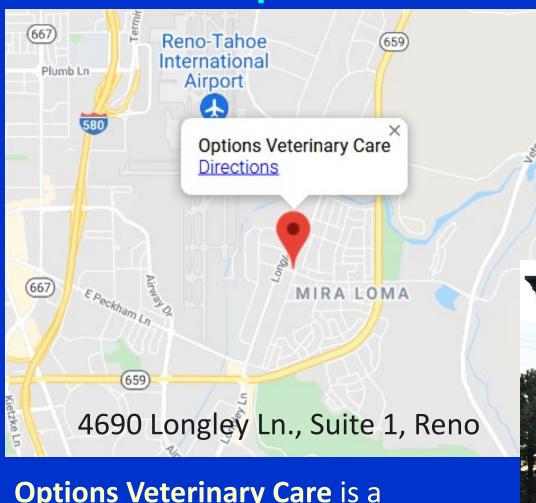


Options Veterinary Care Nonprofit Clinic

Washoe County Regional Animal Services
Advisory Board Meeting – August 1, 2025



Options Veterinary Care is a

- Nonprofit, affordable, high-quality clinic
- Program of Humane Network



Hidden Valley

Full-Service Nonprofit Clinic

Options provides:

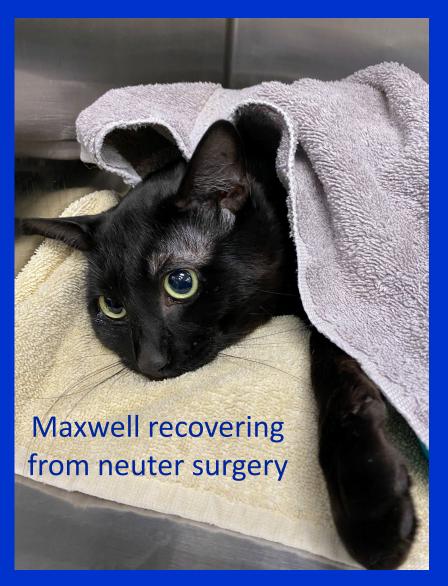
- Wellness care
- General medicine
- Diagnostics (in-house lab work, digital X-ray, ultrasound)
- Surgery (soft tissue surgeries, spay/neuter)
- Dental care

Animals:

Primarily dogs and cats



How Options keeps care affordable



Options provides care to pets whose people cannot afford veterinary care by:

- Using incremental care strategies
- Working with partner organizations that cover costs for some clients
- Grants
- Donations from individuals and local businesses



Thank you to Washoe County for including Options in public spay/neuter funding from ARPA funds and to WCRAS for supporting spay/neuter efforts.



These funds are used to provide:

- Free TNR spay/neuter surgery for cats trapped in Washoe County
- Free spay/neuter for Washoe County rescue groups
- Affordable and free spay/neuter for Washoe County pet owners





Since the funding was awarded Dec. 10, 2024 through June 30, 2025, Options has performed **2,182** spay/neuter surgeries.



Dec. 10, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Options spay/neuter surgeries

Total: 2,182

• Dogs: 561

• Cats: 1,620

• Rabbits: 1





- The purpose of the Washoe County ARPA Spay/Neuter Funding is to expand capacity.
- Options works with clients to determine individual financial need and the best way to meet their needs.

Spay/neuter surgeries (Dec. 10, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Washoe County Spay Neuter ARPA Funding

covered: 798

- 36% of total
- WC ARPA program reimburses Options \$62.50 per spay/neuter surgery for:
 - Washoe County residents' cats and dogs
 - Washoe County rescue groups
 - Washoe County community cats

Coco had Pyometra requiring emergency spay surgery



Spay/neuter surgeries (Dec. 10, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

SPCA of Northern Nevada Voucher Program

covered: 151

- 7% of total
- Covers all of Northern Nevada
 - 88 Dogs
 - 63 Cats does not include out-of-county cats covered by the SPCA's Jackie's Community Cats
 Program



Spay/neuter surgeries (Dec. 10, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Other – owner paid or funded by other programs: 1,233

- 57% of total
- Includes spay/neuter surgeries paid for by:
 - Owners Options lower rates are affordable for some people
 - Rescue groups from outside of Washoe County - not eligible for ARPA or SPCA programs
 - Other funds/donors



Options non-subsidized pricing:

- Dog Neuter: \$270 to \$360 based on weight
- Cat Neuter: \$100
- Cat Spay: \$135
- Dog Spay: \$300 to \$390 based on weight

Private practice rates for Reno:

- Dog Neuter: \$400 to \$700
- Cat Neuter: \$175 to \$366
- Cat Spay: \$300 to \$500
- Dog Spay: \$500 to \$1,000



NOT a criticism – it's expensive to provide vet care. Affordable alternatives are important because a significant percentage of pet owners cannot afford full-cost spay/neuter.

Focusing on the 798 spay/neuter surgeries made possible by Washoe County ARPA funds:

Dogs: 72 total

36% of the dog owners made a financial contribution

toward their dog's surgery.

 33% of those who paid did so specifically to help cover additional procedures or medications not covered by ARPA funding (more info to follow)

The average payment was \$172.62 (lowest: \$8.62 max: \$400).



Focusing on the 798 spay/neuter surgeries made possible

by Washoe County ARPA funds:

Dogs: 72 total

- Essential additional procedures:
 - 10 pyometra (uterine infection) surgeries
 - 5 mass removal surgeries
 - 2 hernia repairs
 - 1 cryptorchid surgery (un-descended testicle)
 - 1 amputation
 - 5 take-home medications in addition to typical medications
- Additional financial assistance:
 - 95% (69) of canine S/N surgeries were subsidized by Options supporters totaling over \$18,000 – an average of \$265 per dog.



Focusing on the 798 spay/neuter surgeries made possible by Washoe County ARPA funds:

Cats: 726 total

- 432 community cats (59%)
- 294 companion cats (41%)
- 6% of the cat owners/colony caregivers made a financial contribution toward the cat's care.
 - The average payment was \$31.09
 (lowest: \$7.40 max: \$176.00).
 - Most often these payments were to cover additional procedures or medications not covered by ARPA funding (more info to follow).



Focusing on the 798 spay/neuter surgeries made possible

by Washoe County ARPA funds:

Cats: 726 total

- 9% of cats needed additional treatment/procedures including:
 - 46 take-home medications
 - 14 diagnostic tests
 - 3 cryptorchid surgery (un-descended testicle)
 - 1 hernia repair
 - 1 mass removal
- Additional financial assistance:
 - 40% (290) of feline S/N surgeries provided as part of this program were subsidized by Options supporters totaling over \$12,000 an average of \$42.00 per cat



Advice for Washoe County Residents seeking affordable spay/neuter services

In addition to Options, reach out to:

- Nevada Humane Society
- SPCA of Northern Nevada (SNYPS, Vouchers and Jackie's Community Cats program)
- Pinion Veterinary Hospital in South Reno



Lola (left) was spayed and had a hernia repaired at the same time. William (right) got neutered at Options and then got adopted.















Chili, Kietzke, Avah, Hilda, Athena, and Hillbilly were recently spayed or neutered at Options

Thank you to Washoe County for entrusting Options as a provider for your Spay/Neuter Capacity Building efforts.

Thank you also, to our partners who make it possible for Options to have provided the nearly 2,200 spay/neuter surgeries we've been talking about today:

- Washoe County Regional Animal Services
- SPCA of Northern Nevada
- Kind and generous donors









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