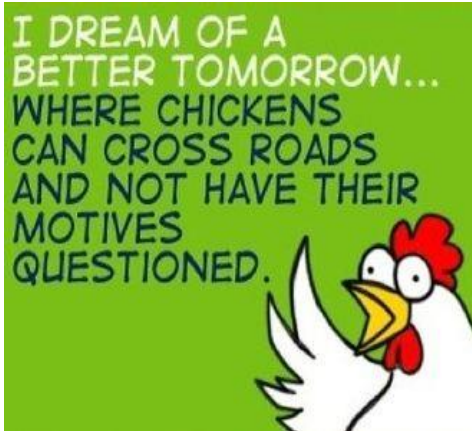


## Doin' the Chicken Dance for National Poultry Day!



Fried, baked, tacos or salad, we all love Poultry! Oh -- but we need to take some time out and celebrate National Poultry Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>!

Poultry refers to domestic birds that are raised for meat and eggs, calling attention to the second greatest source of animal protein in the world. This includes chicken, turkey, ducks, geese, quail and pheasant. Poultry is farmed in great numbers with chickens being the most numerous.

It is believed that chicken was introduced to American soil by the European explorers in the 16th century.

Chicken consumption in the United States increased during World War II due to a shortage of beef and pork.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversees poultry production in the United States. Estimates place production at around 9 billion chickens in the United States. Chicken and turkey are lower in fats and cholesterol than other meats.

The origin of this day has yet to be identified, but it is celebrated worldwide on different dates and those celebrations come in many different forms. Some countries celebrate this day with reverence and honor, while other countries including the USA have major cook-offs that have actually garnered national attention including a weeklong competition. This competition will crown the Poultry Day BBQ Champion.

There are websites, cookbooks and other unique competitions. The Chicken Encyclopedia is the leading written document on all things poultry.

In 2008, National Poultry day was being challenged and went all the way to the Supreme Court. A chicken abuse rescue group was very worried that the holiday was detrimental to the protection of poultry rights nationwide.

This unique holiday is normally celebrated between St. Patrick's Day and the first day of Spring.

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### **Calendar of Events**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Shelter Vaccination Clinic – 5pm  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Vaccination Clinic in Lamont – 9am  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - Shelter Vaccination Clinic – 5pm  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – DAY LIGHT SAVINGS – SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - Shelter Vaccination Clinic – 5pm  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – ASC Meeting – CAO's Office  
March 18<sup>th</sup> – KCAS Foster Baby Shower  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Begins  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Shelter Vaccination Clinic – 5pm  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - Shelter Vaccination Clinic – 5pm



# OUR TAKE



**ZIP**

**ZAP**

ZIP: Howdy Friends, Howdy Zap! It's a great month again. As you see, we are green for St. Patty's Day.

ZAP: You really have an issue. Last month you rub it in for Valentine's Day and this month I am green.

ZIP: All you do is complain. Green is a fun spring kinda color.

ZAP: Sure, spring green, then Easter pink and May yellow and then burning lava hot June right.

ZIP: Ignore the crabby cat this month folks. He is still whining cause he is single.

ZAP: (hissing) I'll single you Zip!

ZIP: So anyways, St. Patrick's Day is a fun day especially for me as I get Green Eggs and Ham.....almost like Dr. Seuss.

ZAP: Green Eggs.....are they not rotten at that point?

ZIP: NO NO NO!! My human makes me some eggs with pureed broccoli mixed in and a nice slice of ham. TASTY!

ZAP: EWWW Broccoli. Isn't there anything else that can be used....broccoli is nasty!

ZIP: Well food coloring isn't harmful to animals, but it can mess up our systems a bit and our humans don't realize what may occur with that. Sure you can still use them but Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Asparagus, Cucumbers, Edamame, Green Beans and Peas.

ZAP: No....No...No...No...NO...NO....oooooh Peas! I like Peas.

ZIP: Well then there you go, Green Egg-peas and Ham.

ZAP: What if I don't like ham?

ZIP: Oh Zap....you are ridiculous. Then any type of meat would work!

ZAP: YES! Green-peas eggs and Tuna! Green-pea eggs and mouse! Green-pea eggs and frogs.....no wait, not frogs.....they taste nasty.

ZIP: Can you believe this guy?? My gosh. Folks, another month has passed us by. Do not forget to spring ahead for daylight savings time on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Have a great month!

# TRAINING



# TIMEOUT

## Pet Proofing your home

Dog and cats (especially kittens) can be very curious. Here's how to keep your companion animal safe in your home:

### KITCHENS/BATHROOMS

- Use childproof latches to keep little paws from prying open cabinets
- Place medications, cleaners, chemicals, and laundry supplies on high shelves
- Keep trash cans covered or inside a latched cabinet
- Check for and block any small spaces, nooks, or holes inside cabinets or behind washer/dryer units
- Keep foods out of reach (even if the food isn't harmful, the wrapper could be)
- Keep the toilet lid closed to prevent drowning or drinking of harmful cleaning chemicals

### LIVING/FAMILY ROOM

- Place dangling wires from lamps, VCRs, televisions, stereos, and telephones out of reach
- Put away children's toys and games
- Put away knick-knacks until your kitten has the coordination not to knock them over
- Move common house plants that may be poisonous out of reach. Don't forget hanging plants that can be jumped onto from nearby surfaces
- Put away all sewing and craft notions, especially thread

### GARAGE

- Move all chemicals to high shelves or behind secure doors
- Clean all antifreeze from the floor and driveway, as one taste can be lethal to animals
- Bang on your car hood to ensure that your kitten (or any neighborhood cat) has not hidden in the engine for warmth
- Keep all sharp objects and tools out of reach

