

## November is Save the Manatee Month!!



Officially, it's Manatee Awareness Month in the state of Florida. Governor Rick Scott recently signed the proclamation, thereby continuing a vital time-honored tradition undertaken by Florida's governors to officially proclaim November as Manatee Awareness Month. A primary purpose of this designation is to heighten public awareness about the importance of protecting Florida's official marine mammal, which the proclamation states, is "a distinctive and valuable beloved natural resource," and further declares that "manatees face the risk of extinction due to human related threats including the loss of warm water winter habitat."

Manatee Awareness Month helps to save manatee lives. It aims to expand efforts to raise awareness about the presence of manatees in our waters and to reach more people, in Florida and outside the state, to help prevent manatee injuries and deaths. Human behavior has a direct impact on the manatee's survival, and the public's ongoing participation in manatee conservation is essential for the welfare and protection of the species.

While we have no manatees here in California (outside of zoos) there are still ways you can support and help!

**Adopt a real manatee.** Funds from the Save the Manatee Club's Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward efforts to help protect manatees and their habitat. Unlike other animal adoption programs, the manatees in their adoption programs are real, living manatees with known histories. Go to [http://www.savethemanatee.org/adopt\\_online.html](http://www.savethemanatee.org/adopt_online.html)

**Make a purchase from the Club's store.** Go to the Manatee Club's website and check out all the cool stuff! Visit <https://www.shopsavethemanatee.org/>

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### November Calendar of Events

1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday Night Shelter Clinic, 5:00 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> – Standard Time – Fall Back 1 hour  
8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Night Shelter Clinic, 5:00 pm  
11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day  
15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Night Shelter Clinic, 5:00 pm  
15<sup>th</sup> – ACS Meeting – 6:00 pm  
County Admin Building, 1115 Truxtun Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday Night Shelter Clinic, 5:00 pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving  
29<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Shelter Clinic, 5:00 pm



ZIP

# OUR TAKE



ZAP

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

ZAP: Oh Zip.....it's November and Turkey day is almost here!

ZIP: TURKEY TURKEY TURKEY!!!!

ZAP: I know, turkey is good....turkey is great!

ZIP: I learned not too long ago that Turkey is one of the best protein enriched foods that we can have.

ZAP: Very true. But our human partners need to be very careful to make sure that all of the meat they give us has no bones in it whatsoever. Turkey bones splinter when eaten and they can have very sharp edges to them and this can cause some really bad issues.

ZIP: Oh yes, the bones are horrible. I got a piece of one caught in my gums.....it hurt for a long time.

ZAP: Ouch! But in addition to injuring the mouth, a splintered bone can also get into the digestive system and not break down, possibly puncturing the stomach or even the intestines. This and not being diagnosed can cause some major damage.

ZIP: I can only imagine. The one caught in my mouth was bad enough.

ZAP: Now there are other foods that are good for us to have for Turkey day too.

ZIP: CORN CARROTS POTATOS OH MY!!!!

ZAP: Yes.....those are ok for you, but no seasoning on those veggies and NO GRAVY!!!

ZIP: AWWW ... no gravy?? That's what makes the meal!

ZAP: Well....most people cook their gravy from the turkey drippings that usually have onions and garlic....which are not only toxic but can be dangerous enough to cause major intestinal distress.

ZIP: Oh man .... Gas. That's not good for me.

ZAP: Yeah, you and me both. But canned yams with no butter or sugar are great for us!

ZIP: Man, I am so hungry right now. Come on Thanksgiving!

ZAP: From all of us here, be thankful for everything this year and Happy Thanksgiving!



**OFFICE SERVICE TECH  
SPOTLIGHT  
NANCY MARIN**

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

I would like to live on a secluded beach with a cat and a dog. It would have to have a nearby pueblo to get all the necessities that would be needed. I would need to be able to communicate with the locals so Rio de Janeiro or Puerto Rico would be a dream come true. I want to go somewhere where I can think of myself and my animals to be free to roam. The beach would be perfect for myself and my dog. My cat may not like it as much, but with the jungle environment it can be a wild cat which already seems to run in her veins. She originally came in through the Trap and Release Program. She wasn't very nice to adopt so she was released. My goal is to work with her and eventually get her to be a domestic cat that can come in and out of the home.

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

I would secure my children's education. Make sure they have no hardships getting the education they seek and that finance is not an obstacle to their goals. Then buy a large property to have many kennels to help strays and start a rescue.

