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**SEE YOU ON TOP OF THE WORLD: FUR BALL OCTOBER 8TH!**

**Legislation Update: Henderson joins NLV, LV and unincorporated Clark County and Mesquite in passing S/N ordinance**

This year continues to be a busy one for the LVVHS as it works on local ordinances and readies legislation for the upcoming 2011 State Legislative session. On June 15th, months of intensive meetings with the Animal Advisory Committee came to an end when the Clark County Commission passed a revised Title 10, which has to do with the way that animals are maintained in unincorporated Clark County. This follow up to the spay-neuter ordinance passed in January 2010 in Clark County requires a breeder's permit if people do not want to spay/neuter their animals. Only animals shown in certified national organizations' judging are qualified, and the permit must be updated every year.

In August, Henderson joined all of the other Clark County jurisdictions outside of Boulder City in passing regulated spay/neuter ordinances. LVVHS tested its new e-mail alert system, which was sent to Henderson supporters advising them of the meeting. The Council passed the ordinance 4 to 1.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO JIFFY LUBE!** Jiffy Lube sponsored a month-long event for the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society, during which a portion of each oil change went towards the LVVHS. The Humane Society attended a grand reopening of a Henderson store; their \$6,000 donation came at a very opportune time.

**A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS:** The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In compliance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations, we have always completed and filed the necessary forms, and last year LVVHS posted an electronic copy of Form 990 on its website. Our organization is not facing any efforts by the IRS to remove its nonprofit 501(c)(3) designation, and each donation you make to LVVHS is tax exempt.

Recently several of our supporters have expressed concern over solicitations from another organization. We wish to assure all of our friends and supporters that LVVHS neither sells, leases, or provides its member information to anyone outside of LVVHS. To further protect the interest of its supporters, LVVHS is implementing new confidentiality agreements which must be executed by all personnel who have access to our proprietary information, including LVVHS' member list and contributor database. Any unauthorized disclosure of this information will be subject to criminal prosecution and civil action.

**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.



Summer 2010  
**Las Vegas Valley Animal Talk**  
**Humane Society**

**FUR BALL RETURNS ON OCTOBER 8:  
CC Commissioner Giunchigliani to be honored...**

The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society will launch its Sixth Annual Fur Ball on Friday, October 8 honoring Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani. The event will be held on the 16th floor of the World Market Center, Bldg. B, 495 S. Grand Central Parkway, off of West Charleston and I-15. The event will start at 6 p.m. with a reception, dinner around 7:15, and dancing starting at 8:30 p.m. The room offers a fantastic view of the valley.

There was no discussion about whom we should honor, since Commissioner Giunchigliani has provided both leadership and a willingness to think outside the box when it comes to animal overpopulation problems in the valley. She is being recognized for a number of legislative actions that she has guided the Clark County Commission in taking.

The Commissioner will be awarded the first Judith and Ken Ruiz Animal Advocate Award. The award, recognizing a person who has contributed substantially to the welfare of animals in the community, was named after the founders of this organization for their dedication and lengthy efforts to improving animal welfare in Southern Nevada. **Fur Ball tickets are \$125 per ticket. Call 257-9668 or email [lvvhsfurball@cox.net](mailto:lvvhsfurball@cox.net) to reserve your seat today!**



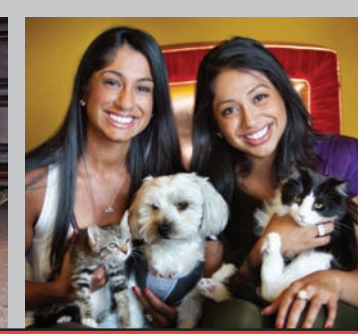
Quilt raffle winner will be announced at the Fur Ball!

