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City of
SACRAMENTO
Front Street Animal Shelter

April/May
2015

Volunteers

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TEAM FRONT STREET: WORKING TOGETHER
TO SAVE LIVES!

Bark in the Park

Join us on May 24th for the River Cats' annual Bark in the Park event! We are super excited to be this year's featured charity. Tickets are on sale at the shelter - just ask one of the Front Desk Staff! The tickets that benefit the shelter are for the lawn seating where you can bring your canine friend! Reserved stadium seating is not for the dogs. :)

Purchase your tickets at the front desk or online at www.frontstreetshelter.org and click on the Events tab!



Big Day of Giving

BIG
DAY OF
GIVING

**24 HOURS
TO GIVE
WHERE YOUR
HEART IS**

Tuesday, May 5th is the Big Day of Giving! Join us online at www.frontstreetshelter.org and click on the Events tab! The Big Day of Giving is a 24 hour online giving challenge—a chance to give where your heart is! Online donations made through the Big Day of Giving portal will be matched with incentive dollars from local and national sponsors, so your donation will go further! Tell your friends and family and let's make Tuesday the best Big Day of Giving ever!



Shelter Stats:



| | Mar 2015 | Mar 2014 | April 2015 | April 2014 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cats Adopted | 69 | 61 | 84 | 58 |
| Cats to Rescue or Transfer | 44 | 44 | 61 | 46 |
| Cats Returned to Owner | 6 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Dogs Adopted | 135 | 154 | 116 | 108 |
| Dogs to Rescue or Transfer | 118 | 82 | 70 | 103 |
| Dogs Returned to Owner | 110 | 85 | 78 | 79 |
| # of Volunteers | 328 | 238 | 313 | 250 |
| Volunteer Hours | 4473 | 3293 | 4547 | 3517 |



Happy Birthday!!

A great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of the wonderful volunteers who are celebrating April or May birthdays!

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Kyra Abdelnour 4/28 | Kellee Benedict 4/24 | Martin Bolanos 4/8 | Tatyana Budakova 4/11 | Gaby Carranza 4/11 |
| Chuenta Castaneda 4/22 | Christina Cen 4/15 | Contance Clark 4/30 | Jessica Decoque 4/2 | Scott Delany 4/2 |
| Connie Donnelly 4/2 | Jan Drakulich 4/8 | Kirsten DuBray 4/5 | Mia Franzoia 4/25 | Selena Garcia-Pena 4/6 |
| Leo Goncalves 4/30 | Stephanie Gurney 4/30 | Nayeli Medina 4/4 | Samantha Heggen 4/15 | Stacy Hill 4/16 |
| Gail Hoffman 4/6 | Shreya Jaiswal 4/4 | Lisa Liao 4/16 | Andrea Lum 4/6 | Yvette Martinez 4/8 |
| Breanne McCord 4/28 | Aileen Mejia 4/26 | Jeremy Moore 4/1 | Svetlana Moskalyuk 4/24 | Maury Nickelson 4/2 |
| Robert Orndoff 4/7 | Rosita Ortiz 4/5 | Jimmy Pan 4/30 | Joshua Principe 4/17 | James Reynolds 4/24 |
| Mayuko Rodriguez 4/12 | Hannah Shultz 4/15 | Eve Simpson-Allen 4/18 | Courtney Van Slyke 4/30 | Melissa Vinalon 4/23 |
| Jessica Vroman 4/23 | Stephanie Wagaman 4/19 | Jenny Woltz 4/7 | Maggie Yang 4/24 | |

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mathew Aceves 5/4 | Alex Aviles 5/31 | Cassandra Baez 5/15 | Isabel Baxter 5/8 | Kristina Blevins 5/9 |
| Knybria Brown 5/30 | David Brownstein 5/4 | Annette Contreras 5/3 | Cheryl Covert 5/28 | Everett Drake 5/23 |
| Rebecca Guild 5/29 | Jacob Guinn 5/18 | Rae'anne Gutierrez 5/30 | Amber Hilton 5/2 | Titus Lam 5/7 |
| Ta'Tyana Lee 5/19 | Karin Libbee 5/15 | Sandra Lopez 5/12 | Keilan Love 5/24 | Jaymie Lutz 5/12 |
| Arianna Mabry 5/8 | Riley Mazyck 5/28 | Marsha Menzel 5/25 | Alejandro Mercado 5/21 | Rosa Mercado 5/4 |
| JoAnn Nash 5/6 | Joshua Odum 5/6 | Adriana Espinoza 5/16 | Valerie Parks 5/8 | Chrissy Patterson 5/25 |
| Savannah Perry 5/3 | JT Raines 5/6 | Enrique Ramirez 5/13 | Secret Redding 5/21 | Stephanie Sigler 5/24 |
| Kala Silakhom 5/7 | Christopher Suyeda 5/12 | Erica Tapia 5/12 | Marisa Toso 5/4 | Christina Vallejo 5/22 |
| Ariana Valles 5/15 | Sharon Vang 5/12 | | | |

Happy Birthday to all!

