

CITY Paws

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THE VOICE OF BURBANK'S ANIMALS



UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Happy Tails Hike

9:00AM | Stough Canyon Nature Center

*Time & location may change due to weather, please check www.meetup.com/VBAS-Tails-Trails

1st & 3rd SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH

Kitten Adoption Fair

10:00AM - 3:00PM | Burbank Animal Shelter

*Hours may vary, please check thevbas.org for updated times

JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 8

100 Dog Days Of Summer

Special Adoption Promotion

Burbank's Centennial Celebration

Burbank Animal Shelter

JUNE 18

Cat Days Of Summer Adoption Fair

Two Cats For You Promotion Kick-Off

Burbank Animal Shelter

JUNE 25, AUGUST 6, SEPTEMBER 24

Pet Palooza - Special Adoption Event

Burbank Animal Shelter

JULY 16 & OCTOBER 15

Volunteer Orientation

9:00AM | Burbank Animal Shelter

Pre-Registration Required at www.thevbas.org

AUGUST 13

100 Ways To Be A Better Pet Parent

2:00PM - 3:30PM | Buena Vista Library

IN THE MEDIA

- ADOPT-A-PET SHOW on TV6
- Pets of the Week in The Burbank Leader
- Paws-Up for Pet Safety in The Burbank Times
- Give Pets a Chance on KTLA Channel 5

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Denise Fleck, VBAS President

The days of summer have arrived, and whether you're talking 100 Dog Days or the Cat Days of Summer, community partners have stepped up to the plate to make sure adoptions will heat up at the Burbank Animal Shelter.



Danielle Skaar and Sara Taylor of Girl Scout Troop #366.

For the 100 days between June 1st and September 8th, every canine adopted goes home with a special gift bag filled to the brim with items to get him and his new best friend off on the right paw.

June 18th finds shelter volunteers kicking off our feline-oriented promotion in conjunction with Found Animals. For anyone who adopts two cats or kittens together, the second adoption fee will be paid by the Found Animals organization!

June 25th through July 3rd marks the VBAS annual Pet Adoption Event (renamed the Pet Palooza) where staff and volunteers do their doggone best to get animals adopted before the Fourth of July holiday. Across the continent, Independence Day is the time that finds too many animals who are frightened by fireworks escaping from the security of their homes and ending up at shelters. Since we'll need the space to temporarily house those who have pulled a Houdini-act, we need to get current furry residents adopted. Consider the impact of the fireworks season and make sure your pets are safe and secure.

Spring found the VBAS participating in numerous Burbank-related events. Led by Eleanor O'Brien, Sandy Sandin, and Nancy Vandermeij, we were one of the last teams standing at the Library's Trivia Challenge. Volunteers spread the word about our animals at Disney Studio's Earthquake Fair, Burbank's Earth Day celebration, the Kiwanis Car Show, the EGGStravaganza, and Fire Service Day, while also showing our pride for Burbank (do you know the VBAS Centennial 100% Animal Lover T-shirts are available at the shelter for only \$15?). At the April Dog Vaccination Clinic, sponsored by VBAS with the assistance of the Noon Kiwanis, Dr. Martin Small and his team provided 150 vaccinations to help dogs stay well.



Girl Scout Troop #9421



Erik Koelle and Lori Endo staff an information table at a local event.

PAWSome participation was also given BY the community...Rosie LoBrutto and Ed Tucker (see the Donor Spotlight p.5) not only donated towards our X-ray machine, but gave two of our dogs a ride in Burbank's Centennial Parade! Girl Scout Troops #1156 and #366 collected a heap of donations for our dogs, cats and bunnies. Troop #9421 raised money to buy a bench for our Cat Adoption Room and helped defer the cost of Pet Alert Stickers. Troop #268-6 brightened up the shelter by painting a mural, and Brownie Troop #3106 made cat-nip toys and home-made dog biscuits for the animals, while Glendale Temple Synagogue delivered more supplies. Three Eagle Scouts have projects on the drawing board for our Shelter so we'll have more news next issue.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude to those of you who contributed to our X-ray machine drive. With the help of the Feline Conservation Center, the equipment is in our possession, and the electrical and safety set-up are underway.

