been a volunteer at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus for 6 years and has accumulated over 1,000 hours. Rick takes out our large, more difficult to handle dogs who many volunteers cannot take out for walks. He spends time socializing these animals so when adopters come in, the dogs will sit calmly at the front of their kennels and show their more attractive side. Due to his dedication and commitment to our shelter animals, many of these dogs get their regular exercise. His eagerness to come back to the shelter during COVID lockdown didn't go unnoticed. Thank you, Rick, for your love and dedication to shelter animals. We very much appreciate all you do!



Thank you, Rick, for your love and dedication!

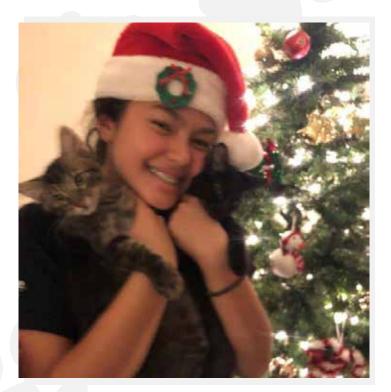
FEBRUARY FOSTER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Torres Family Foster Family of the Month

Alexis and her girls, Isabella, and Mia – joined our Foster Family in April 2020 when the COVID pandemic forced us all into our homes – What better way to bond as a family than to bring underage kittens into your home. Since then, they have fostered a dozen kittens, some with their mother and some without. The only problem was letting them go – as they truly did become part of their family. All their fosters were adopted within days of returning to our shelter. We want to honor them as our Volunteer Family of the month and thank them for helping us save lives!



Thank you Alexis, Isabella and Mia!





SERVICE AWARD PINS

1 Year of Service			
David Bendell	Sydney Grossi	Alan Munoz	Monique Verlato
Yesenia Castellanos	Ramona Herrera	Nataly Muro	Jack Poliszczuk
Melanny Lopez			
2 Years of Service			
Joseph Gonzales	Sandra Zamora		
3 Years of Service			
Yvette Mondragon	Marilyn Wilke	Bree Williams	
5 Years of Service			
Linda Dotson	Ellie Hull		
6 Years of Service			
Dolores Anderson	Sandra Gleason	Temothy Parsons	Linh Tran
Gail Wildman			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Graf	3 Feb	David Hough	9 Feb	Judi Lewis	22 Feb
Clint Speth	3 Feb	Janette Price-Fletcher	9 Feb	Karem Felipe	22 Feb
Elizabeth Rodriguez	3 Feb	Mike Gardner	9 Feb	Amber Schlieder	23 Feb
Vanessa Olvera	3 Feb	Brenda Garcia	10 Feb	Paul (Ben) Mannes	23 Feb
Karen Diaz	4 Feb	Juliana Spearman	10 Feb	Stephanie Gonzalez	23 Feb
Precilla Delmaro	4 Feb	Cody White	11 Feb	Elaine Keesler	24 Feb
Amanda Bartkowski	5 Feb	Ismeray Leyva	11 Feb	Jenise Felix	24 Feb
Amaris Duran	5 Feb	Lazaria McWright	11 Feb	Stephanie Pena	24 Feb
Andrew Bondoc	5 Feb	Sandra Viramontes	11 Feb	Alma Bibanco	25 Feb
Jenna Fisher	5 Feb	Aracely Gomez	12 Feb	Ashley Gonzalez	25 Feb
Catherine Moua	6 Feb	Katrina Almaguer	12 Feb	Dayana Moran	25 Feb
Helayna Tafoya	6 Feb	Katlynn Fagan	16 Feb	Jennifer Langlois	25 Feb
Mary Carvajal	6 Feb	Yesenia Reyes	16 Feb	Joselyne Williams	25 Feb
Robin Cummings	6 Feb	Ana Ruiz	18 Feb	Rick Iacovino	25 Feb
Ashley Payton	7 Feb	Kayla Morales	19 Feb	Ana Rodriguez	26 Feb
Carygan Mata	7 Feb	Morgan Stewart	19 Feb	David DeMarco	26 Feb
Cassandra Felix	7 Feb	Vincent Luong	19 Feb	Seaerra Cookingham	26 Feb
Cherish Brown	7 Feb	Natalia Zagha	20 Feb	Victoria Irra	26 Feb
Tandra Thomas	7 Feb	Ramona Herrera	20 Feb	Julianna Parker	28 Feb
Emily Mercado	8 Feb	Ashley Aguilar	21 Feb	Linda De La Cruz	28 Feb
Sarah Alderson	8 Feb	Claire Thornbury	21 Feb	Madison Henderson	28 Feb
Taylee Jenson	8 Feb	Perla Montano	21 Feb	Maria Ascencio	28 Feb