**"SPONSOR AN ANIMAL" Expands ON THE WEBSITE**

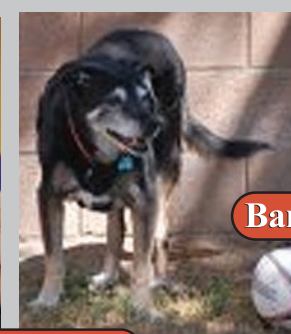
The LVVHS started an animal sponsorship program on its web site; check out our generous sponsors, who are paying to support the two selected animals for a year. The cost is \$22/month per animal. Seema and Nisha Sadekar sponsored a fundraiser for the LVVHS at the Dragonridge Golf Course and raised money for Barney and Tommy. Tommy is the b/w cat in the photo who had a polyp removed from his neck. Barney was rescued in 2007 and remains in a foster home because of his advanced age. If you are interested in sponsoring an animal for any amount of time, please contact [lvvhs@cox.net](mailto:lvvhs@cox.net).



Tommy



Seema and Nisha offer their support.



Barney

*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**

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7731 Tropical Pkwy off Rt 95  
10a.m.-3p.m.

**Sundays@Petco:**  
2340 East Serene off  
Eastern Exit at 215  
11a.m.-3p.m.

**CATS:**

**Saturdays & Sundays@Petco:**  
2091 N. Rainbow at  
W. Lake Mead  
11a.m.-4p.m.  
7731 Tropical Pkwy off Rt 95  
10a.m.-3p.m.

**Saturdays@Petco:**  
2340 East Serene off  
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11a.m.-3p.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) 257-9662

**Volunteers needed for office clean-up and dog rescues/transport, call 354-8911.**

## Letter from the President

The LVVHS turned in its form 990 for CY2009 recently. It showed that adoptions were slightly up in 2009—670 versus 632 in CY2008. That's good news. Hopefully, adoptions have reached their bottom and are starting upward again. Most of that is on the dog side. This summer also has seen a dramatic increase in rescues with the LVVHS often handling two and three rescues a day. Resources and volunteers are being stretched as local governments reduce their animal control staffing. The stretch of 110 temperatures also played a role: the first 110 day saw three dog rescues—all heat related. Two were successful, the last was not—mainly because of the person's inability to recognize the dog was suffering from heat stroke and a 24 hr delay in contacting us. More cats suffering from the heat are also being seen this summer—many may be former house cats left to fend for themselves. As housing foreclosures continue, the LVVHS continues to see returns from shelters and animals left behind. In one five day stretch, seven cats were returned—two from the Henderson Shelter and five from Lied Animal Shelter. In one of those instances—seen here in one of the rescue stories—it was the LVVHS original red tag from the cats adopted in 2002 that got the cats back to us.

We can't continue this work without your support. Now, more than ever, we need you to provide financial support. A local newspaper columnist commented recently that I don't receive a salary. Neither do any of our volunteers—the money you send is spent on the animals and it's all local! Check out our 990. Please come to the Fur Ball. I'll see you there.

-Karen Layne 

## In Honor Of

**Joyce Brownie Nies** by Linda Becker

**Jane & Dan Englebrecht** by Linda Becker

**Mark & Diane Buchietta** by Linda Becker

**Cathy & Pat Rooney** by Linda Becker

**Mike Hougén & Keyna** by Linda Becker

**Karen Newmiller** by Bruce & Sallie Shapiro

**Steve & Jackie Moranville** by David & Johanna Hicks

**Jessica Horton** by Mary Walworth

**Nancy Caudill** by Caryn Dibble

**Susan Chambers** by Caryn Dibble

**Bob & Melanie Kaplan, Tanqueray & Skyy** by Caitlin McCan

## In Memory Of

**Eleanor Dennis** by Sylvia Hardin for Laura Dennis Hensley

**Ellie & Mazzy** (beloved dogs) by Nancy Haley

**Emma** (beloved dog) by Sean, Elesa, Ryan & Sabina Howard

**Phil Gifford** by Andrew Feyerick

**Gordy** (beloved poodle) by Mary Lib and Gene Stahl

**Brad Flamm** by Patty Trafton, Gary Etherington, Robin Hill, Gillett Construction, LLC, Karen & Paul Gillett, Tom and Trish Land, The D'Onofrio Family & The Freeman Family, Thomas Bohnett, Steve Van Hoove

