



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.
10a.m.-1p.m.

***Alternate Saturdays
@PetSMART:**
531 N. Stephanie St.
10a.m.-1p.m.

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 or**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.lvvhumane.org**

**CONTACT US
hotline: (702) 434-2009
fax: (702) 434-2001**

City of Henderson Will Continue to Euthanize Feral Cats

In a letter dated January 24, 2018 to a constituent regarding feral cats, Mayor Debra March stated, "[the] City of Henderson prohibits the maintenance of feral cat populations." In addition, the Mayor went on to state Henderson shelter procedures for cats brought into the shelter: "If the cat is determined to be inappropriate for adoption, it is humanely euthanized."

The mayor cites a number of reasons for this decision, many of which could be applied not only to feral cats, but also to dogs and other pets. As an example, "Feral cats are often killed by coyotes and can be killed by other native wildlife", "may be injured or killed by family pets when entering a pet owner's property", and "are killed by vehicles on roads in our city". Much of the reasoning appears to come from 2017 hearings on SB411 before the NV Senate Government Affairs and the Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committees. SB411 deleted a state statute regarding abandonment for feral cats. All other entities in Southern Nevada--unincorporated Clark County, North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, and Boulder City--have all endorsed the trap, neuter, and return of feral cats (TNR). Kudos to Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani and Las Vegas Councilman Bob Coffin, who worked to get TNR ordinances passed not only in their respective jurisdictions, but also in other jurisdictions.

When speaking to the LVVHS, a Henderson Animal Control officer indicated that it was not necessary to have a TNR program, since their shelter was already no kill at only 6% euthanized. Statistics for Henderson are significantly smaller than those of Las Vegas or unincorporated Clark County, with only about 3,000 to 4,000 animals (all types of animals) impounded in any one year. That 6 percent euthanasia rate for Henderson has been dramatically impacted by the number of feral cats trapped, neutered and released by rescue organizations that operate in that municipality. *Since 2009, 1468 feral cats from Henderson have been spayed/neutered by various groups at the Heaven Can Wait Spay/Neuter Clinic.* Without the TNR efforts of these rescues, Henderson Animal Control would have more cats processed through their shelter to trap and euthanize--as is their current policy--thereby increasing the number of animals recorded as being euthanized under their jurisdiction.

Senator Julie Ratti of Northern Nevada said it best in responding to testimony on SB411 regarding the abandonment issue of returning feral cats (Senate Hearing, April 12, 2017) and looking at the community hearings that occurred on Trap/Neuter/Return in her community:

If we are talking about wildlife's concerns alone, it would be better to trap and euthanize. However, if you have a community that says we are no longer going to trap and euthanize, then the next best option is TNR. After much consideration, if we are going to stay in touch with community sensibility on the issue and try to reduce the feral cat population, TNR is the compromise solution.

Every other jurisdiction in Southern Nevada has had a public hearing on the TNR-feral cat issue, with every locality coming down on the side of TNR where healthy cats are returned to their caretaker instead of euthanized as the new public policy. LVVHS believes it is time that Henderson had that public hearing.

HENRY NEEDS A HOME!



Henry was returned to LVVHS after his owner passed away suddenly. He is a three year old sweet boy who gets along with other cats and cat-friendly dogs. Henry loves wet food, neck and belly rubs, snuggling, and sleeping with you. He was born with juvenile cataracts which cause his vision to be slightly impaired. He gets around just fine, but it's best to talk to him first so he knows you are there. Henry is neutered, current on vaccinations, feline leukemia tested negative and micro-chipped. He is available for adoption. Please call 702-434-2009 or email us at lvvhs@cox.net for more information on how to adopt Henry.

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF . . .

