



WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER

September 2016

GETTING TO KNOW US



Terri Schultz moved to Washoe County in 1988 and started working at Animal Services in 1996. She has worked in almost every aspect of animal services under both Reno and Washoe County. She is currently working in the admin area handling the shelter software, website and licensing program. Terri has two grown children and a very cute grandson. She has two Rocky Mountain Horses, a German Shepherd and a rescue cat at home. She loves to trail ride up in Tahoe during the summer and out in the desert during the winter. She has owned and trained horses and German Shepherds most of her life. She trained and competed with horses in Western riding and trail competitions and competed with her dogs in obedience competitions. She opened the first doggy daycare here in Reno and has taught dog obedience classes as well as worked with problem behavior dogs.

*Next month we will be highlighting:
Sarah Berry*

Have you lost your cat?

Summertime is the most popular time for cats to go missing. Since June, 2016 Washoe County has received 243 lost reports filed for missing cats, and has had 965 cats turned into the shelter. There is not a leash law for cats in Washoe County. If you find a cat you can bring it into the shelter where we will scan it for a microchip and post it on our website for the owner to find. You can also file a found report on our website; www.washoeanimals.com.

The fastest way to be contacted if your cat comes into the shelter is by a microchip. We do FREE microchipping for Washoe County residents Monday through Friday 10:00am-4:00pm.

If your cat is missing you can

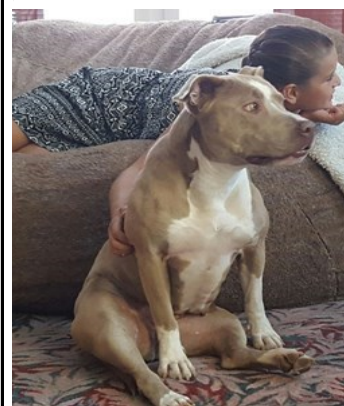
go to our website, and file a lost pet report. Our website is updated every thirty minutes so you can keep checking as often as you would like to see if your pet has come into the shelter.

When a cat goes missing they are usually close to home. Here are some tips you can do if your pet goes missing:

- File a lost report at www.washoeanimals.com
- Check our website daily
- Make flyers and hand out to neighbors
- Post on Craigslist, Facebook, or other social media sites
- Don't give up! Check out the story below about Peanut who was returned to his owner after being missing for a long period of time.



Rescued



This is Missy. She was pulled by a local rescue group, Res-Que and adopted by a family who drove all the way from Elko to see her. Thank you to her new family and Res-Que who gave this shy girl a chance!!

I'm Home Because Of My Microchip



Peanut was picked up by a nice couple who found him running in the streets. He was scanned for a microchip and he had one! Our staff called his owners and found out he had been missing for 2 years. His mom Ann rushed right over and took him home where he is now safe and happy.



Inside Washoe County Animal Services



Animal intake: When your pet comes into the shelter it is seen by a licensed veterinary technician or trained shelter staff. Your pet is scanned for a microchip, sexed, aged (by examining teeth and gums), weighed, and given a basic exam. A picture is taken and added to the pets file which uploads to our website for the owners to see. Vaccines are given to most of the domesticated pets that come into the shelter to help protect the health of all of the animals in our care. Dogs receive a Distemper/Parvo combination (core vaccines) and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine, cats receive the FVRCP (Distemper/upper respiratory - core vaccines). Dogs and cats younger than one year receive Pyrantel (dewormer). Any animal showing signs of illness or having any wounds are treated by our licensed veterinary technician and/or our contract veterinarian. This helps to keep each pet within the shelter stay safe and comfortable during their stay with us.

ALERT

Rabid Bats in Washoe County

You may have read about the bats in the area that have been testing positive for Rabies. Should you or your pet come in contact with a bat you should call WCRAS immediately so the bat can be tested for Rabies. This is for your safety as well as your pets safety. 322-DOGS(3647) is our dispatch number. Read the story:

<http://kunr.org/post/pets-washoe-county-come-contact-rabid-bat>

Furry Facts!

Did you know that 64% of dogs and 6% of cats that came into WCRAS in the 2015-2016 fiscal year were returned to their owner?



Upcoming events

Tuesday September 6: WCRAS 3:00pm-7:00pm
Low cost vaccination clinic here at the shelter on Longley Lane. See our website for more information: www.washoeanimals.com

Thursday September 8th: Officer Doak will be having a discussion with the Natural Horsemen Club of Nevada on horses in an emergency.

Sunday September 18th: Aspen Grove 10:00am-2:00pm
We will have a booth at the Sheriff's Office Community Picnic in Incline Village at Aspen Grove. We will also be providing free microchips for Washoe County residents at this event.

Tuesday September 20th: 155 E. 9th Street 8:30am-12:00pm
WCRAS CARES and the Nevada Humane Society Handing our free food for seniors 60 or over (Identification needed). While supplies last.

Saturday October 1st: Scolari's in Sun Valley 10:00am-2:00pm
Low cost vaccination clinic.

Educational programs at WCRAS

WCRAS is offering education presentations to your school, civic or other interested group! Are you interested in learning more about any of our topics?

Disaster Preparedness For Your Pets

Responsible Pet ownership- Tips

What WCRAS does for our community

Dog Bite Prevention (for adults or children)

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