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City of
SACRAMENTO
Front Street Animal Shelter

March/April 2014

Volunteers *focus*



TEAM FRONT STREET: WORKING TOGETHER
TO SAVE LIVES!



front Street FIESTA de GRACÍAS!



You are invited!!

Every accepted volunteer and staff member of the Front Street Animal Shelter is invited to celebrate our hard work and success at the

2nd Annual Front Street Fiesta!

Who: Every accepted volunteer & staff member, plus one guest. Additional guest tickets may be purchased for \$15 to help cover the cost of the event.

When: Sunday, April 13th 6-9pm

Where: California Auto Museum

What: A Fiesta party! We will enjoy tasty Mexican-themed food, dessert, awards, and lots of fun!

Why: Because we all deserve a thank you for our hard work!

Please RSVP on the Volunteer Resource site

frontstreetvolunteers.weebly.com

no later than April 6th!!

Bring your own alcoholic beverages (age 21 and older!)

Please don't forget to nominate a staff member that you have found helpful and fun to work with!

SHRED DAY!

Saturday, April 19th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
2505 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95818
Target Parking Lot (Corner of Broadway)

Recommended
donation is \$5
per box.

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CITIZENS'
CRIME ALERT
REWARD PROGRAM
916-443-HELP



Join us for our very first Shred Day! This is a fun fundraiser for the shelter.

When: Saturday, April 19th

Where: Target on corner of Riverside and Broadway

Time: 9:00am -3:00pm

Duties will include:

- Greeting cars as they pull up & helping to unload cars
- Talking with people about the Front Street Shelter - be sure you are able to represent the shelter and brag about all the wonderful things we do!
- Passing out fliers about upcoming events

Requirements:

- Volunteers must be age 16 or older
- We need at least one adult per shift
- Volunteers should be outgoing and ready to talk about the shelter
- Volunteers must be willing to help set up and help clean up

PUPS in the PARK



Pups in the Park, Saturday, May 31st at McKinley Park

Let's Celebrate those Crazy Pups!

The Pups in the Park event celebrates all of those crazy canines here in Sacramento! This fun-for-the-whole-family event will make you want to stand up and howl.

FOOD - Food Trucks from Sacto Mofo will be there! **FUN** - Doggy Costume Contests, 1K Pup Promenade, Carnival Games, Vendors and more! **FURRY FRIENDS** - We'll have adoption booths from Front Street and other local rescues!

There will be a LOT of volunteer opportunities at this event - stay tuned for more information! Tickets are also on sale from our website www.sacpetsearch.com under EVENTS, if you would like to enter your dog in any of our contests.

This is going to be a wonderful event - Don't miss out on the fun!

WORLD PREMIERE

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE **ADMIT ONE**

A FILM BY NATHAN WINOGRAD

REDEMPTION

Thursday - July 10, 2014
Sierra II Center
Sacramento, CA

THE NO KILL REVOLUTION IN AMERICA

Redemption Screening at Sierra II Center, Thursday, July 10th

Join the Front Street Animal Shelter at the Sierra II Community Center theater on Thursday, July 10th for a special screening of Nathan Winograd's Redemption. The doors open at 6:30pm and the film will start at 7:00pm. Nathan will be available for Q&A after the film.

Seating is limited - so hurry and get your tickets today! All proceeds will go to benefit the animals at the Front Street Shelter. Tickets are only \$10 and are selling quickly. This is a great way to support the shelter and learn more about the No-Kill movement in America. Get your ticket on our website www.sacpetsearch.com on the events tab. Don't miss out!

Happy Beginnings—Tails of True Love!

This is what it's all about! **ADOPTIONS, Rescues, and "Fur-ever Homes!"**

"We didn't rescue her, she rescued us! She is wonderful! Lexi-Lou is recovering well from her spay surgery. She is adjusting well to life with my daughter and I. She is an amazing little dog and we are so blessed she chose us! I first met and adopted Lexi on Saturday, 3/15/2014 at PetSmart. The people were very friendly, informative, and helpful. We visited the shelter and Lexi on Sunday, 3/16/2014 and were pleased with the atmosphere and volunteers. Picked Lexi-Lou up on Monday 3/17/2014 and the consistency in the helpfulness, friendliness and thoroughness of your volunteers was amazing.

Promptly greeted and gave a ton of information and detailed follow up/post op instructions. Thank you Front Street Shelter volunteers for the wonderful help/service and finding a perfect fit for our family!



Dear Front Street staff and volunteers, FlyBoy joined our family a year ago this month. He is such a wonderful little guy, so sweet and full of love. You all do such amazing work at the shelter every day, work that is far from easy and not always happy. We would like to say thank you for all that you do. Hopefully these pictures can be just one of the many reminders of why all your hard work is so worth it. Lee and Mickey



Dear Front Street, We adopted Titan (Bobby) last Thanksgiving from Front Street. We came in thinking we were going to adopt a different dog, but our female pit Nova only had eyes for Titan. Nova was not interested in any dog my husband/ I/o...r volunteers picked. On a whim I told the volunteer to bring out the dog with the "staring eyes" out to meet Nova. The rest was history and they are now best buddies for life. We think he is pretty great too!



Shelter Stats:

| | Feb 2014 | Feb 2013 | Mar* 2014 | Mar 2013 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Cats Adopted | 70 | 75 | 61 | 106 |
| Cats to Rescue or Transfer | 4 | 15 | 44 | 25 |
| Cats Returned to Owner | 2 | 5 | 9 | 10 |
| Dogs Adopted | 120 | 106 | 150 | 104 |
| Dogs to Rescue or Transfer | 78 | 83 | 77 | 87 |
| Dogs Returned to Owner | 75 | 53 | 85 | 80 |
| # of Volunteers who logged hours | 214 | 167 | 195 | 175 |
| Volunteer Hours | 2380 | 2259 | 1978 | 2582 |



* To date—not all statistics available yet.

