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## National Honey Bee Day, August 20th



National Honey Bee Day is observed on August 20, 2016. National Honey Bee Day (formerly National Honey Bee Awareness Day) for beekeepers in the United States to build community awareness of the bee industry, through education and promotion. According to its organizers, the National Honey Bee Day program started with a simple concept: "Bring together beekeepers,

bee associations, as well as other interested groups to connect with the communities to advance beekeeping. By working together and harnessing the efforts that so many already accomplish, and using a united effort one day a year, the rewards and message is magnified many times over. We encourage bee associations, individuals, and other groups to get involved. The program is free and open to all."

The event was started in 2009 by a small group of beekeepers who petitioned for and obtained a formal proclamation by the USDA honoring honey bees and beekeeping.

The honey bee industry needs your help and support. National Honey Bee Day may be one day per year, but the care of the environment which the bees reside takes a year-long commitment. We encourage all to become good stewards of the environment through practical and commonsense approaches.

### There are three types of bees in the hive:

Queen – Will live between 1 – 4 years

Workers – Are all females

Drones – Sole responsibility is to fertilize



Taken From: [www.nationalhoneybeeday.com](http://www.nationalhoneybeeday.com) & <http://www.cute-calendar.com/event/national-honey-bee-day/16561.html>

**ZIP**



**ZOOT**



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# Our Take

ZIP: WELCOME TO OUR TAKE!! Zap is on vacation and he was about to surprise me until I saw Zoot come in. How are ya Zoot?

ZOOT: Hey man. I'm like really stoked about being here. I feel like dancing man....

ZIP: OKAY ZOOT! So we are going to talk about interactions between you and your favorite animal. Animals sense all things around them and they don't even need to hear your voice to have concern or be happy!

ZOOT: Let's be happy! Imagine happiness and all is well. Happy Happy Happy!

ZIP: Yes happy. Ok, so when giving love to your animal, make sure that your animal is open to that kind of affection. Some animals, especially dogs, do not like to be held.

ZOOT: Love is friendship set to music man.

ZIP: Very true Zoot. Many times, the tone of your voice will determine how your animal reacts. Now this really pertains to dogs more than cats. Zoot, do you react to voices?

ZOOT: Only those in my mind.

ZIP: Yes, ok. Well anyways, the tone of your voice can make an animal react differently. Yet a proven method also claims that tones do not make a difference. Scold your dog in a happy voice or even praise your dog in a scolding voice and see if they react differently.

ZOOT: Oh man, you know I was told to get off a bus man, and I didn't want to and someone sounded really nice and yanked me off of that bus. Not Groovy!

ZIP: Wow. I guess that's kind of the same situation, sorta.

ZOOT: Hey Zip think about it, if the man wants to take us off the bus, he is gonna take us off the bus. That's heavy!

ZIP: On behalf of Zoot and his peaceful ways, we wish everyone a wonderful month.

ZOOT: POWER TO THE KITTY!

## VOLUNTEERING

Do you know of anyone who would like to volunteer? We are looking for some key volunteers to help with our Bed making project on Thursday afternoons.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping out with this and other fun projects, then KCAS is the place to be.

Ask those interested to contact Jeff George at 661-868-7130 or email [jeffg@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:jeffg@co.kern.ca.us).



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	DAY
SHAWN FERNBERG	3
APRYL BROWN	5
JOHN PANTOJA	8
RHONDA MONTGOMERY	13
JAMES YOCUM	17
LESLI WIESER	21
DEBORAH WAITS	28



# Volunteer Spotlight

**Maggie Sanchez**

Hi, my name is Maggie. My favorite animal is a dog or anything fluffy. I have five beautiful furbabies; Daisy (15), Princess (13), Gigi (4), Coco (3), and Zoe (1) (I should probably had only said I have three, yes! I only have three). I love all animals but I'm a huge advocate for dogs. I believe that we need to speak up and help protect them all since they depend on us to be their voice. Also educate our community to spay and neuter and end unnecessary overpopulation. Don't forget to microchip also!

