

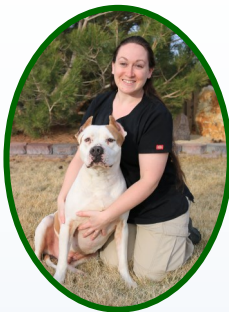


# Washoe County Regional Animal Services Newsletter

May 2016

## GETTING TO KNOW US

Marcia Tejada  
Kennel Caretaker



Marcia is one of the newest members of the Animal Services team. She began filling in as a temporary employee and as soon as a Kennel Caretaker position opened, she jumped at the chance to become a full time Animal Services employee.

Marcia is a native Nevadan and has always been an animal lover. She worked at the Nevada Humane Society and at our local SPCA before coming to Animal Services. She is fantastic at working with all of the varied animals here and looks forward to a long career with us.

Also, our congratulations to Marcia who is a newlywed, recently marrying one of our wonderful Animal Control Officers, Oscar. They have a 2 1/2 year old son, Quentin, and two dogs named Axel and Prime.

Marcia is an avid reader (when she can find the time) and they love to go on family hikes with the dogs. She also enjoys trying new recipes and Oscar gets to critique them for her.

One of their favorite places to visit is the bay area in California where they enjoy the many sights and activities that it has to offer. We welcome Marcia to Animal Services!

*Next month we are highlighting: Crystal Gomez, OAI*

## Animal Services Community Outreach Program

Animal Services has implemented a new Community Outreach Program that is aimed to engage and enhance human - animal relationships through supportive resources. This new program is called Washoe CARES - *Community Animal Resource & Education Services*.

With the development of this program, Animal Services has established a monthly low-cost vaccination clinic that takes place the first Tuesday of each month (next door to the shelter from April—October, and inside WCRAS from November –March) from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

Additional low cost clinics have been added throughout the year for citizens along with some that offer free vaccinations for pets belonging to seniors 60 and over.

The Washoe County CARES Program brings our community together through our animals.

Some citizens are not aware that dogs residing in congested areas of Washoe County require a Washoe

County Dog License annually. Even if your dog does not leave the house, it still requires a license. This license can only be obtained from Washoe County Animal Services via mail, online or in person. Visit our website at: [www.washoeanimals.com](http://www.washoeanimals.com) for additional information.

Animal Services also continues to offer Free microchips to the citizens of Washoe County for their dog or cat. This is performed at our facility located at 2825 Longley Ln, Suite A, Monday through Friday from 10:00AM—4:00PM or at any one of our clinics. What a great deal!

Our Outreach Program is directed by Karen Stark who performs a tremendous amount of work to promote and host each event.

Here are some of the upcoming clinic dates and locations:

**Saturday May 7th**  
**Miguel Ribera Park**  
**3925 Neil Rd, Reno**

**10:00AM—2:00PM**  
**Low-cost vaccination clinic open to everyone**

**Tuesday May 17th**  
**Hidden Valley Picnic Pavilion**  
**4740 Parkway Dr, Reno**  
**8:00AM-11:00AM**

Seniors 60 & Over  
**Free vaccination/license/microchip clinic**

**Saturday June 4th**  
**Paradise Park**  
**2660 Carville Dr, Reno**  
**Across from Bernice Matthews Elementary School**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**

**Low-cost vaccination clinic open to everyone**

**Tuesday June 21st**  
**Sparks Senior Center**  
**97 Richards Way, Sparks**  
**8:00AM-11:00AM**

Seniors 60 & Over  
**Free vaccination/license/microchip clinic**

## Planting Season and Your Pets Safety

Spring is typically when people start getting garden areas ready for those seeds and new plants. Although this is an exciting time for gardeners, myself included, we can sometimes neglect some simple steps for keeping our pets safe during this process.

The use of fertilizers and chemicals/pesticides, even on your lawn, can be toxic, so be sure to keep those stored where they are not accessible and keep your pets off of a recently treated lawn. When pets walk through a treated area it

can bother their feet so they lick the pesticides from their feet, inadvertently ingesting it.

