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Services Supervisor Goes Above and Beyond to Help Fontana's Furry Friends



Fontana, Calif.- Over 12,000 calls were made to the City of Fontana Animal Services Team in 2018 alone. If you made one of those calls, there's a good chance Animal Services Supervisor Jamie Simmons responded. From runaway tortoises to the three little piggies who lost their way, Jamie has handled every single type of call imaginable in her 24-year animal welfare career.

In 2009, Jamie began with the City of Fontana as an Animal Services Officer, and has since been promoted to her current role as Animal Services Supervisor. As a Supervisor, she oversees six Animal Services Officers, reports to calls in the field, investigates crimes against animals, writes warrants, testifies in court, and plans and manages all of the City's low-cost vaccine, spay and neuter clinics.

Jamie brings heart and passion to the job every day when responding to animal concerns. "Getting to hold puppies and kittens anytime I want is a huge benefit to the job," exclaims Jamie. It is her mission to help abused and neglected animals find a forever home.

There is no typical day for Jamie, who describes her schedule as "unpredictable. The day could involve a kitten stuck in an engine of a car or a lost dog on a busy street. Every once in a while, we may get a call for something unusual such as a baby deer on a street in downtown Fontana or a giant python crossing a street."

In addition, Jamie is an active member of several Animal Crimes Prevention Task Force in the San Bernardino County area. She attends career days and provides humane education to Fontana schools. She works with local non-profit rescue organizations in an effort to find homes for the numerous abandoned and/or neglected pets in the community. As an expert in her field, Jamie is often called upon by the District Attorney's Office as a resource in animal abuse cases.

When it comes to advice, Jamie holds wise words from her Godmother close to her heart: "Be great at whatever you choose to do in life and always be kind and humble." It is Jamie's humble demeanor that has earned her the respect and admiration of everyone who knows her.

Outside of work, Jamie enjoys spending time with her family. Her days off are reserved for her grandson and taking him on adventures, usually to the beach, mountains and camping.

Jamie has been selected as the City of Fontana Employee Spotlight for the month of February based on nominations from her peers who describe her as someone who is passionate about animals and always willing to go out of her way to help someone.

For more information about the Fontana Animal Services Team visit www.fontana.org.