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City of  
**SACRAMENTO**  
Front Street Animal Shelter

November 2013

# Volunteers *focus*

TEAM FRONT STREET: WORKING TOGETHER  
TO SAVE LIVES!

## Can POPCORN make a difference? Yes it can—and so can YOU!

Let's get POP-IN!

Who doesn't love popcorn? I am asking each of you to "pop-up" and sell popcorn to at **least 5 people**. If 200 people will support this fundraiser, we can easily raise \$8,000-\$10,000. The animal shelter keeps half of the profits. This is \$4000-\$5000 for our shelter pets. Share a passion for popcorn and "pop-in" and pick up your brochure/order form and start selling to your family, friends, and co-workers. This makes a perfect holiday gift for anyone.

### Instructions:

1. the brochures/order forms are located on the partition outside the volunteer cubicle in a clear on-the-wall letter file. Inside are instructions on filling out the order form.

2. Please have checks made payable to: **FOSCSA** or **Friends of Sacramento City Shelter Animals**.

3. After you have taken loads of orders, please drop your form - with the money/checks attached - into the top of the safe in the main office (next to the copier).

4. **Deadline is: November 11th.**

5. **Delivery is: First week in December. I will bring all orders to the animal shelter and arrange for everyone to pick up their orders to pass out.**

The best part is that we are holding a **CONTEST!**

The top three sellers over \$100 will receive some very cool prizes!

Get your packet and start selling popcorn today - It's easy, and all those Girl Scouts and school kids OWE you for all the cookies you've purchased from them!

# Popcornopolis™



## Help support the Shelter through SaveMart SHARES!



The program couldn't be easier - simply take a SHARES card and use it every time you shop at SaveMart, Lucky's, FoodMaxx or SmartFoods and the SaveMart corporation will donate up to 3% of your purchase to the shelter. It's that EASY!

Every time you shop - swipe the card. Every time you shop, you will earn a donation for the shelter. The cards are FREE. The program is FREE. You already shop for groceries, so this isn't anything new for you to do. This is FREE money! Money to help pay for veterinary care, purchase veterinary supplies, support our offsite programs, support our vaccination clinics... **Money to help save lives!**

Be sure to pick up your SaveMart SHARES card at the shelter today - and give them to your family and friends. Cards are available at the Front Counter or in the Volunteer Office.

**Get yours today!!**



# FRONT STREET ANIMAL SHELTER NIGHT AT THE KINGS



vs



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013 @ 7PM

City of  
**SACRAMENTO**  
Front Street Animal Shelter

Come support the Front Street Animal Shelter and watch the Sacramento Kings take on the Los Angeles Lakers!

- Enjoy an exciting night of NBA basketball with family and friends!
- Take advantage of special group seating by purchasing your tickets now!
- A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit Front Street Animal Shelter.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT:

Gina E. Knepp  
916.808.8333 or  
GKnepp@cityofsacramento.org

## SPECIAL GROUP PRICING

\$99.00 – Lower Level, Corner

\$50.00 – Upper Level, Sideline

\$40.00 – Upper Level, Corner

\$33.00 – Upper Level, Baseline

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT:**  
[www.kingsgrouptickets.com/FrontStreet](http://www.kingsgrouptickets.com/FrontStreet)

**PASSCODE: Kings**



# FUR! FALL! FUN!

3RD ANNUAL

Front Street Shelter

## HAUNTED Open House

This year's 3rd annual Haunted Open House was truly spectacular! We had over 45 volunteers help out—some stayed all day from set up to clean up! Volunteers helped with everything from setting up to decorating, to being living parts of our Haunted House to selling raffle tickets and merchandise to operating the children's activities to serving hot dogs and ice cream cones—and everything in between! A HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!! And it truly was a success:

- ◆ More than 1,000 hot dogs served
- ◆ More than 500 ice cream cones served
- ◆ More than \$2,600 raised
- ◆ And.... 68 adoptions!!

If you missed this year's event, be sure to mark your calendars for next year—the last Sunday of October (October 26, 2014) - DON'T MISS OUT!!



### Special Thanks to our Open House sponsors:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Animal Den Pet Resort             | KSFM 102.5             |
| Greg Baker, Verus One Real Estate | Cupcake Craving        |
| Petco Foundation                  | California Auto Museum |
| Grateful Dog                      | Fastenal               |
| Jennifer Hayes, Lyon Real Estate  | Roni & the Flight      |

# Happy Beginnings—Tails of True Love!

**This is what it's all about! ADOPTIONS, Rescues, and "Fur-ever Homes!"** Our HUGE Mega-match-a-thon Adoption event on October 18-20th was an amazing success! We did empty our shelter-and the other Sacramento Shelters did too! We did more than 130 adoptions in three days!!!

