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Front Street Animal Shelter

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WORLD RABIES DAY • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 • 9AM-5PM



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GUINNESS WORLD
RECORD ATTEMPT



Help needed for World Rabies Day!

On Saturday, September 28th the Front Street Animal Shelter is going for a world record! In partnership with the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medicine Association and other local shelters, the Front Street Animal Shelter will be one of several locations to give out free rabies vaccinations, free micro-chips, and free pet-licenses. We are proud to be part of this world record attempt at the most micro-chips given in a day! This is doubly exciting, as this is a brand new record—no one has ever recorded micro-chipping before!

There are two ways to help!

1. The first is to help with the World Rabies Day activities here at the shelter. There are two shifts 7:30-1:00 or 12:30-6:00. Morning shift will help with set up and afternoon shift will help with clean up. In addition to the World Rabies Day activities, which are open to all volunteers regardless of experience, we will still need help with our basic shelter chores and adoption counseling as usual. Sign up today on your MyVolunteerPage profile!
2. The second way to help is to be a World Record Official. We need witnesses and scribes at each location. These witnesses and scribes cannot be affiliated with the location they are observing, so you would be stationed at another site. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Cindy Walden at cwalden@folsom.ca.us.

Your help is critical this day. Please sign up to help out in one or more areas today. We will need our whole team to make this day a success. **Any accepted volunteer regardless of experience may help!**



Paws to Party update



For those of you who were able to come to the first annual Paws to Party fundraiser for the Front Street Animal Shelter, we don't need to tell you it was a rockin' good time! We had lots of great food, wine, beer and danced to the tunes of the amazing Roni & the Flight. Guests battled over some great silent auction items - the fiercest battle by far was for a catering event from Drewski's Hot Rod Kitchen! The evening ended with a huge raffle.

The most important thing about this event? We raised a lot of money for the shelter programs! Our total net for this event was almost \$27,000! This money will go towards saving more animals, supporting our outreach efforts, and supporting our community event. Thank you Sacramento for a wonderful evening!



Offsite Outreach Outrageousness!

There is a reason why over the past year we adopted out 1,501 dogs and 1,003 cats. That reason is offsite adoption events! We have scheduled no less than two adoption or outreach events each weekend - and sometimes as many as six in one weekend! We are becoming a part of the Sacramento community and participating in many different types of events—from the Pride Parade to the Tamale Festival and, of course, the more familiar pet store events. We even crash other events with just a couple of dogs in Adopt Me vests!

None of this would be possible without volunteers. We have volunteers who lead the events, volunteers who handle animals, and volunteers who counsel potential adopters. We need more volunteers to participate in these adoption events - if every eligible volunteer committed to doing just one adoption event per month, we could add hundreds of more events! Sign up today through your MyVolunteerPage profile and help us show the Sacramento community what an awesome shelter we are!

Here are some guidelines to make offsite events successful and fun for everyone:

- **You must watch the dog that you are assigned to at all times!** That is your number one priority - keep the dog safe and keep visitors safe. Don't let your dog wander behind you!
- **Only trained volunteers who are signed up through the Front Street volunteer program and have completed all of the necessary trainings may participate in our events.** You may not bring family or friends to offsite events unless they have taken all of the required training and be a part of our team. (Dog offsite volunteers must have taken Dog II, Cat offsite volunteers must have taken the Cattery Class.)
- **Be a Shelter Ambassador!** Be sure that what you are saying to visitors about shelter policy, statistics or programs is accurate. Do your research! Shelter Ambassador training materials are available on the Volunteer Resource Site.
- **Commit to the whole event -** only commit to those events that you know you will be able to stay for the whole shift!

Become an **OUTRAGEOUS** Offsite Outreach Ambassador today! Don't forget to sign up for at least two offsite events per month. You can help our dogs and cats get adopted!



Help support the Shelter through SaveMart SHARES!



Team Front Street is excited to announce our participation in the SaveMart SHARES program. SaveMart SHARES is an acronym for Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education, and Sports in our community.

SaveMart has committed to donating a portion of their proceeds to help organizations that help their community.

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!**

Just think - if every volunteer used their SaveMart SHARES card and spent only \$100 on groceries that they normally buy anyway, that would equal \$1,500 a month in donations to the shelter. 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!!


Help Wanted!

Looking to get more involved? Team Front Street is looking for a few good volunteers!

