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CITY ANIMAL CARE VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS!! September 2009 Report to the Advisory Committee For the month of: August, 2009

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VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR August, 2009

In August, 159 volunteers booked 3388 hours.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Our Community spay/neuter clinic was held on August 16. Our volunteer veterinarians, techs and lay support folks altered 14 dogs and 51 other animals were vaccinated during our concurrent vaccination clinic. The feline program within our Community spay neuter program transported 81 cats and kittens to the Animal Spay Neuter Clinic in Auburn during August.
- ❖ On Saturday, August 8th, we held our second "Dog Adoption Counseling" class with the able direction from Kirsten Baderscher and Kim Smythe. 12 new adoption counselors were trained and are now performing dog adoption counseling at the shelter.
- ❖ On August 12 and 13, volunteers met to go over the method and direction for uploading adoptable cat photos on Craig's List. With experienced help from Becky Correia, we have created a "Photo Bucket" (free) account and will soon be creating beautiful posters of our cats for Craig's List. Hopefully, this will help increase cat adoptions.
- ❖ On Wednesday, August 12 I held new Volunteer Orientation and had the largest group ever! There were 47 new recruits!

- ❖ On Sunday, August 16, I conducted a Cat Adoption Counseling class and 8 new volunteers are now trained to do cat adoption counseling.
- ❖ On Sunday, August 23, 6 volunteers took 6 adoptable dogs to the annual “Bark In The Ballpark” event at Raley Field during one of the games. Our dogs sported their new “adopt me” capes, (thanks to Becky Correia’s mother’s sewing expertise!!!).
- ❖ On Thursday, August 27, our Petsmart volunteers met to discuss improvements for our Sunday Petsmart adoption events.
- ❖ On Monday, August 31, Penny held a “meet and greet” with about 25 volunteers to discuss her present and future visions for our animals and the shelter.

UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

- ❖ On August 6, I attended the City-wide Volunteer Coordinators’ meeting at City Hall. Volunteer Coordinators throughout the City are working on appropriate ways in which to assist various departments with the continuing decline in paid staffing. The challenge is often union issues but increased volunteerism is also a “challenge” as we work towards creating volunteer jobs that don’t duplicate paid staff positions or that are counter to health and safety codes.
- ❖ On Tuesday, August 25th, I attend a great workshop on accessing Community Resources and have already utilized many of the ideas presented at that workshop!
- ❖ On Wednesday, August 26, Jenman Fong and I met with Beth Brannock from the ASPCA-Mission Orange and took her on a tour of the shelter. Beth visited our three shelters to update us on “dashboard” items and visit each shelter.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ❖ With our new voucher program potentially starting in November, I am working on the last few months of our current Community spay/neuter program for low income folks. Our voucher program will replace this monthly event. Our last Community s/n clinic will be on November 15. We

are hoping to continue on with our monthly vaccination clinics that currently run during our spay/neuter clinics.

TRAININGS

- I will no longer be visiting classrooms as part of my duties at the city shelter. Since there was already a schedule set for this fall term, I'm training a couple of volunteers to take my place.
- I conducted 7 volunteer trainings including General Shelter Training, Cat Adoption Counseling, Canine Capers, Rabbit class and Feline Follies.

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