Next to owning a dog or a cat, there is nothing more enjoyable or rewarding than fostering an animal from your local shelter or rescue group. It's a tremendously fulfilling position to be in, knowing that you've helped an animal through a difficult period in their lives into the adoptable category. My first time fostering was last year through KCAS. I thought I'd give it a try and foster my first pup, which I got very emotionally attached, but that didn't stop me from fostering two more pups. Then I thought I'd foster kittens and that was a whole different experience. I have continued to foster up till now and I have lost count of how many dogs I've fostered. Some of these dogs have been fostered because owners have neglected them; some owners can no longer care for them, or for other various reasons.

My passion for dogs started through Facebook in my involvement with the, "Lost & Found Dogs \*\* Bakersfield", a Facebook group/page to help owners in need of reuniting with their lost pet. Staying up to date with all posts and hope to find a match. After being more involved with animals, I decided I should volunteer this year at KCAS. Little did I know that doing the dishes for a great while was making a difference in the lives of these animals. It was a great feeling when every staff member would thank me for helping out because if it wasn't for us, staff wouldn't be able to help with adoptions. Months later after doing dishes and intake, now I'm part of the Pet Detective team which I incredibly love plus I have an awesome team on board. My job as a Pet Detective involves two of my favorite things, dogs and photography. I always do my best in taking an eye catching photo and posting on our Pet Detective Facebook page in hopes owners or anybody will recognize these dogs and they get reunited. That is always our goal!

I plan to go to school next month to embark on a career with Animal Care, most likely as a Vet Assistant. I know with the experience KCAS has offered me, I will get a great start in school. I hope one day I can expand and perhaps finish enrolling at SJVC and be a Vet Tech once I'm emotionally ready. But for now, I'll be wearing my green shirt Loud and Proud!!! :)

## Questions We All Want Answered!

**If I could live anywhere in the world where would I live?** I would live in Hawaii. The beautiful cobalt blue ocean, tropical rainforest, volcano eruptions, and amazing wildlife.

**If you just won the lottery, what is one thing that you would spend your money on?** I would build a BIG water park for dogs. I definitely think it's something our city would appreciate.

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?** The power of healing. It's always heartbreaking to see an animal being hurt and not being able to cure its pain away.





# Coordinator's Corner

The shelter, the staff and even the volunteers have all made it through the long hours and work for the animals displaced from the Erskine Fire in Lake Isabella, then to follow up that with the National Holiday of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Now that things have calmed down somewhat, we still have to remember that we are advocates for the animals. We are their voice: the person who helps them get adopted and the one human who can help them find the right owner.

## A TRIBUTE

I have owned a handful of dogs in my lifetime and of those only one stood out over the years truthfully.

My first was a mutt when I was about 8. I also had a Black Lab when I was young.

Then until I got married I didn't have any animals outside of a gecko when I moved out here.

In 2000 on a whim, I went to the SPCA and was walking around and really didn't see anything that worked at least for me.

Then as I turned a corner there was this, what I thought was a Beagle mix turned out to be a Doxie Beagle. He was all of six months old and he came to the fence, jumped up on the fence and just stared at me. Whimpered a bit, but never barked.

I fell in love with him immediately and started the adoption process. I named him Wyatt Earp as I was a history buff.

For the next 16 years, he was my buddy, my friend and my sidekick. Many of you heard in orientation that he would know when I was getting up in the morning and when I was coming home. How I had to see him before I saw my wife.

Unfortunately he followed one of my other dogs out of a hole the she had dug and they decided to take a long walk.

At some point that early morning, my little boy was hit by a car and we lost him.

For 16 years, he survived parvo, several skin issues, minor sicknesses and coped with a number of strays, potential adoptees and even fosters that we brought home.



RIP my sweet boy.