Caryn Dibble from Karen Augspurger
Ninja from Christine Elsesser
Col. Michael John Lavine U.S. Army, Retired from Vanessa Gazipura
A friend's birthday from Florine Permut
Miriam Burstein from Fifth Avenue Ice Cream of Nevada
Don Carano from Denise Pernula and Scientific Games
Eric W. Debord from T. Lynn Williamson
Nancy Caudill from Caryn Dibble
All my little guys and girls from Phyllis Parker
Shannon and Barry Vinik from Lisa Torres
Paul Wommer from Deborah Wommer-Lewis
Robert Rupp Jr. from Rick Rupp
Bill Robinson from Elaine Robinson
Beth and David Cook from Scott Werner
Maggie Brown-Shoosmith from Bill and Pam Coburn
Duffy from Dorothy Toole
Boomer from Diego Love-Ramirez
Melanie Pike Welch, who is fostering Dewey, from Natalie Camp
Renee Gunter from Thomas Edwards
Bill Bigham from Stanley Fitzpatrick
Pat Edenfield from Meredith Costello, Mike and Karen Flaskey, Eric Assam and Sue McKnight
Michael P. Richter from Michael Billheimer and Mary Ann Williams
Irene Navis' retirement from Clark County from Diane Orgill
Takashi Sakurai from Mike and Mannelta Braunstein
Maxine Bassani from Brian and Peggy Anderson
Bob Zeno from Georgiann Phipps
Ken Burns from John Bunte

TO ADOPT CALL 702-434-2009

27 DOGS RESCUED FROM HOARDING SITUATION!

While LVVHS volunteers were out trapping feral cats, they came across a home where a couple was trying to help dogs by taking them from the streets and into their home. The situation quickly got out of control, and before they knew it, they were overwhelmed with a houseful of animals that they could not afford to spay, neuter, vaccinate or provide proper food and medical care for. LVVHS has since spayed, neutered, and vaccinated all 27 dogs. So far, we have taken 11 dogs into our adoption program and have found homes for 9 of them. LVVHS will continue to take dogs from this situation as space becomes available in foster homes until we have placed all of the adoptable dogs with a family of their own.



NORA



JACK



CHARLENE



NERO



NINA



NALA



NEWTON

RESCUE ROUNDUP: A FEW OF THE MANY!

ABANDONED: THESE TWO WERE THE LUCKY ONES! - It's unfortunate that someone found themselves in a situation where they felt they had no choice but to leave their cats by an apartment dumpster. LVVHS saved these two cats, but how many more are being left to fend for themselves? Please don't leave your pets in a situation like this. So many horrible things can happen to them. These two were left in a carrier outside and were very fortunate that the person who found them was kind enough to take them in until she could find help. Please, if you no longer can care for your pets, take them to the Animal Foundation if you live in N. Las Vegas or in the City or County of Las Vegas. If you live in Henderson, please take them to the Henderson Animal Shelter. Cats are not able to survive on their own if they are used to being inside a home and fed everyday by their owner. These two lucky cats have since been adopted together and are doing well in their new home.



LVVHS VOLUNTEERS RESCUE AND REUNITE CAT WITH FAMILY!

- Fat Cat and his owners were traveling across the country to their new home in California when they stopped at a hotel in Las Vegas for the night. Fat Cat got scared and escaped from the husband's arms when they took him out of the car. He ran off and crawled into an outdoor vent on the outside of the hotel. His owners frantically tried to get him out, but were unable to so they contacted LVVHS for help. As difficult as it was to leave him behind, they had no choice as the husband had to report to his new base the next day. The cat would not come out on his own, so LVVHS asked La Quinta Inn & Suites for permission to cut a hole in the wall. Our volunteers were able to get Fat Cat out and notified his owners. They made the trip back to Las Vegas to be reunited with their cat. We love happy endings!



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OH NO, KITTEN SEASON HAS BEGUN!

Once again, it's that time of year when LVVHS' hotline rings off the hook with calls regarding newborn kittens. Unfortunately, we don't have enough foster homes to accommodate all the kittens that need our help this time of year. Please, now is the time to open your heart and your home and become a foster parent. With newborn kittens come the added expense of supplying fosters with much needed supplies, so if you cannot foster, please help by donating to LVVHS so that we can continue to save the newborn kittens and their moms.



The LVVHS is a volunteer based organization under the direction of a paid Executive Director. No board member receives any remuneration. As an IRS 501c3 designated organization, your contribution is tax deductible and is used to directly help the animals.