

Save the Frogs World Summit, April 27th & 28th

Amphibians are rapidly disappearing around the planet, and a worldwide effort is underway today to save them. The 10th Annual Save the Frogs Day, is the largest day of amphibian education and conservation action in the planet's history. Over 80 Save the Frogs Day events are being held in 20 countries, including the United States, Canada, Ireland, Madagascar, India, South Africa, and Australia. The events are being coordinated by SAVE THE FROGS!

Amphibian populations worldwide have been declining at unprecedented rates, and nearly one-third of the world's amphibian species are threatened with extinction. Up to 200 species have already completely disappeared in recent years. "Habitat destruction and an infectious disease called chytridiomycosis are decimating frog populations worldwide" says Dr. Kerry Kriger, Founder & Executive Director of SAVE THE FROGS. To make matters worse, pollution and pesticides are weakening frogs' immune defenses and in some cases even turning male frogs into females. There are 18,000 registered pesticides in the United States.



Dr. Kriger hopes that Save The Frogs Day will dramatically increase frog awareness on a global scale. "This is one of the most significant environmental issues of the 21st century. Save The Frogs Day is all about people stepping up, getting involved, and taking action in their own community, and that's exactly what is happening", says Dr. Kriger.

Over the years, Save The Frogs Day has been legally recognized by Governor Tim Kaine of Virginia; Mayor Gregor Robertson of Vancouver, British Columbia; and Mayor Mike Rotkin of Santa Cruz, California. Dr. Kriger will give an interview on Martha Stewart Radio and then he will present a free online webinar on amphibian conservation. In the evening he will give a lecture on The Wild World of Frogs and lead a frog walk through the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Reserve.

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April Calendar of Events

April 1st – April Fools Day
April 7th – Saturday Clinic in Lake Isabella – 9am
April 17th – Tax Day
April 18th – ASC Meeting, 1115 Truxtun Ave 6pm
April 22nd – MEGA Adoption 10am – 4pm – KC Fairgrounds
April 28th – Saturday Clinic – Heritage Park – 9am



ZIP

OUR TAKE



ZAP

A look at animal welfare from the eyes of ... these two!

ZIP: Welcome to April. They say April shows bring may flowers.....

ZAP: I am not so sure about Bakersfield is that fits.

ZIP: Last year we played a trick on everyone about us leaving and not being a part of the newsletter anymore. We sure took a lot of hiss and fur from everyone out there. So I promise, no April fools jokes.

ZAP: BUT WHY!!! I live for April Fools!

ZIP: Grow Up Zip!

ZAP: Fine!

ZIP: One of the questions I get a lot is can we eats eggs!

ZAP: MMMMMMMM, Sunny side up, scrambled, over easy, poached, omelets....oh my!

ZIP: Obviously you know now that eggs are good for cats and dogs. Technically for hundreds of years all breeds have been poaching (no pun intended) them from chicken coops, eating them raw, so even raw is fine. Personally I like cooked eggs with a little ham.

ZAP: Hard Boiled!!!

ZIP: So now I know you must be wondering about the shells. Shells are good for your animal too. Now the best way to give you animal's egg shells is too save them up in an air tight container or zip lock baggie and store them until you can blend them down with a little water and some of their food.

ZAP: OH MY!!! Pickled!

ZIP: We have lost Zap! What happens is your create a little paste and feed it with more of the food. It helps provide some serious calcium in the animals. Strong bones and helps combat arthritis.

ZAP: Egg Salad.....fried.....woohooo.....love my eggs!

ZIP: You see we have lost Zap a long time ago.....we both want to wish you a great April!

