



Summer 2009

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

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

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Firefighter Stahlberger Awarded for Saving Lives



Photo by Jameson Perdue

A rapid search began and within minutes Misty, a black Lab, and Clifford, a Rat Terrier, were carried out. Misty was lethargic but still breathing and immediately given oxygen. Clifford was not as lucky.

He was unconscious and clinging to life. Firefighter Stahlberger began massaging his chest and intubated him while another firefighter tended to Misty. Jameson Perdue was the other firefighter involved. Stahlberger has previously been a vet tech and put his experience working with animals to good use. He certainly deserved this award and was presented it at the Fire Station with a considerable media presence. He and his family served as the Grand Marshalls for the Wag-A-Tail Walk-A-Thon on April 11th. A grateful thank you to Stahlberger and his fellow firefighters.

On April 6, 2009, Clark County Firefighter Nick Stahlberger Of Fire Station #22 received the Saint Francis of Assisi Commendation from the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society for his efforts in saving the lives of two dogs trapped in a fire: On December 9, 2008 Clark County Fire Station # 22 crews responded to a burning house call. After ensuring that all human occupants of the home were safe they learned the owner's two dogs were still inside.



Save the Date!

**Live tribute concert for Wade Aldy at the House of Blues,
proceeds donated to the LVVHS, Friday, August 21**

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Wade's favorite bands and people for only \$10. See www.wadealdy.com to order tickets online. *NOTE: The LVVHS held the newsletter to add final dates and it may not reach you before the event.*

Animal Overpopulation Conference, Saturday, September 19

Flamingo Library Theater 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. There is no cost, but please register with LVVHS@cox.net. See page 2 for more details.

October Poker Run, TBA

Details to be announced online.

Luncheon to Support LVVHS, Sunday, November 8

Details to be announced online.

Call 354-8911 for event information OR Send LVVHS@cox.net your e-mail address to receive monthly updates of events and happenings!

Letter from the President

The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society is not going out of business. While I appreciate KLAS Channel 8's broadcast of our needs and I thank them for telling people how overwhelmed we are, I want to assure all of you reading this that we are still here and we will be here. The money that you contribute to this Society is spent here in Southern Nevada and no money goes elsewhere for administrative fees. While it is true the Board continues to make some very tough decisions about spending and may have to reduce the number of services that are provided, LVVHS will continue. Fewer rescues, fewer animals taken in, less food to those who can't afford it otherwise, and fewer cats and dogs spayed and neutered at no cost are some of the options.

In the next several months, a number of national animal organizations will come into town upping their efforts to solicit funds from the Valley. I hope that each of our supporters will think about where they send their money to support animal causes. You have a choice. You can send the money to a group working very hard locally to deal with the issues here such as those discussed in this newsletter with a president and board that doesn't earn a salary. Or, you can send your money to a national organization that sends most of its money elsewhere and doesn't deal with local issues and pays its presidents hundreds of thousands of dollars. I hope that you will choose the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society.

-Karen Layne 

LVVHS Helps to Restrict Sales of Animals at Broad Acres Swap Meet



North Las Vegas Animal Control recently confirmed a new policy of no mammals for sale from June 1st to Aug. 30th at the Broad Acres Swap Meet. Vendors selling cats and dogs during other times of the year must now obtain a pet shop license and meet the requirements of that license. This change will hopefully stop the problems of past years' complaints from people visiting the swap meet and seeing puppies and kittens literally "baking" in the sun.

In previous years, people calling to complain to the LVVHS about the overheated puppies and other small animals were directed to North Las Vegas Animal Control. People would often call back and complain that nothing was done to remedy the situation. Anticipating complaints this year, the LVVHS contacted North Las Vegas Animal Control to set up a meeting with the facility's administration and LVVHS. When the second complaint came in, two things happened: a representative was sent to the Swap Meet to examine the situation and North Las Vegas Animal Control was contacted to see about the meeting. NLV Animal Control advised that a meeting with the Swap meet administration had taken place, but LVVHS thought that the agreed upon efforts did not go far enough: Animal Control determined that the umbrella business license for Broad Acres Swap Meet was not sufficient for the sales of animals, and each animal sale vendor must obtain a pet shop license, with its own specific requirements.

Thanks to video provided by Gina Greisen of Nevada Voters for Animals (news crews were not allowed in), some additional discussions took place. The LVVHS position was that even though the sales were legal, they were not humane. A proposal was made to stop animal sales during the summer. NLV Animal Control accepted the ban as a better solution, and the Broad Acres Swap Meet administration readily agreed, because they believed individuals were illegally selling animals without paying rental, many of whom were backyard breeders. In order to enforce the ban, swap meet security will stop people bringing in mammals for sale (birds are still allowed with conditions) and the North Las Vegas Animal Control will check both the meet and the parking lot for people trying to sell animals. The LVVHS believes that this is a huge step in the right direction and wants to thank both North Las Vegas Animal Control, particularly Supervisor Dale Smock, and the administration of the swap meet for taking this action.



This issue's rescue photos taken by LVVHS volunteers, video stills from Swap Meet courtesy of Gina Greisen.

In Memory of Brad



Brad Plamm suffered a tragic death at the age of 27. He loved animals and he especially loved his two dogs, "Moo Shoo" and "Luna." Because of that love, his family requested that donations be made to the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society in his name. The LVVHS appreciates the donations and wishes to express its sincere condolences.

