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SACRAMENTO
Front Street Animal Shelter

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Volunteers

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TEAM FRONT STREET: WORKING TOGETHER
TO SAVE LIVES!

PUPS in the PARK



Calling all volunteers!

On Saturday, May 31st, the Front Street Shelter will be hosting the 6th annual Pups in the Park event at McKinley Park. This is a great fundraising and community awareness event!! You can now sign up online to help work the event - no experience necessary!

We will need event volunteers for:

- ◆ **Set up shift 7am-10am:** Set up volunteers will assist with setting up all of the tables, chairs, and booths. Volunteers will also assist vendors as they arrive and help them get unloaded and set up.
- ◆ **Event volunteers 9:30am-2:30pm:** We need event volunteers to help with the carnival booths, children's activities, Pup Promenade, Doggy Costume Contests, vendor support, retail booths, registration, ticket sales, raffle, and much more!! Please let Janice know if you have a preference - assignments will be made the day of the event.
- ◆ **Clean up shift 2:00pm-4:00pm:** The clean up crew will help to break down the event, load up, and help to unload at the shelter.

Sign up today on your MyVolunteerPage profile!! Your help is crucial to the success of the event!

Sacramento Pride
Parade will be on
June 14th—Sign
up today to help!!



We NEED Your Gently Used
Clothing, Shoes, & Household Items!

CLOTHING DRIVE



May 19th - June 1st 2014



Convenient Drop Off Location at
Sacramento ReUseIt Donation Station
MON-FRI 9am-5pm & SAT-SUN 10am-6pm

SACRAMENTO:
5005 Stockton Blvd.
Just North of Fruitridge

Drive Up. Drop Off. Done!
Donations are tax deductible.

Clothing Drive LOCALLY Benefits:



Donation Drive also benefits Big Brothers
Big Sisters of the Greater Sacramento Area.

For more information visit ReUseIt.org

Monthly Volunteer Meetings are now Quarterly!

Let's give ourselves a break!

You asked—we listened!! Due to popular demand, I have rescheduled the monthly volunteer meetings to once a quarter. It seems the general consensus is that meeting once a month is not productive and doesn't allow for much collaboration. Our next volunteer team meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19th 5:30-7:00pm. This will allow for us to have a meatier agenda and a more collaborative focus.

I still want to hear your ideas and concerns! I will be putting in a suggestion box in the Volunteer Area this next week. Please use this to provide constructive ideas on how to improve our volunteer program, processes, & policies. Have a great experience you want to share? Use the suggestion box to praise a staff member or fellow volunteer who made your day! Use the suggestion box to provide possible solutions to issues that you have observed. Please do not use the suggestion box for general complaints for which you have no solution.

I will look at the suggestion box weekly to see what action can be taken immediately. We will also bring the box to the quarterly meetings to hear from the team on possible solutions. Many thanks—see you in June!



A movie poster for "Redemption: The No Kill Revolution in America". The poster has a film strip border. On the left, there is a small photo of a man holding a black dog. The text "WORLD PREMIERE" is in a yellow box. Below it, "A FILM BY NATHAN WINOGRAD" is written. The title "REDEMPTION" is in large white letters, and "THE NO KILL REVOLUTION IN AMERICA" is in a red banner. On the right, it says "TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE" and "ADMIT ONE" in a yellow box. Below that, the date and location are listed: "Thursday - July 10, 2014", "Sierra II Center", "Sacramento, CA". A small photo of a kitten is in the bottom right corner.

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!"**



The Team says Vaya Con Dios to Tot Backstory:

- New owner is Staci (mom) and daughter
- Tot came in together with Tater on 2/8/14 as a strays.
- Tater was adopted

on 3/15/14 leaving Tot behind

- Tot suffered without her buddy Tater and started losing weight and withdrawing.

The FAS Team came together and focused lots of love and understanding on Tot to bring her out of her shell.

Tot found her forever guardian and headed home today.

