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Las Vegas Valley **Animal Talk** Humane Society

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

This year has brought a number of scandals involving animal rescue organizations, including possible embezzlement of funds, neglect and abuse of dogs in the care of the rescue, and questionable decisions made regarding the lives of animals. Unfortunately, bad rescues often taint the reputation of good organizations or people are unable to differentiate between the good and the bad by name. The board of directors of the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society wants to assure its supporters and the public that it follows the best practices of these organizations, not only in terms of the quality of care of animals in its care, but also in the way it conducts its business. The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society has been in existence since 1991. It seeks transparency in the manner in which it conducts business and the way it spends its money. Not only is the IRS 990 document which details that spending on its website, the LVVHS also uses one of the two best known accounting firms for non-profit agencies in the Valley to perform both the preparation of the IRS 990 and an audit, which has been performed yearly since 2005. Board members receive a detailed accounting of both income and expenditures each meeting. The board meets at least quarterly, Robert's Rules of Order are followed, and minutes are kept for every meeting. Board members are actively involved in LVVHS not only in fundraising, but in rescue, trapping, fostering and assisting at our adoption centers. The mission of taking care of homeless and stray animals is done through rescue, rehabilitation, re-homing or adoption, and reduction of the stray and owned populations through spay and neuter. LVVHS also continues to advocate for animal welfare in this community. More importantly, the Board of Directors is committed to doing the right thing for this community and its animals, recognizing without the continued support of its donors that the organization cannot continue its progress. We sincerely encourage you, if you have questions or concerns about who we are or how we spend money donated to us, to call us at 702-434-2009, email LVVHS@cox.net, or contact us on Facebook.

~ Approved by the Board of Directors on 9/22/19

MEET AMY JOSHUA LVVHS' NEW DOG COORDINATOR!

I moved to Las Vegas in 2000 and got my first puppy, Lani. During the training process, I realized I didn't just love dogs, it was a passion. My dog trainer asked me if I'd ever thought of being a trainer myself. And, after years of working towards and being a corporate trainer, I found this thought intriguing. This would meld my love of training and my passion perfectly. In 2002 I became a certified trainer and have been training dogs ever since as a hobby.

By 2015 I had left the corporate world and "practiced being retired" for about a year. I was ready to be a part of something that would allow me to give back in a meaningful way. When I heard from a friend that the LVVHS needed a transport person, it sounded like just what I was looking for.

Close to three years later, I love what I do every day. I have learned a great deal and have met wonderful, like-minded people. I have been offered many new experiences that have enriched my life. To me, there is nothing more rewarding than the opportunity to rescue, rehabilitate and then find our rescues new forever homes. It is an honor to be a part of this amazing team as the new dog coordinator and I look forward to continuing my journey with the LVVHS.



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.

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@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

Sponsor a Senior Animal!



Baby Boy was adopted from LVVHS when he was a kitten in 2009. He was recently returned to our care after his owner could no longer care for him. When we get animals back, the first thing we do is get them examined by a veterinarian. In Baby Boy's case; he had been suffering from diarrhea, appeared thin, and his coat did not look healthy so the doctor ordered tests to see what might be causing his issues. His lab results came back showing he has hyperthyroidism. Thankfully, with a special diet and medication, Baby Boy will live a healthy, normal life. If you would like to sponsor Baby Boy or any of the other special needs animals currently in our care, please call our hotline, 702-434-2009, or send an email inquiry to lvvhs@cox.net.

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF . . .

Stella from Ginger Baxter

Debbie Bargiel from Ken & Sandy Mai

Twinkie Hein from Jim King

Archer, Kevin & Lauren from Jeffery Lee

Glenn & Trish Zacher from William & Mary Alroth

Nancy Caudill & Princess from Caryn Dibble

LaNila Marchant from Ronald & Nancy Ward

Nancy Caudill from Karen Augspurger

Lorie Swinseid from Norman & Nancy Craft

Nancy Caudill from Julie Newberry

Michael Boka from Dana Lakeman, Gene Grimm & Mikka Moon

Stephania Griscavage from Gail Osgood

Michelle Russo & Marcus from Dorothy Gold

Shiloh Roen from Pamela Katz

Robert Trask from Sharon Pritchard & S&T Attic Finds

Christopher P. Anderson from Patricia Kalberer & Louise Celidonio

Joseph Edwards from Kathleen Reardon

Debra Costa Rica from Rebecca Kowalski

Lisa & Jim Reynolds from Sari & Ari Katz

Caryn Dibble from Karen Augspurger

Gail Baker from Marjorie Constant

Mary Balinski from Carrie Balinski & family

Mary Appel, Karen Augspurger, Susan Chambers, Caryn Dibble, John & Kent Lazenby,

Julie Newberry, Sallie & Bruce Shapiro from Nancy Caudill

P Cat Caudill, Princess Caudill, Lou Toomin, Bill Klaus, Dayle Fitzpatrick from Nancy Caudill

Disclaimer: The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society is not associated with and receives no funding from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). It does espouse the values of that organization. It does not solicit donations using cards, return address labels or any other product sent to the respondent in the hopes of soliciting donations. The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society is not associated with local Animal Control Agencies or shelters. Its animals stay in foster homes and are rescued from Southern Nevada.

Rescue Roundup: A Few of the Many!



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

OUR FOSTER MOMS PULLING DOUBLE DUTY AT ADOPTIONS! - A family was out for a walk near our adoption event and heard kittens crying in the bushes. They found four little ones and brought them into us at PetSmart where we were doing adoptions. We had the family show us where they had found them. The mom cat ran into the storm drain and watched from afar. Our dedicated foster moms ignored the excessive heat warning and decided to search the bushes to make sure there were no kittens left behind. Well, their search paid off; they found two more kittens. One of our volunteers went back that night and was able to trap mom and had her spayed, vaccinated and ear-tipped. Since she was a feral cat, she was returned back to the same location. There is a regular feeder at the site who will continue to care for her. While the feeder was there two days later, she found one more kitten, who thought she would outsmart us and stay hidden. She was rescued and placed in a foster home along with her littermates. Thank you to everyone who helped save the kittens and prevented mom from having more litters.

GOOD SAMARITAN HELPS INJURED DOG! - This poor girl was found standing in the middle of the road on a deserted highway in the desert outside of Las Vegas. Two cars had to swerve to miss her. Thankfully, both stopped to offer help. She happily let them load her in the car for the ride to Las Vegas. She was surrendered to LVVHS so she could receive the medical care she so desperately needed. She was emaciated and appeared to have been tied up with a rope or chain at some point in her life, which had over time become embedded in her neck. She required surgery to close her wounds, antibiotics, and lots of TLC while she recovered. She was also spayed, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. No owner ever came forward to claim her, so she was placed into our adoption program where she has since found a wonderful forever home.