Our final thanks goes to Vintage Burbank who recently offered up their facility for a pet adoption fair, to DreamWorks Animation SKG for inviting our cats and dogs to visit in June, to Warner Brothers Studio who will host an adoption event in July, and to the Buena Vista Library which continues to help us educate with **100 Ways to be a Better Pet Parent** on August 13th. Our mission is to find the right forever home for the animals in our care, and with YOUR help, we are making dreams come true. Thank you for the role each and every one of you play in the lives of homeless animals. Burbank Animal Shelter supporters truly rock!

are you sure?

By Laureli Cohen

Pet Adoption is a long-term commitment and should be considered thoughtfully. “I think I want to get a cat,” a friend said to me over dinner the other night. The words hung in the air as her husband shoved a forkful of food in his mouth and looked the other way. Being a very happy cat owner and knowing how many cats and kittens are at the shelter and in foster care waiting for their forever homes, I wanted to shout with joy.



Sometimes you just walk into the shelter and fall in love!

I wanted to grab my laptop and pull up the VBAS website and show her all of the sweet-faced cats and kittens that she could take home, and I wanted to gush about how amazing my cat was. But I held back. Instead, I asked her a very important question... “Are you sure?”

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While I hated to ask the question that might discourage her from adopting a cat, I knew that it had to be asked. We sometimes have adopted cats returned to the shelter because their new owner said they were too much work or wanted too much attention. Being returned to the shelter can be extremely traumatizing for cats. Some people believe that a cat is not a real responsibility. While it's true that a cat offers more flexibility than a dog would, it still requires time, attention, patience and love. There is also an adjustment period when bringing any pet into a new environment that some people are not prepared for. I needed to make sure that my friend fully understood all of this. At the same time, I wanted to show her reluctant husband what an absolute joy having a cat could be. I started with my own experience with a cat who brings so much love and laughter into my home, but brings some baggage as well.

I tell them stories about her greeting me when I get home, chasing mice and snuggling on the couch. Then, I dutifully admit that I have gone through two couches in the past year while working to correct some of her behavioral challenges. Looking at my friends' lovely white sofa, I cringed.

It was then that I realized my responsibility was not to sway their decision, but to help once the decision was made. Staying neutral as the conversation continued, I tried to offer the best advice that I could. With their sofa in mind, I suggested that they limit their search to cats with light colored fur or invest in a better vacuum. They are first-time cat owners, so I suggested a kitten. Kittens require extra time for training at the beginning, but they also have an easier adjustment period than some adult cats. A seasoned cat owner would have the understanding, knowledge and patience to help ease that adjustment, but someone unfamiliar with cats might have difficulty coping.

Then came the suggestion that shocked them all: they should consider two cats. If they weren't sure that they were up for the responsibility of one, how could they possibly handle two? The truth is that, despite their reputations for independence, cats get lonely. Both of my friends work long hours and have hectic schedules. Having two cats would add a little to the responsibility and slightly to the cost, but would make for much happier cats, which makes for happier humans.

This doesn't work for all cats. Some cats prefer to sacrifice having a sibling for the undivided attention of their human and might have a more difficult transition with another cat around. If you are looking to adopt and don't already have a cat or kitten, but you work long hours, you may consider adopting from the same litter or looking specifically for cats that came from the same home. The shelter is often trying to find homes that will keep cats together, rather than split up a happy pair.

Someone who finds the idea of having a duo a bit too daunting might do better with an older cat that doesn't require as much play time as a kitten, and a person with a black couch might want to search for a black cat to match.

At the end of the day, no matter how many questions you ask, or qualities you list to help choose the perfect cat, sometimes you just walk into the shelter and fall in love. That connection between owner and pet is more important than any list, and is often the answer to the most important question...*am I sure?*

STEPS

When introducing a new cat to an existing cat, VBAS Adoption Counselors suggest to...

- Always give the newly adopted cat his own small space for the first few days.
- Rub a towel over each cat and place under the other cat's food dishes.
- Keep routines the same as before for the existing cat.
- Spend equal quality time with each cat.
- Supervise initial introductions.
- Expect hissing and growling at first.
- Encourage togetherness by playing with a long feather or laser toy.
- Do not leave them alone until you know that they have become friends.
- Be patient while the cats work out the new arrangement.
- Don't give up! A few months of work now will give you a cat family for life.


FoundAnimals Adopting two feline family members this Summer? Adopt the first cat and Found Animals will pay the adoption fee for your second cat. That's **2 FOR YOU** and twice the love for just the price of one.



Amélie's POINT OF VIEW



Bunnies may look cute and cuddly, but we are not cartoons, storybook characters or toys.

