

# Press Release



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## **Humane Society Silicon Valley Salutes Volunteers During National Volunteer Week April 15-21**

*More than 750 Volunteers Donated 24,000 Hours in 2006 Valued at \$382,000!*



SANTA CLARA, Calif., April 17, 2007 – Hundreds of volunteers, who tirelessly work to improve the lives of homeless animals, are being honored this week by Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) during National Volunteer Week (April 15-21). The weeklong celebration pays special tribute to volunteers across the country that give of themselves to better their communities and the lives of others. HSSV kicked off National Volunteer Week on Sunday with a luncheon and award ceremony at the shelter honoring ten volunteers for their outstanding work at the shelter.

“National Volunteer Week is the ideal time to pay special tribute to all of our volunteers that dedicate their time, talents and energy to making a difference at our shelter,” said Elena Pernas-Giz, director of volunteer programs for HSSV. During 2006, Pernas-Giz says more than 750 volunteers donated 24,000 hours of time valued at \$382,000.

HSSV volunteers perform countless acts of service at the shelter, taking on any number of jobs such as dog, cat and rabbit socializers, kennel assistants, adoption counselors, special event helpers and community outreach educators.

Pernas-Giz says volunteers are a tremendous benefit to HSSV because the non-profit shelter operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. “Whether they stuff envelopes, answer phones, play with a cat, hug a bunny or take a dog for a walk, we simply could not operate without our volunteers,” said Pernas-Giz.

The ten individuals recognized for their outstanding volunteer work in 2006 are: Mary Campbell, dog socializer and community events volunteer; Elizabeth Laverty and Kevin Williamson, community events and media outreach volunteers; Martina McClay, dog socializer, foster parent and dog trainer; Joy Mc Corvin, cat socializer; Linda Mazzone, cat socializer, hospital assistant and community events volunteer; Alicia Nachman and Kevin Reilly, dog socializers; Judy and Lynn McNeil, development volunteers.

Persons interested in becoming a volunteer at the shelter can find more information at [http://www.hssv.org/JOIN\\_US/volunteer.htm](http://www.hssv.org/JOIN_US/volunteer.htm)

### **About Humane Society Silicon Valley**

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, non-profit agency offering quality adoptions, medical care and education programs to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has served Silicon Valley for 77 years and adopted more than 500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. HSSV is an “open door” shelter and accepts animals 24-hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of any temperament or health related problems. HSSV’s medical center offers affordable spaying/neutering, vaccinations and microchips to the public. More information about HSSV can be found at our website at [www.hssv.org](http://www.hssv.org).

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