



The Bark

Welcome to the 1st edition of our volunteer newsletter!

In "The Bark" newsletter, we will be introducing you to our new volunteers, celebrating birthdays, providing updates on store policies and changes, providing info on positions and skills that we are looking to fill, and fun content! If you have suggestions, or have anything you'd like to see in our newsletter, please let me know. I hope you enjoy our 1st edition!!

Love Making a Difference?

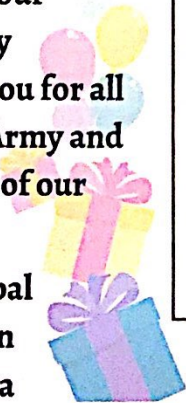
Foster Army is growing and we need your help. Please see the list below and consider if you or someone you know has any of these talents or would like to give it a try!

- Facebook Marketplace Expert
- TikTok and/or Reels content creator
- Corporate Sponsorship Chair
- Sports Card Knowledge
- Technical Writer to Document Training Materials

Happy Birthday!



Join us in wishing our volunteers a Happy Birthday! Thank you for all you do for Foster Army and your care and love of our furry friends!

- 8/8 - Susan Hannibal
- 8/10 - Christine Pan
- 8/13 - Janice Takada



You're Invited!
Mountain Mikes Pizza fundraiser - Wednesday 8/9 from 11am-9:30 pm. They will donate 40% of all proceeds to us, as long as customers mention Foster Army. 6237 Pat's Ranch Road, Jurupa Valley

Check out new Thrift Store updates

- We can only sell items that have a price on them. If you find an item without a price, please send it back to the incoming donation area for processing. This will help us to eliminate customers pulling price tags and selling pieces of a set as individual items. We will also no longer price items at the register. This will help eliminate any repricing and keep customers from becoming confused about consistency. 
- If a customer is surrendering an animal or turning in a stray, please have them go to our website (fosterarmy.org). Here they can find an updated list of resources and other rescues. Our phone message now has these directions as well.
- We now have a standard weekly sales calendar, but will also have special sales for holidays and other special occasions. This will help customers to know what to expect!
- Books are now part of our colored pricing system! This will make it easy to see which books have been on our shelves the longest, and we can pull books along with the other items after 8 weeks. 
- There is now a mobile workstation in the back! No more sitting on the floor or having to find a clear area to work.
- Customer Loyalty Program and Online Volunteer Scheduling coming soon!





Kat Brown

Kat heard about Foster Army years ago when it was at a different location and she saw literature at the original thrift store. Her hobbies are drawing, bunco, travel, music, and animals. She has loved animals since she was a young child and has always had a special connection

with animals. She has rescued dozens of animals on her own, and she is happy to be with like-minded people at Foster Army. She has cared for up to 10 pets at one time and currently has one cat named Sweet Pea.

Susan Ewald



Susan moved to Riverside in 1974. She lives in an historic 115 year old home in downtown Riverside. Susan and her husband Mel are both retired. Her mom introduced her to the original Foster Army thrift store and she has been coming to the thrift store ever since. Up until very recently, she had a dog named Ranger. Unfortunately, he developed a serious heart condition and she had to tell him goodbye. This happened three days before she had her volunteer orientation with FAAR, and volunteering has helped Susan during this difficult time. When she thinks of all of the animals she is helping, it helps replace the tears with smiles.

Christine Pan

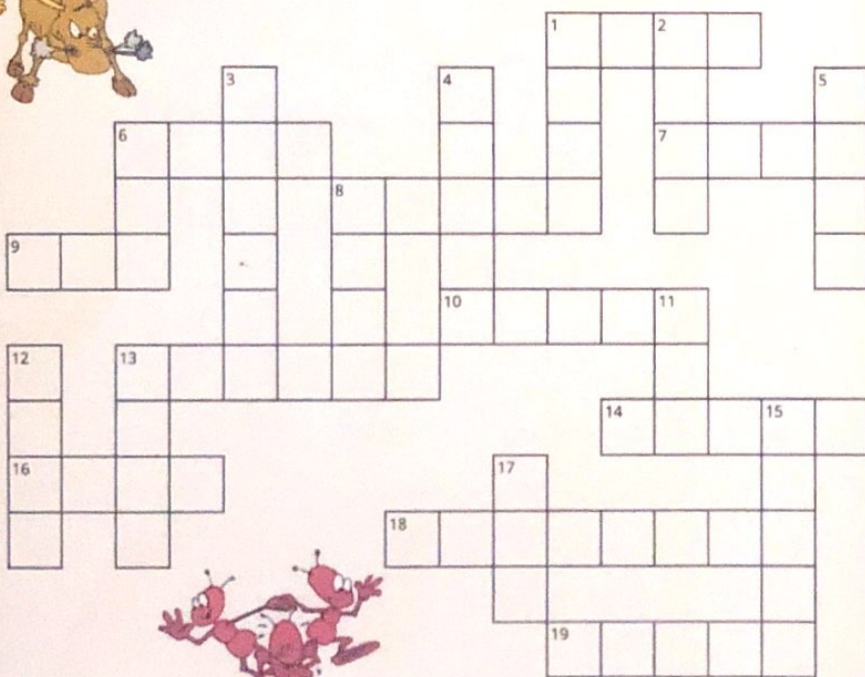


Christine found out about Foster Army through Google. She needed volunteering hours for school so she went online searching for animal shelters & found FAAR! Christine loves arts & crafts and creating digital illustrations and turning them into button pins. She also makes earrings and paper craft models. Currently, she has a shelf full of LEGOs and other models of her favorite characters and spacecraft. She is always looking to expand her collection. Just ask her about rockets, and she will talk for hours! She has a wonderful cat named Gingerpie.

We are a foster-based 501(c)3 animal welfare non-profit organization that was founded on the belief that every treatable animal deserves a chance at life and a loving forever home. We rescue and treat vulnerable, at-risk companion animals from the local shelter, with a special focus on ill, injured, senior, and special needs animals.



Name that Animal!



Down

- 1. male deer
- 2. young sheep
- 3. group of fish
- 4. group of monkeys
- 5. group of antelope
- 6. group of whales
- 8. young deer
- 11 female sheep
- 12 male donkey
- 13 young cow
- 15 female goat
- 17 male sheep

Across

- 1. male cow
- 6. group of wolves
- 7. female horse
- 8. group of sheep
- 9. young goat
- 10 group of lions
- 13 group of ants
- 14 female donkey
- 16 young pony
- 18 male horse
- 19 male goat