Woof Woof !!!

Dear Front Street,

Presley used to be named Coal and was a stray. When I got him, he had a bite on his head, mange, had just been neutered and had kennel cough. He recovered fully and was easy to potty train. He adjusted well to his new home once he realized he finally had one.



He's my companion in anything I do. He loves people and other small dogs. We go to dog parks and he's always getting other dogs to chase him. He couldn't have a sweeter personality and always puts a smile on everyone's face. Presley is the best little dog I could've asked for!

Dear Front Street, I adopted Apollo on 4-11-14 as a buddy for Walter who I adopted on 4-05-13. As you can see it is working out very well. They play together, sleep together, even wash each others faces. Thank you for these two precious bundles of fur!

MaryAnn



Shelter Stats:

	April 2014	April 2013
Cats Adopted	58	84
Cats to Rescue or Transfer	46	64
Cats Returned to Owner	5	1
Dogs Adopted	108	141
Dogs to Rescue or Transfer	103	69
Dogs Returned to Owner	79	89
# of Volunteers who logged hours	231	169
Volunteer Hours	2893	2602



Key Crisis!

We have had several days lately where we did not have enough volunteer keys to efficiently do our work. PLEASE return the shelter keys before you leave!!

Here are some KEY concepts:

- ◆ The Quarantine (Heart) Keys are now located in Janice's office
- ◆ Only Shelter Greeters should need the Quarantine Keys - for those of you who have been using them for dog training, the back of the M building is being re-keyed to the regular Blue Bone keys

If you have inadvertently taken the keys home—please return them ASAP. Thank you!!



Just One Day

On June 11, 2014 - for just one day - we are hoping to be a No-Kill nation! The Just One Day campaign implores shelters to not euthanize for just that one day - June 11th. For the first time, the Front Street Animal Shelter will be open on Just One Day. We plan on having a HUGE adoption promotion to celebrate this very special day.

We will need extra help that day:

- ◆ We will need more volunteers helping with shelter chores to get ready
- ◆ We need one volunteer to be the lead for the day to ensure all customer service positions are filled
- ◆ We need extra adoption counselors & shelter greeters.

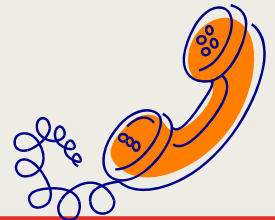


Adoption Call Back Help Needed!

Getting our animals adopted is only half the battle! The other half is helping the adoption be successful. Many thanks to volunteer Lin Velez for heading up our Adoption Call Back program. Lin has valiantly worked at calling every adopter and following up to see how the adoption is going, if there are any issues we can help with, and see how the shelter did.

She needs help!! Please email me at jwagaman@cityofsacramento.org if you are interested in helping out!

This is a great opportunity that can be done at the shelter or at your own home.



Volunteer-a-thon in June!

Our second annual Volunteer-a-thon will start in June! This is your chance to get your friends and family involved with the cause you are passionate about - volunteering at Front Street! It's easy to participate and raise money to support all of our volunteer efforts like offsite event supplies, vaccination clinics, special events, workdays, projects, and much more!! It's easy to do:

- ◆ Set a goal for the number of volunteer hours you would like to see yourself work during the month of June- stretch and see how many you can do!
- ◆ Get pledges from your friends and family to support your volunteer work. Pledges can be flat amounts (example: \$10) or per hour amounts (example: \$1 per hour). Pledge forms will be available by June 1st
- ◆ At the end of the month, report the number of hours you worked and collect your pledges. (Don't forget to log your hours on your volunteer profile!) Please return all money collected by July 10th.
- ◆ Thank your friends and family members for supporting your volunteer work!



All volunteers who participate in the Volunteer-a-thon and collect pledges of \$20 or more will receive for free one of our Front Street Shelter volunteer tee shirts!

Let's get volunteering!! More information coming soon...