**Deuce** On June 14th, Deuce was surrendered to Front Street because his homeless owners could no longer care for him. During his stay, he became a favorite of our shelter manager, Gina. Yes - he is a Pit Bull. Yes - he has a ton of energy. But we felt that he deserved a good home, just like any other dog. After four months, he has finally found his forever home! Life is good.



**Sandy:** Our first adoptee from the Adopt

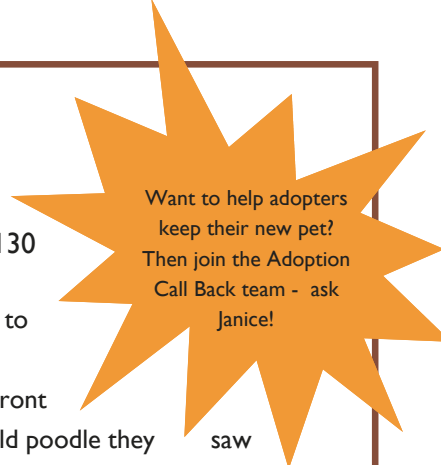


-a-thon! Mia was adopted from our shelter a year ago and her parents brought her back from Roseville to meet the newest member of the family—

Sandy! Saving lives is great, coming back to save more is even better!

**Molly:** Margret and Donald came to Front Street in hopes of adopting a one-year-old poodle they saw on our webpage. When they arrived at our shelter, they found out a family had just adopted the pup they came to see. Not being discouraged, they asked our staff to show them the other poodle we had available. In walked a twelve-year-old female poodle named Molly! Although Molly only has two teeth left, her smile won Donald over! He told Margret "A young dog would be fun, but I want to make sure Molly's last years are spent in a warm bed." Margret gazed at Donald with a big smile and said, "Thanks for reminding me why I married you. Let's take our new baby girl and give her the home she deserves!"

Adoptions like this are what makes it all worth it!



## Shelter Stats:

	Sept 2013	Sept 2012
Cats Adopted	137	107
Cats to Rescue or Transfer	34	71
Cats Returned to Owner	4	6
Dogs Adopted	126	107
Dogs to Rescue or Transfer	53	84
Dogs Returned to Owner	71	72
# of Volunteers who logged hours	152	110
Volunteer Hours	2350	1300



## Shelter Do's and Don'ts:

- ◆ **Please DO keep the clipboards in the adoptable buildings neat and up to date!** Extra clipboards are in the sink cubbies and the kennel notes are in the Volunteer Area.
- ◆ **Please DO respect the chain of command!!** Please address vet questions to Dr. Warner or Cynthia, and any other questions or concerns to Janice.
- ◆ **Please DO take as much training as possible** - especially if you have not taken training for more than a year. We are continually updating our procedures and policies in order to best serve the animals we care for. If you have not taken our series of Dog Training classes in the past year, we need you to do so now! We want everyone working with our dogs in the same, consistent manner.
- ◆ **Please DO NOT leave kennels unlatched!!** Please check the kennel doors after cleaning to ensure that they are both padlocked and latched properly-small dogs can (and have) escape from unlatched kennels!!





## Does Your Employer Match?

15,000 Companies  
Match Gifts...  
Does Yours?

Volunteering at the Front Street Animal Shelter can result in more than you think! Did you know that your company might match your volunteer time

contributions? Many local companies reward volunteer time with a donation of cash grants to places where their employees volunteer. For each hour of your volunteer time, your employer may donate money to the Front Street Shelter. If you do not know if your company offers this program, ask your human resources department whether your organization participates. Your company may also match monetary donations as well—check it out and see if you can double your donations simply by asking!

## Kennel Cough: What can we do to prevent the spread?

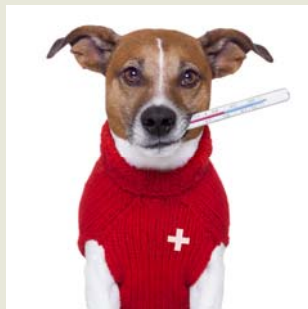
Many of you may be aware of the fact that our dogs and cats are susceptible to kennel cough here at the shelter. But what is kennel cough? Kennel cough is an upper respiratory infection that is contagious from dog to dog or cat to cat. It can be caused by a combination of a virus and the Bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria. It is treated with a series of antibiotics.

The thing about kennel cough? It is entirely preventable! Just like keeping your hands clean and washing them frequently will help keep **you** from catching a cold, simple sanitation will help prevent the spread of kennel cough here at the shelter.

**For cats:** Sanitize your hands between handling each cat and change gloves between each kennel when cleaning. If we all did that, we would have much fewer sick cats!!

