

A local non-profit organization serving Northern Nevada

Reduce Suffering - Remove Obstacles - Save Lives

# **2024 MID-YEAR UPDATE**

Thank you to our adoption, foster, spay/neuter, TNR and rescue partners included in the happy stories below.

320 Cats and Kittens have been helped so far this year by Community Cats

#### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS AND TOP RESCUES

**FEBRUARY** Pictured Below, Gibbie is one of several friendly cats who were rescued from a bus stop. With medical help from Options Veterinary Care, the SPCA of Northern Nevada was able to find them homes.



**APRIL** Community Cats was invited to make a presentation to Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting. We outlined a plan which would save animals' lives in our area.

MAY When we received a call about cats being trapped under a building, Community Cats jumped into action. We immediately were able to rescue two adult cats and two kittens.

Three small friendly kits were rescued from a yard in Reno who needed medical attention, and Nevada Humane Society took them in immediately to give them care.

On May 8, Community Cats reached the milestone of 100 cats TNR'd/helped in City of Reno's Ward 1 Grant project.

A semi-feral Mom cat and her three kits were rescued from a heavy equipment work yard. Thanks to Feral At Heart, the kittens could stay with their mother until they were socialized and old enough to be fixed, vaccinated and adopted as pets. Mom cat is happy to be back at the office and the workers who rescued the family love having her back home.

**JUNE** The City of Reno reached out to Community Cats regarding cats, including a mother cat and kittens, living along the Second Street bridge. It was agreed that these felines needed a new home. Two adults and two young adults have been vet checked, neutered, vaccinated and eartipped. The family is looking for a safe barn or garden to move into and provide rodent control duties. Let us know if you are interested.

**JULY** The Catatude Truck gets on the road .... saving dogs! Working with Healthy Paws based in Eureka, NV, Community Cats made a 19-hour overnight drive to rescue 21 dogs and puppies from Caliente, NV.

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Thank you to the SPCA of Northern Nevada who agreed to take them in for foster care and adoption from this rural area.



### Ways you can help Volunteer

Every time you volunteer to do TNR, you are saving lives! We appreciate our volunteers who are giving their time to help - and we have many different volunteer opportunities.

We also have opportunities with our advisory board, marketing team, development/grant writing team and strategic plan efforts.

Go to FosterNevada.org to find out more about fostering pets.



#### Advocate

This grassroots TNR effort is so important to keep Washoe County saving as many animals as possible - and is especially important during difficult times when many services are no longer available.

Inform your elected officials and groups you support that TNR needs to be staffed, organized, expanded and funded.

#### Donate

We welcome and appreciate any financial support. All funds are used directly to help local cats by offering clinic services. Community Cats is a volunteer organization and it's easy and safe to donate from our website with Zeffy.

### Educate

Inform your friends, family and co-workers that TNR is a global solution to responsibly manage free-roaming cat populations.

#### What is TNR?

Trap-Neuter-Return is a method utilized globally to manage free-roaming cat populations. Washoe County and City of Reno supports TNR. Residents or volunteers catch cats, they are fixed and vaccinated, (including against rabies) in a local clinic, given an eartip to ID them, and returned to where they are living.

## Local TNR History

In 1999, Community Cats started Washoe County's first organized TNR program and in 2003 became a 501(c)(3) non-profit which advocates for animal welfare and partners with organizations to provide access to quality spay/neuter services in our local area.

### **Mission**

Community Cats endorses TNR and is dedicated to partnering throughout Northern Nevada to promote the benefits of TNR – the cost-effective, efficient and humane process to manage free-roaming cat populations.

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