

BAILEY FOUND HER PASSION WORKING WITH ANIMALS

Bailey is a student at the Calaveras County Office of Education Transition Program. She has been an eager and active participant in the various pre-employment activities offered through the WorkAbility I Program. This commitment has helped her develop strong work skills, self-confidence, and self-awareness that she can utilize in any employment setting.

Bailey expressed an interest in working with animals and has been employed through WorkAbility I, as a Kennel Assistant for the Calaveras County Animal Services for two years. Bailey's loyalty to her job and the on-site support and training provided by animal shelter staff has helped her develop many work and life skills. Her job duties include cleaning cat cages and kennels, refilling food liter bins, socializing cats and puppies, and walking dogs. Henning Schreiber, Calaveras County Animal Services Manager, shared his thoughts about Bailey. "Bailey is quite an asset to our dog team. She is listening carefully and is completing the tasks given to her very diligently and to everyone's satisfaction. She is very reliable in her attendance and communicates well when she cannot be available. We are pleased to have her on our team."

Recently, Bailey was given the opportunity to participate in a Dog Handling Certification class, which she successfully completed in January. This certification will allow Bailey to add new and more challenging job duties during her WorkAbility I placement at the animal shelter, experience she will be able to take with her to any future employment opportunities.

Thank you Calaveras County Animal Services for being a loyal participant in the WorkAbility I Program and providing a site for our students to learn and grow!



Bailey socializing a new puppy!

Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Victor putting out new merchandise at Burlington

Victor, a senior at Redlands High School has a bright future ahead of him. The goal is simple; he will be graduating from high school this year and would like to continue his education. He would like to become a teacher. This is such an exciting time for Victor.

Through the WorkAbility I Program and the great staff at Burlington he has been given the opportunity to gain some valuable work experience. The staff at Burlington took the time to train him in many different areas of the store. He stated his experience has built his confidence and helped him with his employability skills. He has really enjoyed working and feels so capable. He now feels confident in pursuing a job on his own and is grateful for this opportunity!

The Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP WorkAbility I Program would like to thank Burlington for their continued partnership with our program!

Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Michael Samaniego, a senior at Sem Yeto Satellite High School, hit just the right note working for Gordon's Music and Sound in Fairfield.

Michael's main interest is in the delivery and set-up of the sound equipment rentals. Other tasks he performs are general cleaning, polishing pianos, and keeping the instruments clean. Michael enjoys working around music and listening to the talented customers trying out the instruments.

Michael says, "I am learning what it takes to be a great employee. It takes the willingness to do whatever tasks I am given and completing them to the best of my ability. I need to show eagerness to learn and letting my goals be known. I have learned to strive for success by setting goals and staying focused. This is the way to achieve greatness. Thank you Cliff Gordon and staff for this opportunity."



Owner, Cliff Gordon and Michael