**Andrea Roye** by Mrs. Martin Goldstein

**Emma Boschec** by Jacob & Kelly Gannon

**Emil Kus** by anonymous

**Jo Laurens** by The Fieldman/Simon Families et al

**Larry's Father** by Marianne Oswald

**Punum & Buster** (beloved dogs) by John Klai, Sadie, JJ, Jon, Alison & Ian



**John R. Rall** by Don & Cathryn Hodgkin

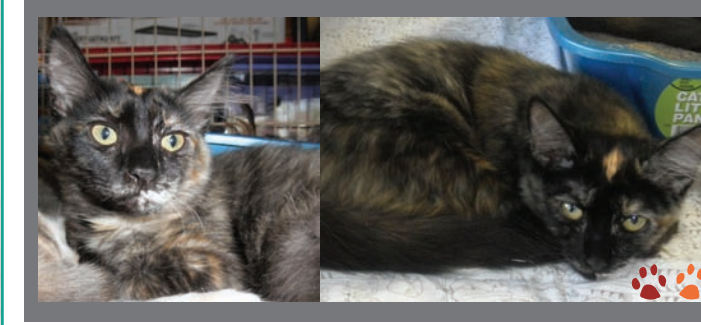
**Brigitte Simms** by Ken Gosnell, Helga Lott, Diane Butkus & Mark Bourbeau

**Ken Stahl** by Nancy Caudill



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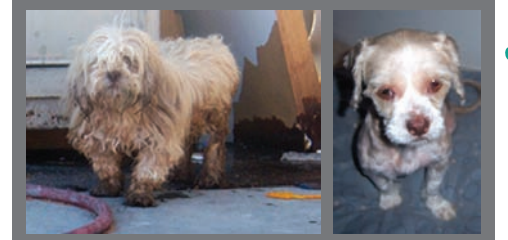
## Rescue Roundup: A Few of the Many; Desert Dogs, Alexis, Shih Tzu, Stripe



Another sad story of being dumped in the desert. Three of us left on our own to survive all alone. Two of us were rescued by the volunteers of the LVVHS but our brother was caught by Animal Control and sent to the shelter. The volunteers felt we all needed to be together so off they went to bail our brother out. Once we were all cleaned up and fed some good food we were twice as beautiful. We are the lucky ones because we unlike the people that dumped us know the true meaning of a family. Today we are happy, healthy and adopted to our forever homes.  



My name is Alexis, and there's a story behind my name. At only 4 weeks old, I was found running around a parking garage, from car to car, trying to escape the scary outdoors. I was crying, but too afraid to come out. I spent the most time hiding in the engine of a Lexus, so that's how I got my name. After 15 hours, and a lot of patience, my rescuer saved me! I was shy at first, but if you pick me up I will purr and cuddle. I'm very sweet, love to play, and I get along with cats of all ages! I'm spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped. And I was just adopted! Thanks LVVHS!

Some men called us about a dog who had been hanging out at a warehouse out by the Las Vegas Speedway. They had been giving her water, since the temperatures were well into the triple digits. She was an overgrown shih tzu, very matted, dirty and emaciated. After we got her, she got a much needed haircut, got in a foster home, and blossomed into a great little dog. She was adopted to a loving family within 10 days of her rescue. A true rags to riches story!  




We were called about an abandoned trailer containing two LVVHS cats. What we didn't realize is that there was also a dog living underneath the trailer. He was a black lab mix with a distinguished white stripe down his neck. Our volunteers spent 2 hours at the trailer trying to get the dog to come out. They realized that every time they drove up, he would come out and bark, then run back under. So, they decided to outsmart him. They drove away and pulled back up, and one volunteer snuck around the back of the trailer and blocked his entrance to underneath the trailer as he came out to bark at the other volunteer. He then ran inside the trailer, and there was no way out, so they were able to seize him. Stripe was placed in a loving foster home where he loved to play fetch with tennis balls. He was just adopted last week!  



## Wag-A-Tail, What A Day!



The 2010 Wag-a-Tail brought 600 people & pets to the Kellogg-Zaher Sports Complex for a spectacular event that grossed \$40,000. The Polished Pooch contest was very close; congrats to 1st place winner Cartier, Shadow came in 2nd. Many thanks to Carraba's Italian Grill for their wonderful lunch. It was a great day. 

Recycling!