**For dogs:** Sanitize your hands between dogs. If you are training with a dog that has kennel cough, change your apron before working with another dog. Wash the leashes regularly—they are washable and can go into the laundry.

Wouldn't it be nice to walk down our kennels and not see any sick animals? If we all work together, we can achieve this!



## How Volunteering With Animals Will Help You Live Longer

You always knew there was a good reason for you to volunteer at the Front Street Shelter—here's proof! Check out this article by Abigail Geer: "Volunteering with animals is a great way to make a difference and give something back, but it doesn't stop there!

Turns out, thanks to a new study linking volunteering to longevity, there may be more reasons to muck in at one of your local animal shelters.



So apart from feeling all warm and fuzzy inside knowing that you're doing a good thing, you can also take comfort in the knowledge that you'll live longer than those who've never volunteered.

Studies examining the interactions between humans and animals show similar results when it comes to the hormone oxytocin, and specifically how the bonds we share with animals are woven from the same stuff that merges mothers and infants, and that's just the start of it. Oxytocin is very beneficial for us. It increases feelings of happiness and trust, and has a powerful effect on the body's ability to heal, and even to grow new cells.

Growing research shows that the value of human-animal bonding can play a crucial role in child development, elderly care, dementia, mental illness, abuse and trauma recovery, physical impairment, and the rehabilitation of incarcerated youths and adults.

Spending time with animals is therapeutic in so many ways, from relationship building to mood boosting and just about everything in between. The significance of human-animal relationships is underestimated, but once discovered, can help you to live a much fuller, healthier and happier life."



Read more: <http://www.care2.com/causes/how-volunteering-with-animals-will-help-you-live-longer.html#ixzz2jLDVvs3U>



# Farewell to Jenman Fong

*Customer Service Representative extraordinaire!*

thing is, he almost didn't! Another person was hired over him, but left at lunch and never came back—so in steps Jenman and the rest is history!

Before working here, Jenman graduated from UC Berkeley and was hard at work for E-Trade. His parents worked at Campbell Soup—which meant he at least got to eat soup during his college years!

He is the proud owner of an 8-year old Pomeranian, Timmie. What will he be doing when not working here? Well, he loves to golf, try new

restaurants, and go to the Kings games! He has been a loyal season ticket holder since 2002!.

So, what would Jenman change if he could change one thing

**It's easy to do the things that make you comfortable and that you are familiar with. But, to grow as a person, you need to step out of your own skin and take the initiative. Let your voice be heard.**

about the world? "I would change the digital world that we now live in and convert it back to the analog world... before there

were cell phones... when there were 3 TV stations and you liked it... when you played outside until the street lights came on."

Best wishes Jenman - we will definitely miss you!

Meet - and say good-bye to - Customer Service Representative extraordinaire, Jenman Fong!

On November 3rd, we will be losing a valued member of our team as he moves on to bigger and better things! Jenman has worked at the Front Street Shelter since 2002—and funny

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Susan Manuel

My love for animals began from a young age. I remember as a child coming to the Sacramento City Animal Shelter and adopting our first family pet, a mix German Shepherd/ Samoyed dog we named Skipper. He was the best.

I lived most of my life in Sacramento and graduated from CSUS with a degree in advertising/ PR. I am married and have two shelter dogs named Max and Rocky. For several years, I contemplated volunteering at the shelter but was hesitant because I thought it would be too emotionally difficult. However, it has become a meaningful part of my life. I receive far more than I give--- unconditional love every time I see tails wag, pure joy when I hear cats meow, and growing friendships.

My work at the shelter may include kennel cleaning, laundry, fundraising and attending special events,

In my spare time, my husband and I enjoy traveling, dining out, exercising and spending time with family and friends.

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



## CALENDAR



### ◆ Volunteer Orientations:

- ◆ Thurs. 11/7 5:30pm
- ◆ Wed. 11/20 5:30pm

### ◆ Shelter I01:

- ◆ 11/9 or 11/10 8:30-10:30am
- ◆ 11/23 or 11/24 8:30-10:30am

### ◆ Cattery Class:

- ◆ Sat. 11/23 10:30 am

### ◆ Dog Training:

- ◆ Dog series starts Nov. 2nd - this month they are on Saturdays!

### ◆ Shelter Greeter Class:

- ◆ Sunday November 3rd 10:00am

### ◆ Adoption Counseling Class:

- ◆ Coming Soon!

### ◆ Offsite Outreach Events:

- ◆ Every weekend! Sign up online!

### ◆ Special Events:

- ◆ Volunteer Meeting 11/21
- ◆ Veteran's Day Parade 11/11

## Wish List

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

- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Blankets & beds for the dogs
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Gas cards

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