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

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### **VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR September, 2009**

In September, 163 volunteers booked 4360 hours.

### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ Our Community spay/neuter clinic was held on September 20. Our volunteer veterinarians, techs and lay support folks altered 13 dogs and 53 other animals were vaccinated during our concurrent vaccination clinic. The feline program within our Community spay neuter program transported 62 cats and kittens to the Animal Spay Neuter Clinic in Auburn during September.
- ❖ On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, eight volunteers and I presented a booth at the YMCA's "Senior Health Fair. We provided literature on the health benefits of owning pets and brought two adoptable cats (who were subsequently adopted by an attendee!). Two volunteers also brought their dogs, one of which is a rescued Greyhound service dog and the other a "disabled" (3 legs!) pit bull terrier. People were quite taken with the dogs and our presentation!
- ❖ Also on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, our volunteer orientation was held and 37 potential volunteers attended.
- ❖ On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we pulled our SNOmobile onsite to the annual "Celebrate Natomas" event. We also brought an ACO truck for display and set up an educational booth. Volunteers tended to 10 cats, 2

rabbits and 2 adoptable dogs while visitors learned about our shelter programs, low cost spay neuter options, licensing and adoptions. We adopted 3 cats and 2 dogs at this event. 21 volunteers were involved in this event including 5 of our teens.

- ❖ Each Sunday in September, our volunteers took adoptable dogs to the Petsmart in Elk Grove. The adoption event runs from 12:00-2:00 and we promote adoptions as well as providing general information to customers.
  
- ❖ Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 30 volunteers gathered at Ellen Nakata-Harper's home for a social get-together. Many of the new volunteers attended and were able to get to know our "seasoned" volunteers. Ellen provided a wonderful array of snacks and food and the evening was very enjoyable.

### **UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS**

- ❖ In early September, a hoarding case (subsequently called the Belinda Cats) came to the attention of the shelter. 130 cats were abandoned in a home when the renter was evicted. Our volunteers went into action to feed, clean and socialize these cats in this home. At the same time, rescue organizations were contacted and the task of spaying and neutering these cats to prepare them for transfer to rescues proceeded. Volunteers transported cats to and from the Sacramento SPCA for surgery for several weeks. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary took up the call for help and posted adoption pleas Nation-wide. Wag Hotels, a dog and cat boarding facility in West Sacramento, met the challenge by allowing us to utilize 25 of their cat condos to house, recover and adopt cats. On Sunday, September 27, we held our first adoption event at Wag Hotels and adopted 20 of the 25 cats housed there. Rescue organizations took another 60+ cats and volunteers pitched in to transport cats to organizations as far away as San Francisco and Truckee.

### **TRAININGS**

- I conducted 7 volunteer trainings including General Shelter Training, Feline Follies and Canine Capers.

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