Celebrating Team Front Street!

Front Street FIESTA de GRACÍAS!



On April 13th we celebrated our awesome “Team Front Street” with our second annual Front Street Fiesta! We had a great fiesta party catered by Vallejos. The food was amazing, and the company was even better.

We had many volunteers and staff members receive some well deserved recognition. We know that none of you work for praise, but we really enjoyed the opportunity to say a public “Thank You!”

We are so proud of each and every one of our volunteers at Front Street - from our teens, to our fosters, to our DOG team, to our cat team, to those who do offsite events, to those who clean kennels. Together we save lives. Thank you!!



This year, we participated in the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. These awards are based on recorded service hours. Award recipients received a certificate, a signed letter from President Obama, and a lapel pin signifying their level of achievement. 2014 award recipients are:

Bronze level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 100-174 hours, or adult volunteers who have worked 100-249 hours.

Alison Appleyard Gainer
Allyson Boyd
Andrea Lebar
Ann Dilzer
Ann Friedman
Anna Cambrey
Arlene Aycok
Ashley Armstrong
Becky Correia
Carl Magagnosc
Carlene Lucas
Cece Wagner
Chao Luc
Cozette Wathen
Donna Jubb
Ellen Nakata-Harper
Emilio Ponce
Jane Almon
Janet Darvas
Janice Scott
Jennica Ivester
Jennifer Smith

JoAnn Sugioka
Johanna Prucha McCarthy
Julie Gonzales
Kathy Lozano
Kristi Maryman
Lisa Foster
Lisa De Silva
Loretta Franzi
Margaret Taylor
Marilyn DeVille
Megan Combs
Megan Lu
Melanie Lavoie
Nic. Mazanec
Pamela Tureen
Ronald Taylor
Stephen Jones
Suzanne Johnson
Thelma Jones
Vicki Cook
Vickie Harvey



Silver Level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 175-249 hours, or adult volunteers who have worked 250-499 hours.

Cuong Luc	Mary Gibson
Deanna Vattuone	Moira Monahan
Deborah Cusimano	Nancy Sundberg
Evelyn Dale	Peggy Coppin
Georgann Eberhardt	Rosemary Lamb
Jan Drakulich	Sharon Long
Jenn Doll	Sue Huscroft
Kathleen (Kathy) Baldrige	Susan Manuel
Kirsten DuBray	Sydney Ver Steeg

Gold Level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 250 hours or more, or adult volunteers who have worked 500 hours or more

Alberto Amador	Joyce Thompson-Pierce
Alyxandra Jennings	Karla Marks
Bev Franco	Nancy Landrum
Brian Lee	Shari Crum
Carol Yee	Stephanie Wagaman
Diane Lee	Suzi Johnston
Emilia Marquez	Valerie Lilienthal
Irene Sims	

President's Call to Service Award: This award is given to volunteers who have served for 10 years or more and served more than 4,000 volunteer hours.

Alberto Amador



Outstanding Volunteer Awards: In addition to the Presidential Awards, we gave out awards to volunteers who were nominated as outstanding by the staff. These honored volunteers are:

Outstanding Staff Awards: Because we couldn't do it

Alberto Amador
Ann Friedman
Arlene Aycock
Ashley Armstrong
Brian Lee
Carl Magagnosc
Carol Yee
Diane Lee

Evelyn Dale
Georgann Eberhardt
Hope Harris
Joyce Thompson-Pierce
Pam Tureen
Sue Huscroft
Vicki Oberg

without the support and help of the wonderful staff here at the Front Street Shelter, we honored those staff members nominated by volunteers as being "Most Helpful" or "Most Fun to Work With:"

Special Awards: Our volunteers do more than just log

Karen Dickinson
Jason Roberson
Jeanne Brennan
Jen Channell
Lori Rhoades
Nikki Barnett

Patrick Schiller
Ricardo Gaitan
Robin Tomlin
Rudolfo Espinosa
Shannon Quinn
Shari Crum

hours - the work you do really does make a difference! This year we gave out some very special awards:

Dishwashing Diva: Kathy Baldrige

Cattery King: Wayne Osborn

Kennel King: Todd Hollander

Laundry Lover: Jan Drakulich

Bunny Boss: Emily Marquez

Shelter Godmother: Nancy Sundberg



Thank you so much Team Front Street!