If you have a compost pile, harmful molds may form on decomposing materials, so keep your compost pile where your pets don't have access.

Forgetting to store those garden tools like rakes, garden forks, and other items can cut paws, or injure eyes.

Are your plants pet-safe? Some

plants can cause digestive upsets for cats and dogs, while others can be lethal. Most bulbs, including daffodils, contain alkaloids that can cause vomiting, diarrhea and death.

Visit the ASPCA for more information on toxic plants at:

<http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Join me in looking forward to a safe, and amazing planting season!

# Preparing For A Disaster



I was listening to our local news just the other day and they were reminding everyone that we live in an earthquake zone and that we are long overdue for a large quake. Living here for almost three decades, I am aware of earthquakes and have experienced a few minor ones. But in our busy daily lives, I think we push those “possible disaster” thoughts to the back of our minds.

I grew up in the south where tornados were the thing to watch out for. Tornados normally form during really bad weather with rain, hail, and strong winds. You kind of know that one could form when that type of weather activity is present. In the case of an earthquake, there seems to be no warning until things start to

shake. Preparing for this type, or any type of disaster, is very important.

Securing items in your house that could potentially fall on someone is an essential thing to do. Most of us probably have a large television sitting on something that could fall and become a hazard. China cabinets, items on shelves, even stored boxes in your garage can be a danger to someone in the area in an earthquake.

While looking to make some changes to those unsecured objects, don't forget about your pets in a disaster. It is critical to plan ahead for a disaster should an earthquake, flood or fire become a reality.

Listed below are some basic items to include in a disaster kit for your pets. Some people have only cats, dogs, birds or other small pets that are easy to gather together in an emergency, while others have farm animals that require a significantly larger scale disaster plan.

No matter the type, size, or species of pet you have, creating a disaster plan will be indispensable if/when needed.

Get everyone involved, since in a disaster, almost everyone is involved.



- First Aid Kit (check the following website): [www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/pet-safety](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/pet-safety)
- Portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Vaccination records
- Medications with dosage instructions
- Veterinarian information
- Pet carrier/cages
- Leashes/non-nylon halters/leads or ropes
- 5-day supply of food/water (1 gallon water per day per pet)
- Non-spill food/water bowls
- Manual can opener
- Cat litter and box with scoop
- Newspaper/paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Duct tape



# Suggestions to help find your lost pet

Animal Services receives a lot of calls everyday in regards to missing pets. The person has no idea how their precious pet got out of the yard, and wants to know if it is here.

Sometimes we are able to give them the good news that their pet has dropped into Animal Services for a visit, but other times they are told that the pet is not here.

Of course the person is frantic and wants to know what they should do next. Here are some suggestions to assist in finding your pet.

First, take a deep breath, then pro-

ceed with the following suggestions.

View our website.

- \* [www.washoeanimals.com](http://www.washoeanimals.com) Lost & Found Pets section, where you can see every animal that is brought into Animal Services, as well as any found pets that a citizen reports to us. Our website updates every 30 minutes with photos, if available. This is also where you would post your lost report.
- \* Visit Animal Services Monday—Friday 8AM—5PM and

Saturday 11AM—3PM to view all the animals in the facility.

- \* Log onto Craig's List and view the Lost & Found section as well as the Pets Section
- \* Check the Reno Gazette Journal newspaper Lost/Found section. Post a Lost Pet ad in the Gazette as well.
- \* Visit your neighborhood vets office and grocery stores to see if someone posted a found flyer.
- \* Post Lost Flyers all around your neighborhood. If you live in a bilingual community, put your

signs in both languages. The major search engines on the internet translate your text immediately and for free. People that find a pet could be looking for your flyer so that they can get the pet home.

- \* If you take your dog for walks, search the same area, as most dogs follow the route most traveled.
- \* Utilize FindingRover.com or Facebook and other social media sites to assist you in your search.