Happy Beginnings—Tails of True Love!

Adoptions - Return to Owners - Rescue

HOPE HAS BEEN ADOPTED!

Hope came to the shelter in March severely neglected. Her new mom is a Veterinary Technician with a soft spot for rescue dogs. Hope will share a bedroom with her new siblings, Maple & Dixie. Thanks to our amazing followers, donors, adopters, foster parents..... LIFE IS MAGICAL ON FRONT STREET



PIRATE KITTENS FIND A HOME

We adopted brothers, Jack Sparrow and Blackbeard this month. So glad I got the two of them, they really love being and playing together. Really enjoying these two. Their Foster Mom did a wonderful job in socializing them. They are incredibly lovable and good kitties.



DUMPED BUT NOW ADOPTED

This little guy was left outside the shelter and found by staff at 6:45am. Three days later he is loving life with his new family! Life is good on Front Street—and our volunteers are the reason why. Thanks for all of your hard work!



Who you gonna call?

It's Saturday morning and you are scheduled to volunteer at the Front Street Animal Shelter. But you wake up sick! Who you gonna call?

Please call the Shelter Supervisor at 916-215-4254! If you call Janice, she might not get the message in time to let the team know. By calling the Shelter Supervisor, you will let the team know in the quickest way!

You're scheduled to attend a class and your car breaks down.

Who you gonna call?

Call Janice! (Or email would be better...) Let Janice know and she can adjust your class schedule! If it is a dog training class, please let Pam Francis Tuss know and she will reschedule you.



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Welcome to
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Smile! You're on Amazon! We are super excited to announce that the Friends of the Sacramento City Shelter Animals, Inc., our nonprofit fundraising partner, is now on Amazon Smile. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support - including the Friends of the Sac City Shelter Animals! Don't forget to add "smile" in front of amazon and start shopping!

The Joys of Mentoring

Julie Torchio, Front Street Volunteer

Sunday Morning, 7:00 am. I awoke realizing I could still move after two beer garden events. Having checked the schedule for Shelter volunteers 5 of 6 and new volunteer 2. I checked the Mentor schedule and saw 0 of 2 though calendar items were closed.

I decided Why Not, and scooped up my shelter bag. I arrived at 7:30 a.m. and found volunteer Ryan, waiting for some thing to do, 2 volunteers already filling Titanic food bags. I let staff know I was on site as the Lead. Jason helped round up volunteers as they arrived (Thanks Jason!) Our new volunteers arrived after three volunteers had started cleaning kennels.

Staff were wonderfully helpful about cleaning protocols as we worked through all of the notes on kennels, and with a few Q building dogs that were not wanting their kennels cleaned. Between kennel cleanings 2 volunteers requested help getting the dish-washing done.

By noon the shelter was swept, and scrubbed, new bedding. Two volunteers announced they love kennel cleaning so much they wished their jobs would let them clean the kennels every morning. The dedication of staff and staff is so invigorating and uplifting.

Thank you for a wonderful morning, I'll definitely, be a lead volunteer again!



**We NEED Your Gently Used
Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, Linens, Toys,
& Other Small, Non-Breakable Items!**

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SAVE THE DATE
- AND YOUR STUFF!
May 18th – May 31st, 2015



SACRAMENTO DONATION STATION
5005 Stockton Blvd.

Save Your Donations of Clothing and Household Items for
Front Street Animal Shelter's
2-Week Donation Drive @ Sacramento ReUselt Donation Station
Make a Difference LOCALLY!

ReUselt.org

Shelter Life - A TV series about Front Street!

Don Henkle, Front Street Volunteer

Many of you have heard about it and seen the posts on Facebook about “Shelter Life”, but many of you may not know what it's all about.

Shelter Life is a series dedicated to promoting and educating the general public on the multi-functional place we call Front Street Animal Shelter. Through this series we hope to bring more attention to the services and programs that we offer, and to highlight the efforts that we put into place to help the animals at risk in our community.

