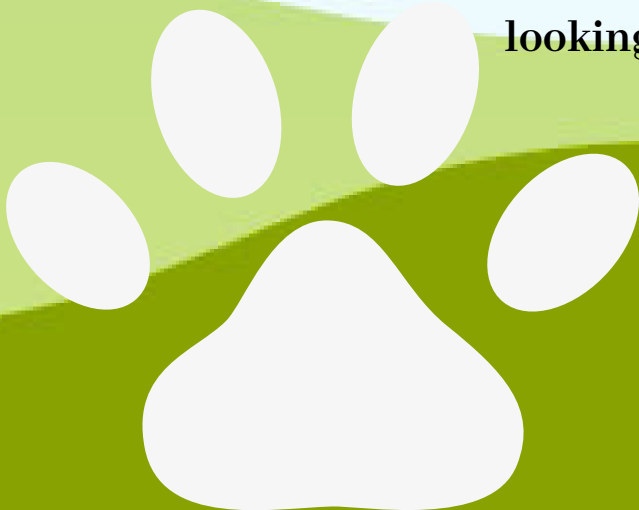


The Bark

Welcome!

Welcome to your monthly newsletter to keep you updated on all things Foster Army. Foster Army is a foster based 501(c)3 animal welfare non-profit that was founded on the belief that every treatable animal deserves a chance at life and a loving forever home. Our vision is that our mostly volunteer organization can collaborate with Riverside Department of Animal Services and significantly contribute to helping Riverside become a no-kill community. In this month's newsletter, we will be introducing you to our new volunteers, celebrating birthdays, providing updates on current policies and providing new policies. Also, providing positions that we are looking to fill soon.



August Birthdays!

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



Opportunities



Love making a difference? Please review these current positions that we need filled. Foster Army is growing and we need your help. Please see the list below and consider if you have any of these talents or would like to give it a try. The best way to learn is by doing, said a great scholar.

Volunteer Needs:

- Facebook Marketplace Expert**
- Thrift Store TikTok and/or Reels content creator**
- Inventory Supply Coordinator**
- PlayStation and Nintendo Wii Owners to test equipment**
 - Sports Card Knowledge**
- Technical Writer to Help Document Training Materials**

Thrift Store Policy Changes

It's good to be aware as a volunteer at Foster Army of our Thrift Store policies. We currently have had some changes and they are listed below:

1. We can only sell items that have a price on them. If you find an item without a price, please send the item back to the incoming donation area for processing. This will help us to eliminate customers pulling price tags and eliminate separating sets.
2. We can no longer price items at the register. If there is no price tag, please send the item back to the incoming donation area for processing. This will help eliminate any repricing and keep customers from becoming confused about prices.
3. If a customer asks for animal resources and other rescues, please let them know to go to the Foster Army website, where they can find an updated list and our phone also will have those directions. This will provide easy access to people who need assistance for turning in stray animals.
4. We are creating a weekly sales calendar. We will also have special sales for holidays, based on abundant items in stock. This will help customers to know what to expect.
5. Customer Loyalty Program coming soon!
6. Online Volunteer Scheduling coming soon!

Introducing Our New Volunteers

Kat Brown

Kat heard about Foster Army decades 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 animal 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 retired in 1974. 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. 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 and found FAAR! Christine loves arts and 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.



You're
Invited!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mountain Mikes Pizza fundraiser - Wednesday 8/9 from 11am-9:30 pm. they will donate 40% of all proceeds to us as long as customer mentions Foster Army. 6237 Pat's Ranch road, Jurupa Valley

