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CITY ANIMAL CARE VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS!!

April 2009 Report to the Advisory Committee

For the month of:

March, 2009

April 24, 2009 (for April 28 Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting)

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR March, 2009

In March, 166 volunteers booked 4150 hours. Of these hours, 1170 hours were provided by 26 Foster Care Providers who cared for 39 animals in our foster program.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Our Community spay/neuter clinic was held on Sunday, March 15. Volunteer vets, UCD vet students and our shelter volunteers helped 11 dogs get altered and processed 29 animals through our walk up vaccination clinic. "Fleet Feet" sponsored a charitable half marathon run on this Sunday and the shelter served as a water station for participants. Activity was abundant! The feline program within our Community spay neuter program transported 43 cats to the Animal Spay Neuter Clinic in Auburn on March 12 and 26.

- ❖ On Friday, March 27, our Volunteer department participated in a great, annual event known as the "Tour For Life". This event is sponsored by the Northshore Animal League from New York. NSL travels across country with a large adoption bus, stopping at select cities throughout the USA. The City shelter has been participating in this event since its inception in 2002. We teamed up with the County of Sacramento Animal Care and Regulation and Happy Tails Cat Sanctuary to produce a 4 hour adoption event at Cesar Chavez Park. More than 30 volunteers helped move animals and equipment, set up cages and booths, chat with attendees and promote shelter adoptions.

- ❖ On Saturday, March 28, our volunteers conducted a vaccination clinic for low income resident in the Valley Hi area. We pulled the SNOmobile to the site and provided DHPP, FVRCP and rabies vaccinations to 87 animals for free. Dr. Tes Kommedal volunteered her services and provided physical exams for all the pets as well as medical advise. UC Davis veterinary students also volunteered and served as technicians. The Sacramento SPCA also joined us and provided free spay/neuter vouchers for everyone as well as a pet behaviorist who gave advise to pet owners concerning problems or issues they were having with the pets.
- ❖ On March 11, 33 potential volunteers attended Volunteer Orientation. 31 of them continued on to take their training in General Shelter training and progressed to dog and cat volunteers. Nearly all of them have completed their basic training and are now mentoring with lead volunteers.
- ❖ On March 17, I made a feral cat presentation to the Department of Utilities to help them create a humane spay/neuter program for the kitties abandoned at the facility. The TNR program presented will help them alter and manage the cats so the colony will stabilize and a balance will be kept between resident wildlife and the cats.
- ❖ Lynn Wiley, our volunteer Community s/n project manager, provided a training workshop for our volunteers on the use of “Google Docs”, an interactive internet document storage program that we are now using for clinic and reservation management.
- ❖ I recently recruited cat and dog volunteers to take better pictures of all of our adoptable animals. We have trained them to upload and manage these photos on the Petfinder.com site as well as uploads to Chameleon. This new program will display much better pictures of dogs and cats than we have now and will send these same pictures to Petfinder.

EVENTS AND TRAINING

- I provided 8 classroom presentations during the month of March which included 6 elementary schools one Middle school and one High School.
- I conducted 8 volunteer trainings including General Shelter Training, Canine Capers, Rabbit training and Feline Follies.

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