A core group of volunteers make up the Shelter Life “crew”. These volunteers do everything that is involved in making and putting together this show. These tasks include, story boards, writing and developing questions, pre-production meetings, set design and set up, editing, filming footage and much more.

We also must give credit to the man that brought this idea to Gina and he is our Executive Producer Charles Banks. Charles was instrumental in getting this project off the ground and being there to offer advice, equipment use and financial support.

Each episode focuses on a different part of the team at Front Street, and features conversations with staff and volunteers whose dedication is critical to the main goal of saving lives.

We are very lucky to be able to use the professional studio at Access Sacramento for our filming. Access Sacramento, like Front Street, has some incredible volunteers and we have been very lucky to have them each time we film and assist us in the editing process. Our shows are on Access Sacramento, and we always post those times when they are announced. In order to reach an even larger audience we now have a facebook page as well: Shelter Live- A TV Series. We would encourage all of you to visit our page, “like us” and spread the word. All episodes will be uploaded on that page plus you will also see some of the behind the scenes pictures as well. We also have great looking canvas tote bags and coffee mugs for sale at Front Street as well (all net proceeds go right back to Front Street).

There are many story's yet to come to Shelter Life, and as we finish post production for season 1 we can assure you of an even greater season 2 !!

You may reach us at shelterlife1@gmail.com or better yet, visit us on Facebook!



Congratulations to all of our award winners!

The Team Front Street Fiesta de Gracias on April 23rd was an amazing success! Many thanks to all of those who attended - and to all of those who work so hard and weren't able to make the party. I wanted to acknowledge our volunteer & staff award recipients. Please congratulate the following amazing people:

Presidential Service Award—Bronze Level

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| Alex | Covert | Jacob | Jones | Kaitlin | Kozlowski |
| Alice | Fernandez | Jane | Trudeau | Megan | Combs |
| Alison | Appleyard Gainer | Janice | Scott | Megan | Lu |
| Amanda | Davis | Jasmine | Eagle Twigg | Megan | McBroom |
| Amanda | Osterhout | Jeri | Ramos | Melissa | Ohman |
| Angela | Licciardo | Joann | Sugioka | Moira | Monahan |
| Anna | Cambrey | John | Baxter | Myoho | Pulai |
| Ashley | Armstrong | Judy | Pribyl- Jasperson | Nancy | Landrum |
| Barbara | Leone | Julie | Gonzales | Nic. | Mazanec |
| Carl | Magagnosc | Kaitlin | Kozlowski | Nikki | Polson |
| Carly | Freeman | Heidi | Hurdy | Pam | Francis-Tuss |
| Cynthia | Fagan | Heidi | Pagano | Rocio | Mercado |
| Cynthia | Lester | Jacob | Jones | Sarah | Sipsy |
| Daphne | Rubinstein | Jane | Trudeau | Shari | Crum |
| Deanna | Vattuone | Janice | Scott | Sharon | Long |
| Denise | Bell | Jasmine | Eagle Twigg | Susan | Heaton |
| Donna | Jubb | Jeri | Ramos | Suzanne | Johnson |
| Ellen | Bjork | Joann | Sugioka | Titus | Lam |
| Felicia | Ceccato | John | Baxter | Valerie | Lilienthal |
| Heidi | Hurdy | Judy | Pribyl- Jasperson | Xavier | Romero |
| Heidi | Pagano | Julie | Gonzales | | |

Presidential Service Award—Silver Level

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|---------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Ann | Dilzer | Eve | Simpson-Allen | Marc | Fernandez |
| Ann | Friedman | Evelyn | Dale | Marisa Marie | Toso |
| Arlene | Aycock | Gayle | Platsis | Mia | Franzoia |
| Bev | Franco | Georgann | Eberhardt | Nancy | Sundberg |
| Carey | Moore | Isabel | Baxter | Stephanie | Summers |
| Cece | Wagner | Jacqueline | DeLu | Stu | Husband |
| Chris | Taylor | Jan | Drakulich | Susan | Manuel |
| Deborah | Cusimano | Jenn | Doll | Taylor | Wells |
| Don | Henkle | Jessica | Radtko | Toni | Hutchinson- Haddad |
| Ellen | Nakata-Harper | Kathy | Baldrige | Vickie | Harvey |
| Emilia | Marquez | Kyrie | Farrant | | |