Bonjour...Amélie here with the latest and greatest info about my favorite topic (moi!) and how we buns may interact with the small two legged creatures in your homes, sometimes known as the most important family members, the kids, the little munchkins, the rug rats...ah, but I digress!

Many rabbits do not enjoy being held and will kick and claw when picked up. (*Oui...not the most politically correct habit perhaps, but true nonetheless!*) Your

child may end up with some painful scratches. Your rabbit may end up far worse. Regardless of size, rabbits are delicate creatures and struggling to get out of the tenacious grasp of a child can leave them with serious injuries, even broken bones.

Rabbits are not big and brave, *avec regret* I must say we are timid creatures. Loud noises or children running around can be scary. Your child may be disappointed that Bunny does not want to come and play when called. *Tres triste...*however Bunny will be more inclined to venture over to a child sitting quietly on the floor. And regardless of the most appropriate behavior on the part of the child...*Amélie* sometimes just wants to be left alone to eat or nap!

Adopting a rabbit is a very big commitment. Rabbits have a life span of over ten years. If you adopt a baby bunny for your ten year old, be prepared to still be taking care of the rabbit when your child leaves for Harvard.

A rabbit can be a wonderful family pet, however children may lose interest in a rabbit when the novelty has worn off. Rabbits are easily **litter box trained**, but the litter must be regularly maintained. **Fresh food and water**, regular grooming and socialization are daily tasks. Bunnies need daily **exercise and playtime**, and when they are not in a pen or cage, you will have to ensure that your home is **bunny proofed**. Take it from *Amélie*...anything worth having is worth working for...but do be prepared for the work! Children can certainly participate in all of these aspects of care, but a rabbit's primary caregiver must always be an adult.

Au revoir until next time,
Amélie

Happy Adoption Story

Foster parents always enjoy hearing from the families that adopt their kittens. It is nice to keep up with the 'kids' that have grown up and left the nest. Here is one such letter received by foster mom Bonnie Caul.

Hi Bonnie,

I just wanted to send you some photos of Sammy. He's grown into a pretty big guy. He has the hugest, most gorgeous tail I've ever seen. Everyone is always remarking about it. He is a great cuddler, and he still loves to play and talk. He insists on having his hair brushed every morning while I am brushing mine. My other cat, Miss Fluffy, loves him, and the two are almost always side by side or snuggling together. I can't imagine life without him. Thank you again for fostering him and making it possible for Miss Fluffy and I to have such a special, loving little guy around. We will forever appreciate it.

:) Kitty Kennedy



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ASK THE VET



*Guest Columnist Veterinarian
Dr. Carol Marienthal-Skaar
discusses this weighty issue
facing pets and their owners.*

Q&A

Is your pet a candidate for The Biggest Loser?

Obesity is one of the biggest health issues affecting our pets. The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention estimates that 54% of dogs and cats in the United States are overweight or obese and in my practice we find the number is even higher.

Obese animals face a slew of potential problems: heart disease, breathing problems, joint, ligament and tendon issues, diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney disease, cancer, and most importantly decreased life span. Not all, but some of these significant issues can be prevented by proper diet and exercise. Overweight cats can develop skin problems from not being able to groom themselves. Increased surgical and anesthetic risk are a consideration. The overall impact on comfort and longevity can be dire.

It is important to know your pet's body condition score. The optimum score will be when you can view its waist when looking from above, can palpate the ribs when running your hands along its sides, and when it has a tucked up abdomen. Ask your vet about this score and ask for suggestions on ways to improve it.

Every pet has unique nutritional needs because of variations in size, breed, age, physical activity, allergies, and concurrent diseases. Because of this just following the package guidelines for the amount of food, may not work for many pets.

It may not be as difficult to trim down pets as it is to fight your own battle with your waistline since what they eat is wholly dependent on what we give them. Many factors should be considered when managing the total amount of food your pet will eat in a day. One suggestion is to have only one person in the household be in charge of the total food allotment. It is always a good idea to use a measuring cup. Treats should be healthy, given in moderation and included in figuring the total daily amount. One potato chip to a small pet is equivalent to a cheeseburger for an average person. Pets need aerobic exercise just as we do, so a good exercise program is also very important.

Just as each of us should see a doctor before undertaking any type of weight loss regimen, it is essential that your pet have a thorough exam as well. Step one is to determine any underlying cause to the weight problem. It is critical to make sure the pet (especially a cat) doesn't lose weight too rapidly as significant other health concerns can arise.

