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CITY ANIMAL CARE VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS!!

Report to the Advisory Committee

November-December 2007

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VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR November and December 2007:

In November, 116 Volunteers booked 1989 volunteer hours of which 960 hours were in caring for 32 animals in foster care. In December, 104 volunteers booked 1421 hours of which 630 hours were contributed in caring for 21 foster animals.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Our Community Spay Neuter clinics were not held in the months of November and December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday conflicts. Even though our clinics were not held, more than 30 cats were transported to the Auburn Spay Neuter clinic, thanks to Rosemary Lamb and City Shelter staff members.
- ❖ Our foster program has begun the new training classes that will include expanded training for foster care providers. Regular "Introductory" classes are being held the first Tuesday of each month and are followed by specialized classes in cat and dog care. With kitten and puppy season at a lull, our primary focus has been upon rehabilitation for post surgical animals as well as socialization for potentially adoptable dogs and cats.
- ❖ Our November Orientation had 39 people in attendance. Again, because our "Break Room" doesn't hold that many people, I conducted the Orientation in the Lobby! Many of the attendees were students attempting to complete Senior Projects or other community services requirements. A December Orientation was not held due to the holiday schedules.

- ❖ During the Thanksgiving holiday our volunteers came in during closed days to walk and exercise our dogs and cats. For the Christmas and New Year's holidays, our teen volunteers decorated the cat adoption rooms and the dog adoption building with colorful garlands, Christmas stockings, toys and bows! The kennels looked very festive! Special gift bags were created by our teens for each adopted animal that featured holiday-themed gifts for dogs and cats. Volunteers also came in during our closed days and walked dogs, comforted cats. During those "holiday walks", we were interviewed live on KFBK radio and visited by two TV channels. A story also appeared in the Sacramento Bee so we were feeling very "covered" during this time!
- ❖ During November, I conducted 5 tours and taught 8 volunteer training classes. During December, I conducted 2 tours, taught 7 classes and visited 3 elementary classrooms giving humane education presentations to 62 children.
- ❖ I have created a calendar of events for 2008 which shows most or all of the events we typically attend. This calendar also shows new events I hope to create for our shelter and animals this year. "New" events are shown with an asterisk(s) preceding the event name. A general description of the event is contained on page 5. Some new classes for our shelter are also being planned, including "Good Manners" class for our adoptable dogs and the "Canine Good Citizen" certification. **Please see the attached calendar.**

FEBRUARY IS ALL ABOUT TRAINING – WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN!!

- **Please see attached training schedule**

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