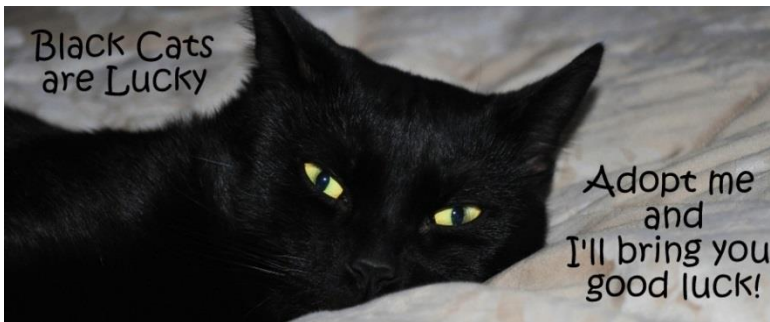


BOOO to you! (UN) lucky black cats



In some legends, black cats are actually good luck, as is the case in Great Britain (though not Yorkshire!). The belief in the power of black cats is so strong that they're still given as gifts to brides in the English Midlands in order to help bless new nuptials.

It does seem that the influence of the Egyptians and their love for cats held over in some European cultures. Sailors and their wives alike believed in the good luck power of the black cat, with some fishermen keeping such cats on board while their women kept black cats at home for a double dose of fortune.

The Japanese also honor black cats as symbols of good luck, and they are viewed as particularly important to single women, as having a black cat is believed to lure in many fine suitors. Up in Russia, all cats are viewed as lucky and have been for centuries.

Plenty of black cat imagery shows its whiskers during Halloween time, but you can (and should) spread the good word of inky felines and their more positive associations during the autumn holiday.

Taken from: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/53397/why-are-black-cats-considered-bad-luck>

TOP REASONS TO OWN A BLACK CAT

We are always sleek, stylish and elegant looking.

You'll never lose us in a snowstorm. (Like we have snow.)

Black fur won't show up on your [chic] black clothing.

Statistically speaking, we are friendlier than other cats.

We are happier because we look thinner!

In many cultures, we are considered GOOD luck.

We can be slimming when draped over your lap.

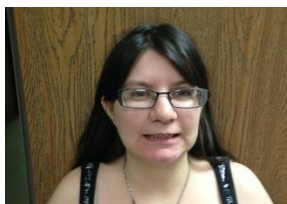
We can easily accessorize our collars because everything goes with black.

We are always appropriately dressed at cocktail parties.

Lots of famous cats have been black. Black cats have been featured in popular shows and movies including The Simpsons, Star Trek, Looney Tunes, Sabrina the Teenage Witch, and Coraline.

Most importantly...why not own a mini panther!

My Volunteer Story



By Tabitha Sanchez

Hi, my name is Tabitha I have been volunteering at the Kern County Animal Shelter for almost a year; it will be a year in September.

I have always loved animals. Ever since I was a little girl my family and I have always had cats or dogs; so when my best friend asked me if I wanted to volunteer with her, it was a no-brainer. It would be something we could do together. She was talking about going to Bakersfield College and earning a degree and becoming a registered veterinary technician and wanted to see if it would be something I would be interested in doing. So we started off volunteering together every Saturday, but when she found out she was pregnant at the beginning of this year, unfortunately she could no longer continue volunteering so I continued on without her.

In the beginning, you start off folding blankets and towels or doing dishes. It's not exactly all that fun, but just knowing you are helping

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Abate	4 th
Alyson Gil	10 th
Kaily Farmer	24 th
Rhonda Smith	24 th

to make a difference in the lives of animals that don't have a loving home, you can't help but feel like you are doing something good.

After you are done with your probation period, you move on to the puppy room or cat room if you prefer to work with cats. Depending on what time of day you start is what determines what type of clean up you will be doing. Like the morning shifts, you clean the whole entire cage top to bottom, making sure they have enough food and plenty of water.

I volunteer from 10:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturdays, spot cleaning the puppy rooms which means touching up and constantly changing out dirty linen/newspapers and toys and making sure they have food and water. But since there has been an increase in puppies, the morning shift needs help cleaning the cages so I step in and help them out. I clean the cages that need to be cleaned, restock supplies, and sweep and mop the floors after all the cages have been cleaned. It's a lot of work and



you are constantly moving or doing something. My hope is that one day all the animals in the world will find or have a loving home. And we are not over populated, until then; I plan on volunteering at the Kern County Animal Shelter for as long as I can.

WE NEED TOWELS & NEWSPAPERS!!!

Kern County Animal Services is in dire need of bath towels & newspapers. The towels are used for soft bedding for the cats and dogs.

The newspapers are used in our puppy cages to help eliminate waste and cross contamination issues. Needless to say, we go through a lot of newspapers daily!

Please spread the word about our needs!

PETCO HELP!

You may have heard about our partnership with Petco. We need volunteers that have mornings free to help. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator immediately for more information.



Coordinator's Corner

Happy Halloween to all those who celebrate the ghosts and ghouls at this time of year. Can you believe it's already October?

NEW AMBASSADORS

In September the Ambassador program added two more to their team.

Please welcome Crystal Struckhoff and Emily Barclay to that team. Both seasoned volunteers have been with us for an extended period of time.

As many of you know, the Ambassador program was created to assist the Volunteer Coordinator with training new volunteers in the aspects of cleaning at the shelter.



Crystal Struckhoff (Grinstead) started with us in June of 2014. She met all of the requirements, including accumulating more than 130 hours of service to the shelter. Crystal is married and has one four legged child named Digit.



Emily Barclay (Mayes) is the other new Ambassador and has also met all of the requirements. She has accumulated more than 140 hours of service to the shelter. She is a newlywed married in June of this year.

Please congratulate both of these hard working volunteers the next time you see them as their newest adventure begins.

SPEAKING OF...

Ambassadors, each and every volunteer, including

the Volunteer Coordinator, must be and will be evaluated in the basics of cleaning and sanitizing the cats and puppy kennels.

It is essential that all volunteers follow the same protocols that in order to keep our cats and puppies as healthy as can be.

So always be prepared for the evaluation and potential assistance in correcting anything that may need to be corrected.

FACEBOOK

Did you know that the volunteer program has a Facebook page?

WE DO!!!

We encourage you to visit Facebook and find our site: [Facebook.com/KCASVolunteers](https://www.facebook.com/KCASVolunteers) and like our page! Have your friends like our page too! We want more likes and also want more people to see what our great volunteers do.

You might become Facebook famous and a future internet superstar.