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in helping with our

- Fundraising Team
- Education Programs/Summer Camp
- SMART Team

Shelter Do's and Don'ts:

- ◆ **Please DO keep the clipboards in the adoptable buildings neat and up to date!** Separate the dogs with the guillotine-door and give each dog its own one-on-one attention time.
- ◆ **Please DO NOT take out dogs that are too big for you to handle!!** Please use your good judgment and be cautious when taking dogs out. We want to prevent injuries to volunteers and dogs alike. Instead, work with them in their kennels to teach basic manners. A stick figure is walking a large dog on a leash. The dog is orange and black. The stick figure is black.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Please DO NOT throw away broken Karunda beds.** We use these for parts - purchasing new ones costs over \$80!
- ◆ **Please DO log your hours and sign up online!** We need to be able to know who is expected to work a shift or event, and we need to know how many hours you are working!

Open House is October 27th!



FUR! FALL! FUN!

It's that time of year again! On Sunday, October 27th, we will be holding our 3rd annual Haunted Open House. This is a huge party here at the Front Street Animal Shelter. This is an amazing event where we open our doors and welcome the Sacramento community with free food, games, a haunted house, live music, local vendors, and a big raffle. We will need a lot of volunteer help—but it will

be so much fun, it will hardly seem like work! Last year we had more than 700 people here—this year I wouldn't be surprised to have more than a 1,000!

We will need volunteers to:

- Do basic shelter chores & be adoption counselors
- Decorate the shelter
- Scoop ice cream and help serve food
- Be Haunted House spooky attendants
- Work the Front Street Gift Shop & help sell collars, leashes, and Front Street merchandise
- Work the children's area and help with the bounce house or children's activities
- Sell raffle tickets



Don't forget about the "Pimp my Crib" contest - which dog kennel has the best decorations? If you would like to be part of the Pimp My Crib contest let me know right away as space is limited. Contest participants will provide all of the (dog-friendly) decorations for their kennel - visitors will vote on their favorite, and the winner will receive a prize!

Sign up today on your MyVolunteerPage profile - we will need a LOT of volunteer help to make this a success! All accepted volunteers can participate regardless of their experience.

You can also help by donating bags of Halloween candy for the kids or decorations for the shelter! Starting October 1st, Janice will be collecting donations in her office - Let's pack it full!



FUR! FALL! FUN!

3RD ANNUAL

Front Street Shelter

HAUNTED Open House

Sunday, October 27
12 noon – 4 pm

2127 Front Street
Sacramento



TREATS

- Shelter dog costume contest—vote for your favorite
- Free hot dogs, soda and dessert
- Live music by Roni and the Flight
- Clown, face painting, bounce house, crafts
- Games, prizes and raffle!

TRICKS

- Decide which animal to adopt and take home
- Containing your enthusiasm for the City Animal Shelter

"Come see for yourself why the Front Street Animal Shelter is such a howling success! Join us for a day of fun and festivities to celebrate our continued success saving more lives than ever!"





...you may bring your zombie but kindly leave your pets at home!

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sacpetssearch.com

Happy Beginnings—Tails of True Love!

This is what it's all about! ADOPTIONS, Rescues, and "Fur-ever Homes!" Here are some of the animals we all have helped have a happy beginning:

Pi & Rex Our first ever cat-dog bonded pair! Just when you think you've seen it all... Meet Pi & Rex. They sleep together, share meals together (Rex - the dog - will eat cat food & Pi - the cat - will eat dog food, often out of the same bowl! These two spend every waking moment together. Both are around 5-6 years old and lost their human to illness. They came into the Front Street Shelter and found champions!

Staff committed to finding them a home together. They went up for adoption together in the cattery (Yes, a dog in the cattery!) and quickly found their new forever home. They were adopted together on



September 7th to a great family with kids.

Life is good.

Lenny & Penny Lenny (the Boxer) and Penny (the Chihuahua) are certainly an odd couple! This bonded pair came into the shelter together and couldn't bear to be separated. Our staff committed to finding them a home together. It wasn't easy!

Rescues were contacted, but the Boxer rescue didn't want to take Penny. Lenny was heartbroken at the idea of leaving Penny behind. This pair was featured on Facebook, and the response was great! On September 8th, these two sweethearts found their dream home - they were adopted together!