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

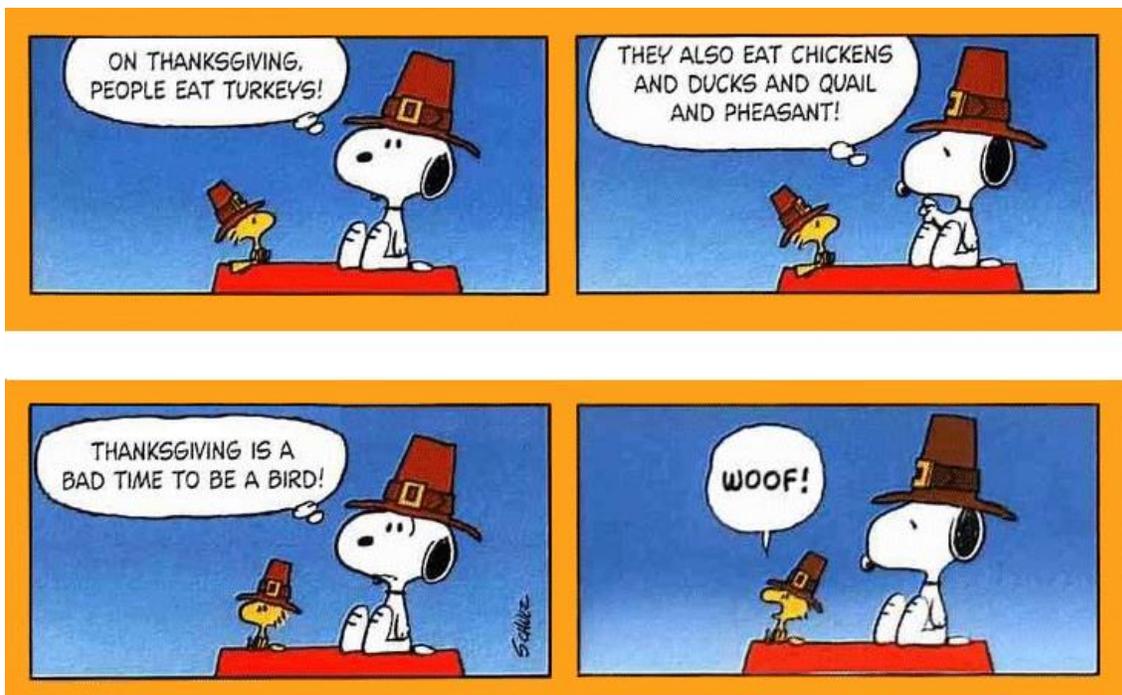
Teleportation. It would be the easiest way to travel and see the world. Get out of Bakersfield and LA. I want to see other parts of the world as well as get to know the many different cultures that their countries have. It would be nice to learn and see new things especially the culinary arts and living environments. I know we all share things in common such as foods, tools, and lifestyles, but to get from point A to point B would be interesting to see since we have our own ways of getting there.

# NEWS & NOTES

MILESTONE HOURS	
(as of Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> )	
Rhonda Montgomery	2295
Shawn Fernberg	1000
Deborah Waits	828
Barbara Fowler	816
Megan Reyes	808
Crystal Struckhoff	683
Julie Langers	885
Jean Absher	634
Barbara Beckstrom	518
Ben Neal	528
Rhonda Smith	460
Rowena Yong	435
Danny Spanks	459
Teddi Rawles	479
Stan Cameron	436
Nancy Apodoca	436
Nancy Ballinger	336
Tabitha Sanchez	299
Kristen Danley	287
Sarah Abate	287



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	DAY
Neel Sannappa	6 <sup>th</sup>
Janna LaMarche	11 <sup>th</sup>
Jozi Neal	11 <sup>th</sup>
Bucky Long	14 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin Feldsher	17 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Brown	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Missed October Birthdays	
Cat Sadler	3 <sup>rd</sup>





# Coordinator's Corner

Wow, can you believe it is almost Christmas??? Oh, I know -- shut up, Jeff!

Ok.....so the month of November is typically a slower one primarily until Black Friday. Then all heck breaks loose on our lives and pocketbooks.

If you have not yet heard, noticed or really seen it in action yet, the biggest news is the fact that we have totally changed over our animals' food from Victor to Hill Science Diet. While there are some differences between them, many of the same properties of basic care in nutrition exist in both products. Hill Science Diet came to us and gave us quite a large initial supply for cats to try out. The cats seemed to like it and responded well to the change. With that and the major break in cost for buying in bulk, it was a deal we couldn't refuse. Now all our animals eat Hill Science Diet. Our own Veterinarian has publicly spoken highly about this product and so we are happy to have it on board.

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I mention during orientation that I keep up-to-date records of your volunteer time here at the shelter and for off-site events. This includes milestone hours that were set when the program began. We have a couple of volunteers that hit different milestones this last quarter. Congratulations to them all.

Milestones are something to be proud of and that is why we award magnetic paw prints for you to line up on your car or refrigerator.

By keeping your records continually up-to-date, this also allows us to provide you with a record of the service and hours you have so generously provided to KCAS. Always make sure you use these as tools for obtaining employment or even for your college applications.

**Have a great month and we will see you in December.**