New Positions Available!

We have several new volunteer positions available:

- **Afternoon Kennel Assistant:** Help ensure all of the daily chores are complete and help feed the animals and ready the shelter for closing. Shifts are from 3-6.
- **Veterinary Clean Up Assistant:** Help clean, mop, and disinfect the new surgery center. Shifts are from 2-6.
- **Veterinary Discharge Assistant:** Help the Front Desk Staff to go over the discharge instructions for adopters picking up their newly altered pets. Shifts are from 2-5.



Moving at the Shelter!

Just when you thought you knew where everything was at the shelter - we move it!

- The Front Street Gym trailer is not a gym any more - we simply didn't have enough people using it. This space will be the new office for our Animal Control Officers.
- The Veterinary department has now officially moved into the new veterinary clinic building! You will now find Dr. Warner and Cynthia out there!
- The Volunteer Coordinator office will be moving to the cubicle in the administration building where Dr. Warner and Cynthia used to be. This will help Janice be more central to the volunteers and staff and more accessible.



Parking:



Just a friendly reminder about parking at the shelter.

- ◆ Volunteers should park on the street or in the Automobile Museum parking lot. Those with accessibility issues may park in the front lot.
- ◆ Volunteers should NOT park in our front parking lot or in the back parking lot where our ACO trucks are parked. Loading and unloading for events or pick up is OK—but please do not leave your car in the back lot for the duration of the event.
- ◆ When parking at the museum lot, please pull in right next to the last car in line—don't park several spaces over. This creates uneven parking spaces and may prevent someone else from being able to park there.

Mentors Wanted!

Helping our new volunteers get their feet wet

One of the needs identified in the volunteer program survey and through conversations with staff and experienced volunteers is the need for mentors. We need to support our new volunteers when they first start volunteering.

That means we need experienced volunteers willing to help out! On Thursday, April 10th we will be having a mentoring training. If you are comfortable here at the shelter and feel confident showing new volunteers around, then this is a job for you! All that is required is the willingness to help and the ability to welcome new volunteers.

This is how I envision our mentor program: Each mentor will pick one Shelter 101 class to attend. At the class, you will introduce yourself to the new volunteers and give your contact information to them. You will set up appointment times to meet with them to give them some one on one support for the first one or two times they come in. You will be available via email or phone to answer questions and you will help the new volunteers to complete their New Volunteer Checklist.

This is a great opportunity to meet new volunteers, make new friends, and really engage and support those who want to help!



Meet the Staff:

Dan Torres

Chief Animal Control Officer extraordinaire!

Meet Chief Animal Control Officer extraordinaire, Dan Torres!

How long have you worked at Front Street? 6 years as of March 27th

What did you do before you came here? I was a Sgt. with the Sacramento Police Dept. retired after 32 yrs of service.

What do you like to do when not at the shelter? I love spending time with my grandchildren.

What is your favorite hobby? My favorite hobby is working with and on old cars. I just sold my 1957 T-Bird and I have a 1957 Chevy Bel Air.

Tell us about your family? I'm married, and raising a 15 yr. old grandson. I have four

children, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. I know what you're going to say that I only look like I'm 30 yrs old. I'm a lot older than that I'm 35 yrs. old. I have two shelter dogs, one is a Bull mastiff/Pit mix and

the other is a Heinz 57. I have two shelter cats that were a product of me being a foster failure and two feral cats that made my garage their home.

What have you liked best about your job? The challenge to make things better, make people happy and bring my supervisory and law enforcement experience to a business that was in desperate need of

leadership.

What would you change if you could? For City leaders to have a clear understanding of what animal care really does and how we are able to accomplish so much with less personnel and lower budget. We're amazing and I don't think they all know that.

Thank you Dan for all of your hard work!!



Chief Dan with volunteer Bev Franco

**WE
COULDN'T DO
IT WITHOUT
OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**

Volunteer Spotlight:

Peggy Coppin

Peggy began volunteering for the Front Street Shelter in March of 2013. We quickly came to appreciate her ready smile and warm & witty attitude. No matter how gray the day, Peggy brightens the shelter with laughter and fun!

Peggy is a retired RN and says she gets withdrawal if she doesn't get to spend enough time at the shelter! She put her RN skills to work and helping in our veterinary clinic. She is also a foster volunteer, dog trainer volunteer, helps at offsite events, and in her spare time does laundry, dishes, or whatever else needs doing. She has most recently joined our mentoring team and welcomes the opportunity to make our new volunteers feel welcome.

Thank you Peggy for all of your hard work for the Front Street Shelter!



CALENDAR



◆ Volunteer Orientations:

- ◆ 2nd & 3rd Wed. each month
- ◆ Wed. 4/9 5:30pm
- ◆ Wed. 4/16 5:30pm
- ◆ Wed. 4/23 5:30pm

◆ Shelter 101:

- ◆ Every Saturday at 8:30am

◆ Cattery Class:

- ◆ Sat. 4/19 at 10:00am

◆ Dog Training:

- ◆ There is a current waiting list for dog training!

◆ Mentor Training Class:

- ◆ Thurs. 4/10 5:30pm

◆ Offsite Outreach Events:

- ◆ Every weekend! Sign up online!

◆ Special Opportunities:

- ◆ Shred Day 4/19
- ◆ Volunteer Meeting 4/24
- ◆ SMART training 4/25

Wish List

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

- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Gas cards
- ◆ Foster care supplies for neonates—see Nikki or Sam

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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!