



Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman has a lot on her plate. As the animal control officer, she takes care of all the animals at the shelter, feeding dogs (left), making sure the bird cage is clean (above), and caring for the cats (below) and other animals that end up at the shelter.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## animals is just part of the job

ter care of their animals.

“You’d think euthanasia would be the hardest thing, but sometimes it’s easier and kinder to put them to sleep than to send them out to some of the people out there,” she said.

She said she likes her job and wishes she could devote more time to it.

“It’s the kind of job that just wraps itself around you,” she said. “You could do it all day. But you have to learn when to say no more for today.”

In addition to be-



ing the Animal Control Officer, Mrs. Hickman is a mom of three children, works at *The Norton Telegram* as the circulation manager and was working at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch before they closed. She has also worked in home health, been a paraprofessional for the school, and worked for social services in Colorado.

She and her husband Brian have been married for 22 years and have three children, Jacob, 20; Rachael, 16; and Mitchell, 7.

In a world of constant changes, with ethnicities blending together, I feel the goal should be to expand our definition of what we consider “acceptable,” “normal” and “beautiful”. The future will belong to those with open minds and open hearts, who can appreciate beauty in all its forms.

— *Keryn Auico*



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