

National Animal Shelter Week, Nov. 3 - 9

In celebration of National Animal Shelter and Rescue Appreciation Week from Nov. 3-9, The Humane Society of the United States encourages pet lovers to reach out and support their local shelters.

Approximately 3,500 animal shelters across the United States serve the estimated 6-8 million homeless animals who need refuge each year, and many more animals find themselves in need of the services provided by local rescue groups.



National Animal Shelter and Rescue Appreciation Week, founded by The HSUS in 1996 and inspired by the Capitol Humane Society in Lincoln, Nebraska encourages people to become acquainted with their local shelters and rescues and to learn how they can assist their lifesaving work.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR LOCAL SHELTER & RESCUES

1. **OFFER YOUR HELP:** Whether you can volunteer or just help out on occasion, offer your experience and expertise. There is always something you can assist with.
2. **LOCATE:** Locate all of the shelters and rescues in the area and find out their individual needs and help hold a drive to address those needs.
3. **BE A FAN AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS:** Like the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages and invite all your friends to join these sites too to help with adoptions.
4. **BE CRAFTY:** Make toys and bandanas for the animals to help encourage adoptions.
5. **SAY THANKS:** Come on by the shelters and just say thank you to the staff and volunteers that go out of their way to make sure the lives of the animals are the best they can be.
6. **BE AN ADVOCATE:** Make sure you help educate the public about spaying & neutering their animals to help stop overpopulation. Encourage on time vaccinations.
7. **VISIT:** Come on by and visit with the animals. You don't have to volunteer to come by and visit. The animals need attention too. All you have to do it to make an appearance and talk with them.



ZIP



ZAP



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Our Take

ZIP: WELCOME TO OUR TAKE!!

ZAP: Hey Zip.....One of my most favorite days of the year is Thanksgiving! FOOD! My vice is back and it shall be mine.

ZIP: Zap, Thanksgiving is about more than food. It's about the Pilgrims and the Indians. It's about history! It's about tradition!

ZAP: I'm sensing a lecture.... 3.....2.....1.....go

ZIP: OK. This lecture is about the fact that Thanksgiving is more than just food. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations

ZAP: SEE SEE.....FOOOOD!!

ZIP: The year 1621 is not last year, ZAP. We are talking 400 years ago. Over the years, that original harvest feast morphed into this holiday that we call Thanksgiving.

ZAP: Ok, I am thankful....thank you....thank you.....and thank you! Now FOOOOOOOOD!

ZIP: ZAP!!! Stop being so selfish!

ZAP: Meow.

ZIP: Zap.....ok....food.....You know we cannot have turkey on a bone and never have just straight human food. But we can have some of the human food mixed with our kibble.

ZAP: Mash taters, yams, green bean casserole.....TURKEY!!!!

ZIP: You are out of control.

ZAP: Then SHOPPING!!! Woohooo....Black Cat Friday!

ZIP: You mean Black Friday?

ZAP: Oh hush.....its whatever I want it to be!

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	DAY
Maria Gomez	10 th
Jozi Neal	11 th
Bucky Long	14 th
Dorothy Tran	17 th





Volunteer Spotlight

Becky Rueda

Hello All! My name is Becky Rueda. I recently moved to Bakersfield from Southern California. My passion is fitness and animals. I love the outdoors and am constantly looking for ways to better myself. I was raised with no pets. Growing up, I really didn't care for animals but my life completely changed when I got Billy. He's my 8-year-old multi-poo and my first love. I didn't know anything about dogs. So, I started reading and researching anything that had to do with dogs. I was trying to better understand Billy's language. Billy and I took classes at PetSmart. He now has several certificates and graduated with honors in all his classes. In the near future, I plan to rescue dogs, and own a few animals. My goal is to have a non-profit organization, rescue dogs, and find them all happy homes.

I started volunteering in June 2016. Back in Southern California, I would volunteer for several rescue groups and I also donated items and money. Everything I do and have done for animals is all for Billy. Every dog deserves love. They are innocent lives unfortunately some have become victims of society. Thanks to Billy, I have become a dog advocate, groomer, and trainer.

Questions We All Want Answered!

If I could live anywhere in the world where would I live? I would live on any island where I can enjoy the view every day and live freely with my animals.

If you just won the lottery, what is one thing that you would spend your money on? I would definitely spend my money on animals. I would buy land so all my future rescues could run around freely.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why? It would be Teleporting because I would rescue any dog(s) that are about to be in any harm. I would stop it instantly and take them back to safety.



Coordinator's Corner

Crossing my turkey feathers I promise, I didn't plan this out!

On November 5th, we get to celebrate me! Its International Volunteer Managers Day.

International Volunteer Managers Day

Founded and observed for the first time in 1999. The push for IVMDay was led by American Nan Hawthorn who helped form a committee to explore a day recognizing the work of Volunteer Managers.

IVMDay was developed in order to bring recognition to individual Managers of Volunteers and their roles in the mobilization and support of the world's volunteers.

Now with that, let me explain to you that it's been my honor and pleasure to

help YOU get involved.

What you do is immeasurable. I have been involved in many organizations that work with and recruit volunteers. By far, KCAS is one of the most important organizations that needs and appreciates volunteers.

Having been with the Boy Scouts, I knew that being able to get kids off the streets to learn important, long-standing core values was important. But what you do here at the shelter is so much more important.

You are saving lives of our animals, those little creatures that cannot talk, cannot tell you what hurts or how they feel.

Thank you so much for your dedication!

Thanksgiving

In this issue you saw the bantering between Zip & Zap about the Turkey day feast.

The joke is to not feed scraps and table food to your animals, even though Thanksgiving is one of those holidays that provide many yummy edibles for the animals. For example:

Mashed potatoes: grab some before butter and milk go into them. Carrots and turkey: great for your animals, but make sure that the skins is peeled away from the meat and there are no bones as they can splinter and cause blockages. Plain sweet potatoes: great for animals.

Have a safe and great Thanksgiving!