Presidential Service Award - Gold Level

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|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Alberto | Amador | Clinton | Jenkins | Sara | Aceves |
| Angela | Morgan | Kathy | Lozano | Sue | Huscroft |
| Anita | Lopez | Loretta | Franzi | Susan | Clarkson |
| Carol | Yee | Marsha | Menzel | Veronica | Fagan |
| Cheyenne | Rhoades | Peggy | Coppin | Veronica | Rodriguez |
| Clinson | Lui | Rosemary | Lamb | | |

Presidential Service Award—Lifetime Call to Service

2015 Award to Joyce Thompson-Pierce!

Team Front Street Spirit Award Nominations:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Angela Licciardo | Jacky Lopez | Marsha Menzel |
| Ann Friedman | Janice Wagaman | Mia Franzoia |
| Anna Cambry | Jason Roberson | Nancy Landrum |
| Bobby Mann | Jeanne Brennan | Nikki Barnett |
| Brooks Danzinger | Joyce Thompson-Pierce | Patrick Schiller |
| Casi Scannell | Karen Dickinson | Peggy Coppin |
| Chelsea Cushings | Kate Zocchetti | Peter Martin |
| Clinton Jenkins | Laura Warner | Ricardo Gaitan |
| Cori Moore | Lesla Saville | Robin Tomlin |
| Deanna Vattuone | Lori Rhoades | Samantha Burgin |
| Don Henkle | Lori Rhoades | Shannon Quinn |
| Donna Judd | Loretta Franzi | Shari Crum |
| Evelyn Dale | Lynn Fedoryk | Sue Huscroft |
| Gina Knepp | Marc Fernandez | Susan Manuel |
| Goul Family: Peter, Cathy & Connor | Marilyn Clark | |

Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers.

And special thanks to all of the husbands, wives, and children who shared your family members with Front Street – we know our staff and volunteers could not do the great work that they do without you!!

Team Front Street is amazing! Thank you all for being part of our team!! Together, we save lives!

“A Little Extra” Awards

Dishwashing Diva – This volunteer is constantly found doing those dishes! She comes in several times a week and stays at it until the very last dish is washed. For the third year running, and with a whopping 17,145 recorded dishes washed, please congratulate **Kathy Baldrige**! She really is a dishwashing diva!

Cattery King – This volunteer is so faithful and reliable! He comes in practically daily to help our cats. He truly is the Cattery King with 519 recorded kennels cleaned! Please congratulate **Marc Fernandez**!

Kennel Queen – This volunteer only worked for three months this past summer, but she managed to record the highest number – and always did it with a smile! Please congratulate this poop scooper extraordinaire, **Mia Franzoia**, for having cleaned more than 519 kennels!

Laundry Lover – Laundry makes the kennels go round! This volunteer is steadfast and always does it with a smile. Please congratulate **Jan Drakulich** for showing true laundry love and washing more than 107 loads of laundry!

Bunny Boss – When we think of bunnies, this dynamic duo comes to mind. Congratulate **Cynthia & Veronica Fagan** for being true bunny bosses and caring for 184 bunnies!

Highest Hours Awards – this year we are honoring three volunteers who collectively volunteered 5,598 hours last year! Please join me in thanking

Joyce Thompson-Pierce for volunteering 3,194 hours

Carol Yee for volunteering 1,240 hours

Peggy Coppin for volunteering 1,164 hours

Special Thanks: Many of you know that I have been dealing with some health issues this past year. If it weren't for these three amazing volunteers, our volunteer program would not have run so smoothly. They gave of themselves every week! I would like to present the Volunteer Spirit Award to:

CeCe Wagner – for all of her help in the volunteer office. She took care of all of the paperwork that goes along with the volunteer program. She started a system where other volunteers who were interested in office work could jump in and help. She really is an office goddess extraordinaire! Thank you CeCe!

Don Henkle – Don is the captain of our mentoring team. He has been a great leader and example to all of our new volunteers. He has lead Shelter 101 when I couldn't be there. This is in addition to the Shelter Life program, and all of the other many things that Don does. Thank you Don!

Lesla Saville – Lesla has been my right hand gal for orientations. She has attended just about every orientation to welcome new volunteers to Front Street. When I wasn't able to be there for some of the orientations, she stepped up and lead them for me. She is truly amazing! Thank you Lesla!

Be a Front Street Sponsor

And help save lives!

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SPONSORSHIP
PACKAGE
SAVE LIVES!