Sophey: Love at first sight at Front Street! Michele and Sophey locked eyes and it was all over! Michele adopted Sophey on Sunday, September 1st. "Thank everyone at Front Street. Everyone was great and so friendly. Me and Sophey are having so much fun—she fit perfect in our family!"



Shelter Stats:

	Aug 2013	Aug 2012
Cats Adopted	166	128
Cats to Rescue or Transfer	53	20
Cats Returned to Owner	8	2
Dogs Adopted	173	119
Dogs to Rescue or Transfer	79	49
Dogs Returned to Owner	62	72
# of Volunteers who logged hours	160	95
Volunteer Hours	2,440	1,000



Education Leaders wanted!

We need help with the following programs:

- The Pet Project - taking shelter education to libraries and schools
- Field Trips, Scouts, & Birthday Parties
- Teen Program - helping engage our teens
- Summer Camp - next summer will be here soon, and we want to have a Kids Kare about Animals summer camp right here at the shelter.

See Janice if you are interested in any of these projects!

Volunteer Store

Your volunteer store is waiting for you! On our Volunteer Resource site (access this from the www.sacpetsearch.com volunteer page) you will find your Volunteer Store. Here you can get one of our snazzy new Team Front Street volunteer T-shirt.

Proceeds from the store go to support volunteer-run programs like offsite adoption events, vaccination clinic, Spay/Neuter hotline, and education programs.

Get yours today!





In Loving Memory: Erica Timmer

Animal Care Technician extraordinaire!

graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in Animal Science. She moved to the Sacramento area and worked as a vet tech. She finally got her dream job here at the Front

Street Animal Shelter caring for the many animals that come through our doors.

Not surprisingly, she was always surrounded by animals. At the family home in Marin, she rode horses as often as she could. Here in Sacramento, her family consisted of her friends - both furry and human!

She was a fierce and loyal friend with a huge heart. She

was always cheerful and her beautiful smile lit up the entire room. She has left a large void here at the shelter for staff and volunteers alike.

We will miss you Erica!

In lieu of flowers, her family has requested that donations be made to the Marin Humane Society or to the Front Street Animal Shelter.



On August 29, 2013, we lost an important member of our team. Animal Care Technician, Erica, passed away after a short illness.

Erica had worked here at the Front Street Animal Shelter for several years. She has always had a passion for animals. During high school she interned at the Marin Humane Society. In 1999, she

**Her smile
could light
up a room!**

Volunteer Spotlight: Joyce Thompson-Pierce

Volunteering at the Front Street Shelter has been a great experience. I have met awesome people and animals I would have never met otherwise. I have learned to do almost everything, except how to run the industrial washing machine. Oops shouldn't have said that! Now Janice and Gina are going to give me a tutorial on how to do it.

Honestly I have volunteered in a lot of different capacities at a lot of different charities but, this has been the best. I have been able to work on fundraising to cleaning dog and cat kennels. If I need a change there is always something to do. Currently my big project is fostering and organizing off sites for fosters to be adopted. It has been a great honor to follow the animals from reception to adoption into forever homes.

The process can be overwhelming but, broken down into small steps it is achievable. There is always someone to help if you ask, sometimes you have to ask more than one person, but eventually you will find the answers you are looking for as long as you are persistent.

Everyone knows that I volunteer at Front Street and anonymous people leave donations on my door step for the shelter. We have a great community in Sacramento who love animals.

Unfortunately I lost my baby of 14 years this week. Bear was my first bottle baby and has left a great hole in our family. I am sure the right dog will show up at the shelter soon and fill that hole, serendipity is always at work.



CALENDAR



September

◆ Volunteer Orientations:

- ◆ Wed. 9/18 5:30pm
- ◆ Thurs. 10/5 5:30pm

◆ Shelter 101:

- ◆ 9/21 or 9/22 8:30-10:30am
- ◆ 10/19 or 10/20 8:30-10:30am

◆ Cattery Class:

- ◆ Sat. 10/12 10:30 am

◆ Dog Training:

- ◆ Behavior Modification 9/22
- ◆ Dog series starts October 6th

◆ Offsite Outreach Events:

- ◆ Every weekend! Sign up online!

◆ Special Events:

- ◆ **Volunteer Meeting 9/26**
Note Date Change!
- ◆ **World Rabies Day 9/28**
- ◆ **Wine Country Event 9/29**
- ◆ **Pit Bull event 10/12**
- ◆ **Open House 10/27**

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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