Meet the Staff:

Terri Brunson

Customer Service Representative extraordinaire!

Meet Customer Service Representative extraordinaire, Terri Brunson!

How long have you worked at Front Street? I have been at Animal Care 5 years in January.

What did you do before you came here? I was a transfer from Building/ Planning Dept. After being laid off I was lucky to get to come to Animal Care!

Where did you go to school? I went to school in West Hills Southern California. I lived in So Cal until 1989 then moved to Sacramento.

What do you like to do when not at the shelter? Hang out

with my 3 grandkids.

What is your favorite hobby? Canning fruits and vegetables, so if anyone has too much I would gladly take it off your hands and share what I canned! I make my own soaps, very crafty.

Tell us about your family? I have a son Jeremy he's a paramedic. He has 2 boys Dylan 5, and Cole 2. My daughter is a chef at a Senior living for memory care. She has Alexander 8. My mom and dad live in Oregon both retired from the movie business. I have a cat Himalayan Siamese, and dog Australian Shepherd.

What have you liked best



about your job? Helping others with food or when they make the tough decisions with their animals.

What is one thought or phrase that you would like to leave our volunteers?

Thank you so much we can't do our jobs without your help. We value you so much beyond words.

Thank you Terri for all of your hard work!!

WE CAN'T DO OUR JOBS WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Pam Francis-Tuss

Our new Dog Training Instructor!

I am 50 something years old and retired in 2010 after 32 years in the medical field. I have been married for 30 years and have an awesome son of 26 years. I grew up here in Sacramento and have been here all my life. I have always been interested in dogs and have always had 1 or two of them in my life at all times. When I retired and got board of doing nothing because I didn't have the money to travel I decided to go back to school and get a diploma in Professional Dog Training. I have worked in a few rescues so when my school suggested that I sign-up at the shelter to get more experience with dogs it was a no brainer. I graduated a year ago and have been training private clients here in Sacramento however I have just returned to the same school to get certified. After I attended all of the shelters dog training classes I stated to assist the previous instructor so it should be a smooth transition to take over all the classes. I am looking forward to working with all the volunteers who want to become dog handlers and mentors. My hopes are to have enough well trained dog handlers to have a group or a TEAM for each day of the week to work with and/or walk all the dogs in a calm and peaceful manner so that they can be more adoptable.

Thank you Pam for all of your hard work for the Front Street Shelter! We welcome you at the helm of our Dog Program!



CALENDAR



- ◆ **Volunteer Orientations:**
 - ◆ 2nd & 3rd Wed. each month
- ◆ **Shelter 101:**
 - ◆ Every Saturday at 8:30am
 - ◆ No Shelter 101 on May 24th or 31st!
- ◆ **Cattery Class:**
 - ◆ Sat. 5/24 at 10:00am
- ◆ **Dog Training:**
 - ◆ The Language of Dogs 5/22 & 5/30
 - ◆ Dog Training starts in June
- ◆ **Special Training Classes:**
 - ◆ Rescue Network - 5/18
 - ◆ Mentor Training 5/29
 - ◆ Dog Team meeting 6/5
 - ◆ SMART training 6/6
 - ◆ Cat Foster Class 6/21
- ◆ **Offsite Outreach Events:**
 - ◆ Every weekend! Sign up online!
- ◆ **Special Opportunities:**
 - ◆ Pups in the Park May 31st— all hands on deck!
 - ◆ Pride Parade 6/14

Wish List

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

- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Gas cards
- ◆ Foster care supplies

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