

Monday, March 5 – Behavior & Training
2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Helping Enhance Animals' Lives: Behavior and Training Workshops for Shelter Volunteers

spcaLA's Helping Enhance Animals' Lives (HEAL) workshop educates volunteers about the shelter environment, reviews types of stressors that animals encounter, and covers how to interact with and train shelter animals safely in order to prevent quality of life deterioration for animals and increase the likelihood of their being adopted. The workshop includes supporting classes that focus on obedience and manners, training tools, clicker training, enrichment and animals in isolation.

Shauna Romero, CPDT-KA

Ms. Romero is an Animal Behavior and Training Specialist for spcaLA. Her duties include creating, writing, and teaching new programs for volunteers to help improve shelter animals' lives through enrichment and humane education. Over the last ten years she has worked with and trained a variety of animals. She graduated from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo with a degree in Animal Science. Ms. Romero is certified (CPDT-KA) by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers.

Kathleen Westrom

In the past 10 years, Ms. Westrom has worked with both domestic and exotic animals in a variety of animal care positions. As an Animal Behavior and Training Specialist, she creates and implements behavior modification programs for shelter animals at spcaLA. Ms. Westrom continues to generate and develop new programs with the Behavior and Training Department, educating volunteers on how to alleviate stress and prevent deterioration of shelter animals' quality of life through enrichment and training.