Conference, Sept. 19

The LVVHS in concert with Heaven Can Wait, Nevada SPCA, the Animal Foundation, and Nevada Voters for Animals will sponsor an Animal Overpopulation Conference at the Flamingo Library this September 19, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at no cost. The mission of the conference is to have a respectful public discussion about pet overpopulation to determine what changes in public policy and human behavior are required, so the community can implement a plan to end the euthanasia of over 30,000 dogs and cats in Las Vegas.

Rescue Roundup: A Few of the Many; *Snow, Alex, Bella, and a daring cat rescue!*



An ounce of prevention could have helped

Snow is a four year old Husky mix that was found wandering in a parking lot. Snow was diagnosed with mammary cancer and the LVVHS did surgery to remove the cancer. Today Snow is cancer free and looking for a forever home. This might have been prevented had Snow been spayed at a young age.

Bella Chita is a one year old Border Collie mix that was taken in due to neglect. Bella was living outside a trailer with a broken leg for months before getting to the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society for help. Today Bella is running and playing on all four legs and looking for a caring, loving family.



Bella needs an affectionate new family



Alex before and after his injuries healed

Alex was found injured outside a woman's garage. He had been living there for a while, but then he became injured and she called the LVVHS. Volunteer Shelly Horton responded. On her blog, she wrote about the rescue: "On the way over, I was given all the details: Large gray, possibly pregnant female, lacerations to the face and neck, friendly but scared, VERY hungry. I arrived to confirm that yes the kitty was hungry and injured but to my surprise she was neither gray nor female. HE was actually a very, very dirty and matted all white, intact male (guessing by his humongous jowls). His ears were impacted with mites and his face badly ripped, the results of holding his own on the streets alone." Given medical treatment, neutered, and a foster home, Alex thrived. Melissa Rouse, the foster, noted that he had an issue with hands, but loved and mothered the kittens she had. He was featured in the *RJ's The View* on June 9, 2009.



Thrown from a car and into loving hands

This cat was rescued by Sheila Marie Cleaver, who watched it get thrown out of a car near Bonnie Springs. She stopped her own car, grabbed the cat who was stunned from the fall, and got it into her car. The cat had picked up a foxtail in her eye in the process. Sheila called someone for assistance and they had her contact the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society. Our thanks to Sheila for this rescue. The cat has since been adopted.

And it Poured!!! Veronica Sales' Teddy is Polished Pooch at 13th Annual Wag A Tail!

The morning of the 13th Annual Wag A Tail brought pouring rain at 5:30 a.m. as our volunteers arrived at the Kellogg-Zayre Park. April 11, the day before Easter and for the first time a Saturday, did turn out to be a wonderful day for a dog walk as the weather finally cleared. Even with some rain drops, almost all of the walkers talked about the new location favorably and were very appreciative of the walk route which went around the park.

The Polished Pooch contest is becoming a favorite with the crowd and our judges had a hard time deciding among the finalists. However, Veronica Sales' "Teddy" was the winner. There was a tie for second place: "Sophie" with her owner Kristen Sorrentino tied with "Batman," owner Gloria Anderson. Third place went to "Magic," owner Stacy Testo. The Easter Bonnet contest was new this year due to the event weekend falling on Easter Weekend. This too was a big hit and we appreciate the judges for making the hard decisions.

With the threat of rain, a new park and a new day, 500 participants still came to enjoy the fun. Approximately \$30,000 was netted from the event, less than a third of what has been made in the past, but given everything, it was a good day! Our thanks to all of you who came out to support our annual event and our thanks to our top sponsor PetSmart. Thanks also to the many of you who brought in pledges. The top three pledge winners included Susan Sayegh, Joan Burnett, and Christy Santoro.



Teddy and Veronica, photo by Patti Thomson

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Three Bills Become Law in the 75th Legislative Session!



A big thank you to all of you who took the time to write or call. YOU HELPED MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

With Dean Rhodes no longer chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, three bills were passed during this legislative session that ended June 1, 2009. Rhodes, a Republican, was replaced by State Senator David Parks (D-Las Vegas) after the November 2008 elections made Democrats the majority party in the Senate. Both Senator Parks and Assembly Member Jerry Claborn, who chaired the Assembly Natural Resources et al Committee, were very fair minded in their conduct of the hearings on the three successful bills. Two other bills, one related to breeders (SB241) sponsored by Sen. Breeden and one related to the oversight of puppy mills (SB133), sponsored by Sen. Townsend never made it out of committee. The hearings on the bills were contentious because of presentations made by Northern Nevada breeders and the Nevada Vet Association that none of the three bills were needed; they were a constitutional affront to the rights of breeders. In SB132, it was the Nevada Vet Association which insisted on a 14 hour time period instead of the original 9 hours for allowing dogs to be chained.

Many thanks to State Senator Alison Copening, who managed to get a compromise bill out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee to keep SB132 moving. And thanks to Karen Goodman's work in Northern Nevada to get the bill introduced and moving through the Legislature. Assembly Member James Ohrenschall was extremely helpful in moving the bill through the Assembly. Assembly Member Mark Manendo guided AB15 through a rocky start and to a successful conclusion. Republican Assembly Member Heidi Gansert, who sponsored AB199, which prohibited someone from owning a fighting animal, had the least amount of problem in getting her bill passed.



Our thanks to the **Las Vegas Review Journal** and its supplement **The View**, particularly its past managing editor Jeanette Carrillo and the current Kerri Shanahan, for publishing photos and descriptions of our animals. Some 99.9% of our animals displayed in **The View** have been adopted and they were all "special cases."

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