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## **CITY ANIMAL CARE VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS!!**

### **November Report to the Advisory Committee**

### **For the month of:**

## **OCTOBER, 2008**

**November 24, 2008**

#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR October, 2008**

In October, 151 volunteers booked 3927 hours. Of these hours, 1830 hours were provided by 51 Foster Care Providers who cared for 61 animals in our foster program.

#### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ Our Community spay/neuter clinic was held on Sunday, October 19. Volunteer vets, UCD vet students and our shelter volunteers helped 13 dogs get altered and processed 62 animals through our vaccination clinic.
- ❖ On three Mondays in October, our volunteers transported a total of 62 cats to and from the "Animal Spay Neuter Clinic" in Auburn. These are cats owned by our low income clients. This program falls within our Community Spay Neuter programs and effectively addresses the excessive number of cats on our waiting list. The entire program is run by volunteers and does not involve staff.
- ❖ In October, our "Dogs On Parade" committee began meeting to plan this big event scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. We have secured O'Neil Park, located at Broadway and 6<sup>th</sup> street. Our plans are expanding to include a dog parade of participants from the shelter to the event site, as well as interactive activities for dogs and people. Other activities include a variety of dog related events to showcase the "working dog" and their trainers, booths presenting local rescues and animal related services, food and a prize drawing.

#### **EVENTS AND TRAINING**

- I gave 5 classroom presentations during the month of October, which included four elementary schools and one high school.
- On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we partnered with the County of Sacramento Animal Care and Regulation and the Sacramento SPCA to present a free vaccination clinic to residents of the Oak Park area. Since the area includes both City and County zip codes, we were able to provide complete service to these residents through our joint efforts. The SSPCA signed up residents for free spay and neuter services while we and the County vaccinated 106 dogs and cats. This event was sponsored by Council person Lauren Hammond and advertised through flyers, postings in local businesses and the media.
- The regular Volunteer Orientation held in October had 55 people in attendance! In order to train this number of people, my training schedule tripled in October. Many of the new volunteers are students attempting to satisfy senior project requirements or general community service requirements for their schools. I will be re-designing the volunteer processes during December and January in order to better engage volunteers and staff and to create a more selective program.
- During October, I conducted 23 volunteer trainings including General Shelter Training, Canine Capers, Rabbit training and Feline Follies.

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