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The Front Street Animal Shelter's 3rd annual Paws to Party event is well under way. We will all be partying for the animals on August 28th! But in order to make the party dreams a reality, we need sponsors.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in sponsoring, please let me know right away! Sponsors can be businesses looking for a great way to advertise or individuals who want to help. Sponsorships can be made in memory of or in honor of loved ones - human or furry!

For more information, please visit our website <http://frontstreetsponsors.weebly.com> and select the sponsorship level that is right for you. If sponsoring doesn't work for you, but you know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please share this information. Together, we save lives!

The Year of the Cat...

This year, we want the Front Street Animal Shelter to celebrate the year of the cat! (No, it is not a real zodiac year, but we think it should be!) To celebrate our feline friends, here are some great ways that you can help:

- ◆ Take the new cat classes! We now have Cat Body Language and Cat Enrichment. By July 1st, we want all of our cattery volunteers to have taken these in addition to the Cattery Class.
- ◆ Be a cat foster! We've received over 300 kittens already this year, and anticipate many, many more! If you are at all interested in helping cats, please consider being a cat foster. We have two cat foster classes—Cat Foster & Bottle Baby. Sign up today!
- ◆ Please don't take dogs into the cattery—even if you are going straight through! Our cats should have as little stress as possible and seeing a dog when they have no where to hide is super stressful for them!
- ◆ Help prevent the spread of disease! Humans are the number one spreader of germs. Please use a towel when holding a cat and then change towels before holding another cat! You can help keep our cats healthy.
- ◆ Make some cat toys or mobiles! We want to provide our cats with lots of things to play with. Check out the mobiles in our adoption cattery! We need a lot more, so get crafty and make some cool mobiles for our cats.



Meet the Staff: Leese Johnson

Meet Animal Care Technician extraordinaire, Leese Johnson!

How long have you worked at Front Street? I worked at Front Street several years ago for about 9 months and returned in November of last year.

What did you do before you came here? I've worked in animal shelters since I was 18,

taking time to raise my kids.

What do you like to do when not at the shelter? Hang out with friends, decorate my house, pet my kitties and travel.

What is your favorite hobby? Snorkeling

Tell us about your family? I have 2 kids, who live in Europe, one is 17 and the other is 20.

What kind of pets do you have? 3

foster failure kitties

What have you liked best about your job? I love when an animal is reunited with the

owner and goes home or when a really scared or injured animal comes in, gets treatment, blossoms



into an adoptable animal and goes home. I guess you could say I like the "going home" part. :-)
What would you change if you could? Eradicate Parvovirus, puppy mills, hoarding situations and terrible living conditions.

Thank you Leese for your hard work!

"Keep coming. Everyone's contribution is important! I love the volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!"

CALENDAR



◆ Volunteer Orientations:

- ◆ 2nd & 3rd Wed. each month
5:30-7:30

◆ Shelter 101:

- ◆ Every Saturday at 8:30am

◆ Cat Class:

- ◆ Cattery Class Sat. 5/16
- ◆ Cat Enrichment 5/30
- ◆ Cat Body Language 5/23
- ◆ Cat Foster 5/9
- ◆ Kitten Bottle Baby Class 5/16
- ◆ Cat Adoptions 6/20

◆ Dog Classes:

- ◆ Language of Dogs 5/24
- ◆ Dog Auto-sit 5/17,
- ◆ Dog Handling—check the schedule!
- ◆ Dog Foster Ambassador 5/12 & 5/19

◆ Offsite Outreach Events:

- ◆ Every weekend! Sign up online!

Volunteer Spotlight: Bianca Pelletti



Bianca began volunteering at the Front Street Animal Shelter in September 2014. Right from the very start, she took initiative to make things happen. Bianca created a service group at her high school, McClatchy, and has organized at least six service

projects at the shelter. This is in addition to coming and volunteering on her own. Bianca has demonstrated leadership and the true spirit of volunteerism. The Front Street Animal Shelter was proud to have nominated her for Youth Volunteer of the Year award at DOVIA Sacramento's annual volunteer awards. Thank you for your hard work Bianca!



Wish List

We would be most grateful if you could help us with these:

- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Gas cards
- ◆ Foster care supplies
- ◆ Cat beds
- ◆ Coffee! We do not have a coffee budget, so any donations would be welcome!

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Follow us on Facebook at City of Sacramento Front Street Animal Shelter to keep up with more fun activities & animal stories!