Certain breeds are more susceptible to becoming overweight. In dogs, Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Dachshunds, Cocker Spaniels, Beagles, Pugs, and Bulldogs seem to top the list. In cats, Persians are the most prone to obesity. However just because your pet's breed is not on this list does not mean that he/she is immune to weight problems. A study of Labrador Retrievers found that dogs kept on the slender side of normal lived a median of 2.5 years longer than their overweight counterparts.

When your dog is begging for that treat, pick up the leash and go for a walk. Your pet's life will be happier and longer, and you'll get the exercise benefit as well!

For additional information on proper pet nutrition, visit www.AVMA.org, www.Petfit.com, www.Petobesityprevention.com.



elaine
Miyake

Name: Elaine Miyake, Medical Records Coordinator - KFP

How did you decide to become a volunteer?

It felt like a natural progression after starting out as a kitten foster volunteer. When kitten season slowed down, I wanted to be able to help out at the shelter, especially on days like holidays when the staff needed to care for the animals, but wanted to be home or be with family and friends like everyone else.

What's the first thing you usually do when you come to the shelter?

I usually ask if I could borrow the gate opener because I transport canned food boxes from Centinela Feed to the shelter twice a week. Now, more often than not, someone from the staff will say "want the gate key?" before I open my mouth!

You recently helped The VBAS get a grant. How did you do it?

Well, I didn't do much of the work. Denise Fleck, Cecelia Martinez and I'm sure several from the board worked very hard to complete the grant paperwork. I just did what I could to understand what was needed and communicate that to Denise. I'm hoping that going through the process this year will make next year's request easier!

How will that money be used?

The money was requested to offset expenses for the kitten foster program. Donations were down significantly in 2010 due to worldwide charities in need of aid. In addition to the normal expenses, KFP is creating a "starter kit" for new foster parents to care for their kittens, making it a little easier to begin fostering.

You are also a kitten foster. Tell us about your last success story.

Every adoption is a success story! Of my current litter of three, two are being adopted together and the other one was adopted with another kitten from the foster program. It is always nice to know that the kitten will have a companion.

What is your message to the community?

It doesn't take a lot of time or money to make a difference. You'll get a chance to help our animals and also meet some nice people with common interests. Oh, and want to foster kittens? It is a lot of fun, I promise!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Burbank Animal Shelter, please check <http://thevbas.org/volunteer> for information or email tanyada@thevbas.org.

Giving Opportunities

Kitten Foster Program - 10 Years and Counting

Four hundred foster kittens. Sixty five foster families. Semi-monthly adoption fairs. This is a snapshot of the 2011 VBAS Kitten Foster Program in its 10th anniversary year. What started out as a fledgling group of foster parents and kittens has evolved into the largest and most successful of all the VBAS programs.

The Director of Kitten Foster Program and five program managers, all volunteers, are responsible for the well-oiled machine we know as KFP. All supplies are provided by VBAS through donor support. Sixty five families care for the kittens until they are of adoptable age and weight. It is a true rescue component of the Burbank Animal Shelter that after 10 years can still boast a 100% adoption rate!

Being our most successful program, it is also the program in need of the most support. Kittens need formula, dry food, bottles, heating pads and medical attention, not to mention a home and foster family to call their own while they grow. Here's how you can help.



- **Sponsor a Kitten** - For \$42 you can support one kitten from intake to adoption. \$84 will take care of two, and for only \$126 you will be responsible for saving an entire litter!
- **Become a Foster Parent** - Whether it be for one night or for the long-term, your home and TLC could save a kitten's life. Contact christine@thevbas.org to become involved.
- **Adopt a Foster Kitten** - Check out www.thevbas.org/kittens and our regular adoption fairs to find your very own little bundle of fur.

For additional information on all of our giving opportunities, please visit www.thevbas.org

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Donor Spotlight

By Denise Fleck, VBAS President



Rosie LoBrutto & Ed Tucker - VBAS Angels!

Angels to the animals come and go as they have many paws to take care of, but one who seems to keep her halo focused on the residents of the Burbank Animal Shelter is former Kennel Attendant, Rosie LoBrutto. When hearing about the VBAS quest to obtain an X-ray machine for the shelter, she was first in line to make a very substantial donation to the cause. Having worked at the shelter, she knew the injured animals' plight of having to wait for transport to a local veterinarian for such a simple procedure, and she felt their quality of treatment could be better served by having an onsite X-ray at the shelter.