ZAP: EGGGGGGGGGSSSSSS

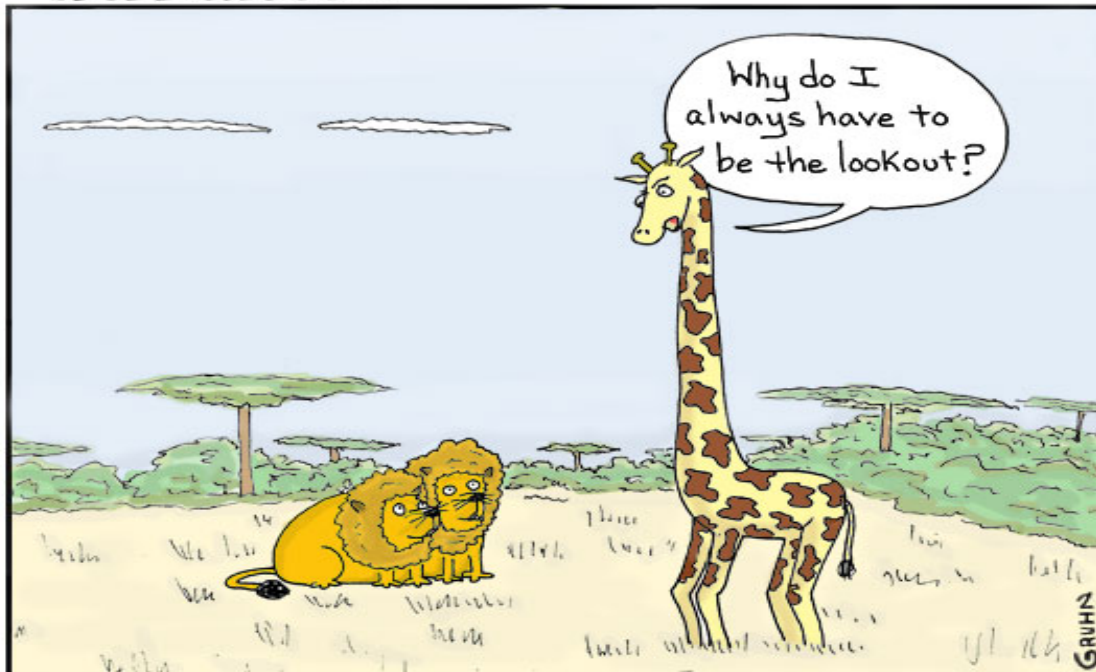
NEWS & NOTES

MILESTONE HOURS	
(as of Dec. 31st)	
Rhonda Montgomery	2445
Julie Langers	1349
Shawn Fernberg	1078
Barbara Fowler	966
Megan Reyes	856
Jean Absher	767
Crystal Struckhoff	696
Danny Spanks	564
Ben Neal	561
Tricia Lamas	554
Nancy Apodoca	549
Teddi Rawles	504
Rhonda Smith	460
Stan Cameron	438
Rowena Yong	435
Tabitha Sanchez	321
Sarah Abate	302
Maggie Sanchez	297



APRIL BIRTHDAYS	DAY
JULIA LANGER	3RD
KALEY DONAVAN	20TH

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Coordinator's Corner

You will be hearing about this and need to be trained in this very soon. Most of this below will be done by the morning staff, but you may need to do this.

Probably by April, we will be helping collect fecal samples to help med staff with eliminating any potential diseases.

When we begin this procedure, if you encounter an animal with diarrhea or any type of fecal matter that could be of question, you will need to get a fecal sample collection tube which will be in the rooms in which we take care of, take a sample and then take it to the cat room intake in Q kennel. Then after sample is complete, you will put a sticker or a sign in with the kennel card that states sample take on a date and time it was taken. The sample itself will need the A# and the date on the small vial. Any questions ask an ambassador or myself at any time.



We have selected a couple of volunteers to assume the role of Ambassadors to help us out with training. Please welcome (from left to right) Gina Mattson, who will be overseeing the Petco training; Erin Toogood who will be a weekend puppy training Ambassador; Taylor Lazaruk who is a puppy trainer also and helps oversee the Volunteer Facebook page; Clarissa Jimenez who is also a puppy person, but she will also be helping out with the new volunteers as they enter the program. She will laise with new volunteers on their first couple of days based on their schedule and get them acclimated to the shelter.



Other notable designations recently were (not pictured) Simran Singh, Maggie Camacho for Pet Detective, Barbara Fowler for Creature Comforts and Liz Keogh Volunteer Liaison Ambassador. Please congratulate them when you see them.