



# Las Vegas Valley Animal Talk Humane Society

*The LVVHS is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the plight of homeless, abandoned and abused animals in Clark County through rescue, rehabilitation, and reduction in animal overpopulation by spaying and neutering.*

## ADOPTION CENTERS

### DOGS:

**Saturdays@Bogart's  
Bone Appetit:**  
10540 Southern  
Highlands Pkwy.

\***Alternate Saturdays  
@PetSmart:**  
531 N. Stephanie St.

### CATS:

**Saturdays &  
Sundays@Petco:**  
10000 W. Sahara Ave.  
11a.m.-4p.m.

**Saturdays &  
Sundays@PetSmart:**  
6650 North Durango  
Durango Exit at N 215  
11a.m.-4p.m.

\*Call the hotline to verify  
locations and view  
adoptable pets at:  
[Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) or

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.lvvhumane.org](http://www.lvvhumane.org)

## CONTACT US

hotline: (702) 434-2009

fax: (702) 434-2001

## BACK ON THE STREETS!

In the spring newsletter, a substantial decrease in the number of cats coming into The Animal Foundation (TAF) was noted for 2016. Anecdotally, the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society is receiving more calls and emails as related to cats, which would seem to be, if not a direct result of, at least related to this decrease.

Many more reports are logged for individual, friendly cats that "just show up"; no neighbor claims them, and usually they are not spayed or neutered. The callers want us to take the cat into adoptions, not understanding that foster homes are limited and most are full because of the kittens that have been rescued. In other instances, people say that a cat showed up in their backyard; they simply do not want the cat there and want it removed. Finally, more calls of injured, stray, friendly cats are coming into our hotline. These animals need immediate medical assistance and may not survive.

Based on the above, LVVHS has some suggestions towards informing and improving the current situation. The first suggestion is directed toward local elected county commissioners and council members. Since you approved these ordinances that allow owned cats to be returned back to where they came from, even if their owners are no longer there, it is important that you own this program, highlight this program, and advertise and educate about this program. People need to be aware that this is happening and of the secondary effects that it is having on the community.



For The Animal Foundation, the suggestion is to spend less time focusing on the concept of "no-kill" and more time determining what is best for owners and their animals, including re-examining the policy requiring people to have an appointment time before they can surrender an animal. TAF is an open admissions shelter that receives taxpayer dollars to take in animals. It is trying to reduce its numbers by urging people to contact local rescues funded by donations without the resources to take all of these animals, and these local rescues are feeling the strain of trying to fill in for TAF. This often results in frustration to people trying to do the right thing by taking their animal somewhere it will be safe when they can no longer care for it. Too often, it results in animals being left on the street.

The LVVHS can only do so much. It can only take in those animals that it can house without a shelter facility. It can provide medical assistance to stray animals and hopefully return them to a caretaker. Mostly it can spay and neuter feral cats, assist owners with altering their animals, and try to get needed changes made at the local and state level. LVVHS can't save every animal, but it can make the effort to use community resources and the assistance of other organizations to refer the animal to someone who can. That's our commitment.

## IN MEMORY OF KAREN CARTER ~ LVVHS VOLUNTEER

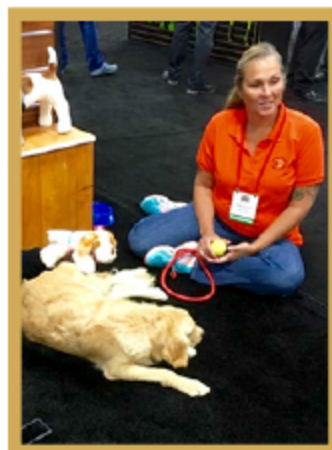
Everyone who ever met Karen Carter knew two things:



She adored her family, and

Foster animals were a part of that family.

What began as an emergency call from Dr. Henderson at Sunrise Veterinary Clinic to try to save abandoned kittens with their eyes still closed expanded into a life of loving and caring for animals in need in her home.



Over the years she fostered dozens and dozens of injured or abandoned animals for the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society. Karen would never give up on an animal, and she took great joy in seeing the worst cases find great homes. Fosters came to Karen abandoned, injured, and damaged - and with weeks and sometimes months of love and care she transformed them into amazing and desirable pets ready to find their forever families. Karen saw deeper than the broken bodies and spirits - she saw the amazing companions who only needed love and care to come forth.

### DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF KAREN CARTER:

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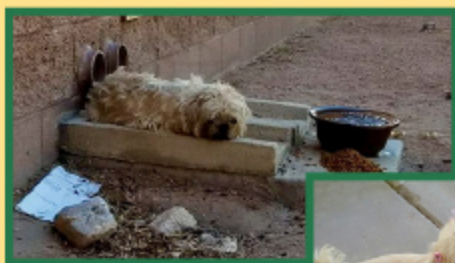
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## Rescue Roundup: A Few of the Many!

Mom and kittens saved! Las Vegas Valley Humane Society got the call -- three kittens in a vehicle engine compartment. Sheila squeezed under the car and saved them. The kittens were placed in a carrier and used as bait to lure their feral mom into a trap. Mom and her kittens were placed in a foster home until the kittens were old enough to eat on their own and were eventually spayed/neutered, vaccinated, feline-leukemia tested, and micro-chipped. The kittens have all been adopted into new homes, and their feral mom was spayed and vaccinated and returned to the original location where she was trapped. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers Mike and Sheila for rescuing the mom and kittens.



Another great rescue by LVVHS volunteers Mike and Sheila. A call came into our hotline about a dog that had been hanging around Grant Sawyer Middle School for a couple of weeks. People had tried to catch her during that time, but Mariah was terrified and wouldn't go near anyone. Mike and Sheila approached her carefully. Sheila was able to get close enough to try and grab her by the collar, but Mariah tried to bite so Mike got out the catch pole and was able to safely secure her with the pole and get her into a carrier. Off to the Veterinarian they went to get Mariah checked out and while she was very stressed, she calmed down and realized we were trying to help her. No owner ever came forward. Mariah was recently adopted to a wonderful family and is doing great in her new forever home.



**TO ADOPT  
CALL 702-434-2009**



Las Vegas Valley Humane Society received a call from the Washoe Animal Shelter in Reno, Nevada that two of our cats were turned into their shelter. After several phone calls trying to locate the owner, we found out she passed away. We were contacted by her grandson who asked for our help to get both cats out of the shelter and back to Las Vegas, where he would be happy to provide a home for them. Since LVVHS always takes their cats back, we were willing to help out. This meant a road trip for our volunteers Sierra and Rodney. They drove to Reno and back in one day to rescue the cats from the shelter. LVVHS has such great volunteers! Thank you Sierra and Rodney for helping out and getting the cats safely back to Las Vegas.



## IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF . . .

Lesley Johnson from Cami Christensen

Lauren Jaques from Amy Hunter

Lesley Johnson from Southern Nevada Dietetic Association

Deborah Ann Reagan from her friends at the Heritage Bark Park

Lesley Johnson from the Izzolo Family

Nancy Caudill from Karen Augspurger

Nancy Caudill from Caryn Dibble

Betty Palbykin from Reta Davidson

Joseph "JJ" Robinson from Colville Holdings of Anchorage, Alaska

Dolly the beagle from Destiny Martinez

Sarah Mauldin from Jessica Scobell

Daisy May from Caryn Dibble

In honor of friends' birthdays from Nancy Caudill

(Caryn Dibble, Karen Augspurger, Julie Newberry, Susan Chambers, Mary Appel, Kent Gooch, John Lazenby, Sallie & Bruce Shapiro)





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## *Valentine's Luncheon Thank You!*



The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society would like to acknowledge the fundraising committee volunteers for their spectacular job in planning and hosting the Heart to Heart Valentine's Luncheon. LVVHS donors had a great time enjoying the fabulous food and drinks, silent auction, raffle prizes, and entertainment at the beautiful Canyon Gate Country Club. Thank you to all who volunteered and supported the fundraiser so that LVVHS can continue to help the sick, injured, and homeless animals of Southern Nevada.

From left to right: Julie Ray, Tarra Rainey, Samantha Johnson, Debbie Grigas, Jean Panaccione, Nicky Daamen, Robyne Ousman, Kirsten Vanhooser, and Janet Chati

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