The family halo shined even brighter at this year's Burbank on Parade, where Rosie and her husband, Ed, transformed their cherished-out 1950 Chevy pick-up into an award-winning float for the Volunteers of the Burbank Animal Shelter. The family German Shepherd even contributed her dog house for the event! Paint, plywood, 2x4s, banners, a birthday cake and many a staple later, the truck was a vision on the parade route. Everyone involved had a blast, and the shelter was given a great opportunity to be part of this community event, all thanks to the efforts by Rosie and Ed. They are truly angels in human (and German Shepherd) clothing!

Laugh Your Tail Off

A NIGHT OF COMEDY TO SAVE ANIMALS

The VBAS would like to thank all the donors and comedians who made our Laugh Your Tail Off fundraiser a great success!

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TRAINING Tails

A little training can go a long way...

by Lydia Perez

DOG TRAINING AND KIDS ...

Training your dog shouldn't be a one person job, but just how can smaller kids get involved? With kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old, training sessions should be short and fun so that you don't lose their attention too quickly. Before you start, there are a few things you should keep in mind.

The first and most important part is the safety of your child and the dog. Everyone should be comfortable working with each other. As great as dogs are, not every dog has the temperament to work with children and some children may be a bit frightened of dogs; if this is the case, get the help of a professional and slowly work up to the training process. Next, set down guidelines and rules that should be followed when working or playing with your doggie pal. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Stop working if anyone seems nervous or scared
- No hitting or yelling
- An adult should control the leash at all times
- Kids and dogs should always be supervised
- Keep the work session to 15-20 minutes.



Makenna and Joshua are great friends.

In order to work with your child and dog, some ground work will be necessary. Teach and practice the command with the child before your session; after all it's hard to teach a student if you've never studied the subject before. (Basic commands can be found in previous issues of this newsletter on our web site <http://thevbas.org/city-paws-newsletter>). To keep training fun and interesting, games and activities can be a great way to help in improving focus and communication for both the child and their furry friend. But best of all, it gives you a chance to spend some time with your son or daughter as well as your dog.

DRILLING LESSONS

SIT - "FREEZE" It's basically like freeze tag but with SIT. As the dog plays lightly, your little assistant gives the SIT command and you help the dog sit. The better the dog obeys the more distraction you can add, but increase the distractions slowly; you may even need to go back a step or two if you run in to problems. Make a competition of it; how many sits can he do in a minute? Avoid confusing the animal by limiting verbal distractions from you unless your dog is ready for that level of challenge.

STAY - "CHILL" This will help strengthen your dogs stays. Have your assistant distract your furry buddy gently by walking around while your dog is at a sit stay or a down stay. Just as before make the distractions a bit harder if the dog is doing well. You can use toys and treats to increase the difficulty. Bounce a ball or squeak a toy, then add a release command so that the dog can get it when you or your helper gives the OK. This will help when greeting people.

COME - while your four-legged pal is focusing on his little buddy, give your dog a COME command. At first use a 6 ft leash to lead him back to you, then if you and your team are doing well you may use a longer line. After a few tries your puppy may catch on and not want to move too far from you, but you can have your helper use a squeaky toy or use a small bit of a treat to lead him away.

These are just a few simple ideas. Many of the games kids play can be adapted for fun activities with your dog. Do you remember playing "Hide and Seek", "Simon Says", or going on "Treasure Hunts?" If you need more inspiration, there are a ton of books and web sites on tricks, games, activities, and sports to do with your dog.

★ VERY IMPORTANT NOTE ★

If at any time something feels unsafe, seek the help of a professional trainer or behaviorist

Lydia Perez of Happy Tails Dog Training is working with certain dogs at the shelter to improve their adoptability. Donations made to the Dog Training Program of VBAS help to support this worthwhile effort.

The Scratching Post

by Cecelia Martinez, Director of Kitten Foster Program

The Secret Social Life of Cats

There is nothing in the animal world, to my mind, more delightful than grown cats at play. They are so swift and light and graceful, so subtle and designing, and yet so richly comic. ~ T S Eliot



It is often said that cats are independent solitary creatures, but as a 2004 nationwide survey of veterinarians found, cats can form very rich and complex social lives. From mother cats nursing others' kittens, to adult cats playing and grooming each other, it is clear that many cats enjoy company and may even benefit from sharing their lives with other felines.

they can exhibit feelings of loneliness and boredom that can manifest itself in behaviors like over grooming, spraying, destructiveness, and aggression. Providing your cat with a buddy can satisfy the need for companionship, and encourage play and exercise, which reduces chances of health issues like obesity and diabetes.