### BEDROOMS

- Keep laundry and shoes behind closed doors
- Keep any medications, lotions, or cosmetics off accessible surfaces (like the bedside table)
- Move electrical and phone wires out of reach of chewing
- Be careful that you don't close your kitten in closets or dresser drawers

Taken from: <https://www.americanhumane.org/fact-sheet/pet-proofing-your-home/>





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT BUCKY LONG

I grew up, in Bakersfield, where I had a Labrador and a Rottweiler and grew up with the best toys in the eighties. Then I moved to Santa Maria around eleven years old, where we grew our family with Guinea pigs, bunnies, two Pit Bulls (Cheyenne and Cherokee) as well basset Hounds (Elvira and Morticia) and then (Herman and Lily). After my mom passed I moved back to Bakersfield with my parents, then inherited two Dachshund (Salem and Rosie) Salem is bossy and knows I am a sucker for spoiling him and his sister Rosie.

I am currently going to School where I hope to be a Vet Tech among other things. Ever since I was eleven or twelve I always wanted to be a writer, I love to write about everything although I like writing about Monsters the best.

I worked at Vons for fifteen years, moved back to Bakersfield and quit that job. I like working at the Shelter, just recently I was cleaning a kennel and a very patient and understanding Pit Bull leaned up against me as I cleaned his kennel, moved his sprayed the floor and everything that needed to be cleaned. All he asked was that I not get him wet, which I know would make him sick anyway, but he was a really good sport and was easily the best experience, while working here. I also like the people that work there with the pit bulls. Everyone is cool and friendly and always answers my questions.

### **If I could live anywhere in the world where would I live?**

In all honesty I would love to have a farm, go someplace where it snows, with a lot of acres, adopt a bunch of dogs and create a special place for them.

### **If you just won the lottery, what is the one thing you would spend money on?**

I'd still buy the farm, and make the inside of it spacious not just for the dogs. But for my Star Wars toys, VHS, DVDs.

### **If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?**

To get people to stop being so afraid of things that are different. I don't know what power that would be. I would like to have the world realize just because there are different things about you, it doesn't make you bad or worthless. Sometimes being different is the best thing and instead of judging maybe find out just how awesome being different is.

## MILESTONE HOURS (as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>)\*

Rhonda Montgomery	1890	Rhonda Smith	416
Deborah Waits	801	Ben Neal	409
Shawn Fernberg	777	Rowena Yong	396
Crystal Struckhoff	549	Emily Barclay	362
Barbara Fowler	506	Teddi Rawles	355
Megan Reyes	492	Darlene Walker	348
Barbara Beckstrom	479	Nancy Ballinger	281

\*These hours reflect the hours collected from the volunteers start date

MONTHLY HOURS REPORT	February
Core Volunteers	1355
Employment Prep Program (EPP)	595
Mexican American Opp. Foundation (MAOF)	188
Work Release	457

### POULTRY FACTS

- On average, nearly 80 pounds of chicken, 17 pounds of turkey and 20 dozen eggs are consumed per person in the U.S. every year.
- KFC cooks more than 35 million chickens a year.
- The Cornish Game Hen was a result of crossbreeding the short-legged, plump-breasted Cornish chicken with various other chickens, including the White Plymouth Rock variety.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS	DAY
Cheyenne Mundehehenke	5 <sup>th</sup>
Jill Staricka	9 <sup>th</sup>
Brynn Palmer	11 <sup>th</sup>
Amber Chrissakis	12 <sup>th</sup>
Lori Casey	14 <sup>th</sup>
Torri Rawles	15 <sup>th</sup>
McKenna Conroy	21 <sup>st</sup>
Crystal Struckhoff	25 <sup>th</sup>
Charles Hwang	28 <sup>th</sup>
Maria Maldonado	28 <sup>th</sup>
Darlene Walker	30 <sup>th</sup>
Diana Orozco	31 <sup>st</sup>





# Coordinator's Corner

Happy St. Patrick's Day to those of us Irish folk! Some fun facts for you all!

- Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.
- Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.
- For many years, blue was the color most often associated with St. Patrick. Green was considered unlucky. St. Patrick's blue was considered symbolic of Ireland for many centuries and the Irish Presidential Standard is still blue.
- In Chicago every year, the Plumbers Local 110 union dyes the river "Kelly" green. The dye lasts for about five hours. In Milwaukee, WI, the river that runs through the city is also dyed green.
- Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."
- All of the Saint Patrick's Day revelry around the globe is great news for brewers. A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million. And that's before tips to pubs' bartenders.

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Couple of reminders for all volunteers: A volunteer who has NOT completed training for socialization is not allowed to walk the dogs. You must have 60 hours of service to the shelter and attend the training day before you can do this.

Another thing is that when taking care of the puppies in the rooms, you are NOT to put more than one toy into the kennel. You are NOT to put toys of plastic nature into the kennel either. Too many toys make too much of a mess and plastic toys or squeaky toys can be chewed apart and the puppy can eat and swallow those pieces of the toy. This can cause intestinal distress resulting in expensive medical treatments up to and including the animal passing away.

**VOLUNTEERS – DON'T FORGOT ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>!**



# Spring Foster Program Shower

*We're Expecting, again!*

*Join KCAS Saturday, March 18th  
10am - 2pm*

*Help us save tiny lives!*

Learn how to become a foster family!

Meet animals in need of foster care!



items needed:

♥ crates, puppy pads, canned food, toys, heating pads ♥



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