



Jaclyn Sinclair, Volunteer & Community Outreach Director

Jaclyn Sinclair joined Animal Humane's team in March, 2008. She grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, received a BA degree in Philosophy from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, and a JD degree from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. After practicing law in Seattle for 25 years, she and her husband, Orville, retired to Albuquerque, along with their two pet Schipperkes, Jubal and Diamond (both rescues).

Soon after arriving they discovered that no one was providing breed rescue services

for Schipperkes in New Mexico, so they began "Chile Dog Schipperke Rescue". It was through "Chile Dog" that Jaclyn met Peggy Weigle, Executive Director of Animal Humane, and ultimately became a manager. Currently, Jaclyn and Orville are pet parents to three Schipperkes who were rescues: Diamond (now 15 years old!), Lita and Magic.

Having previously volunteered at the City of Albuquerque's Westside shelter, Jaclyn knows firsthand the enormous positive impact that volunteers can have on the health and well-being of shelter pets, how much volunteers contribute to adoption efforts, and that every volunteer hour logged in every department supports an important function at the shelter.

She feels that volunteers need to be trained, scheduled to work specific shifts, and regularly thanked for their significant contributions to the mission of the agency. "People who work tirelessly to benefit our pets and staff without expectation of material compensation or reward have my nomination for sainthood", Jaclyn says.

Since she took over management of the volunteer department at Animal Humane, the volunteer team has grown from approximately 150 active volunteers to almost 400.