Whether it is for food, friendship, or health, cats need some social interaction. In the wild, cats develop strong social structures, with an intricate hierarchy, based on factors like age, aggression, and gender. Female members of feral colonies have been known to band together to raise litters of kittens and fend off threats to their offspring. Domestic cats often form life long bonds with those they live with.

While studies show that many cats are sociable and benefit from living with others, it must be noted that cats, like people, have different personalities and preferences. Not all cats will enjoy sharing their space. When thinking about adopting a second cat, owners need to carefully evaluate the situation. Elderly, ill, or aggressive cats may not adjust to a new companion. Taking into account the current pet's activity level and temperament will ensure a good match. Spending time preparing for a new pet, and taking it slow with the introductions, will make for a successful integration.

Kittens crave and need interaction for healthy social development. Singletons can become bored, and seek out dangerous and undesirable forms of entertainment like chewing on plants, climbing drapes, exploring electrical cords and scratching furniture. Adopting kittens in pairs can help ward off these behaviors, and keep them mentally and physically stimulated. Kittens that grow up with other cats tend to be healthier, happier, and better socialized adult pets.

The kittens in the Kitten Foster Program have been lovingly hand raised, often in multi-cat and dog friendly homes. Come meet them at our bi-monthly fairs at the Burbank Animal Shelter. Or visit thevbas.org/kitten-fosters to see our available kittens.

Adult cats also need to be entertained and challenged in order to remain fit. Left alone,

Interested in fostering kittens? Fill out an application on our website, or contact our recruiter at christine@thevbas.org.

The Kitten Foster Program is in need of donations. You can help by purchasing and donating one of the following items:

KFP Kitten Foster Program WISH LIST

- Natural Balance Green Pea & Chicken Canned Cat Food
- Natural Balance Green Pea & Chicken Dry Cat Food
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- KMR Kitten Formula by Pet Ag
- Heating Pads
- Digital Scales

For more information, please contact: cecelia@thevbas.org

We are also always looking for foster volunteers to join our team. If you like kittens (*who doesn't?*) and are home for a reasonable amount of hours each day, you could become a Kitten Foster Volunteer.



CONGRATULATIONS

To VBAS Volunteers

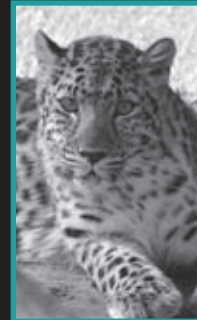
DAVID SNYDER & VIRGINIA DUFFY

On May 17th, David and Virginia were honored with the City of Burbank's 2011 Senior Volunteer Award for their service in the community.

Virginia has been an invaluable member of our Kitten Foster Program, who with selfless dedication and persistence, has saved the lives of over 75 kittens! She has been a volunteer since 2004 and in addition to her work with the young kittens, Virginia can often be found working the front desk at the shelter.



David comes in on a regular basis to photograph the dogs, cats, and rabbits housed in the Shelter. His photographs are displayed on our website and you can often see David's work in our Pet of the Week photos. Since joining the volunteers in 2009, David has become a valued and vital resource for our four-legged friends in their quest to find adoptive homes.



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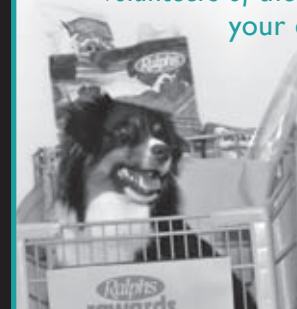
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our mission

The Volunteers of the Burbank Animal Shelter, a 501(c)(3) animal service agency, is devoted to providing medical, social, behavioral and financial care for animals at risk and is determined to eliminate animal homelessness in the Burbank community.

The Volunteers of the Burbank Animal Shelter is determined to provide the best possible care for all animals at the Burbank Animal Shelter. Our volunteers are committed to educating the community about the benefits of spay/neuter, proper pet care and pet adoption. The volunteers have also established a successful medical program, senior pet therapy program and kitten foster program. For more information or to learn about giving opportunities, please visit our website at www.thevbas.org.



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