

News Release

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Toby, Fiona and Sasquatch Given Second Chances

Toby is only 4 months old, but he was even younger when he arrived at Nevada Humane Society—barely 2 months old, to be exact. He had already bounced from family to family only to be surrendered due to his health. Toby, sweeter than sugar, was a ridiculously cute, black and tan Yorkie puppy, but he was **born with a liver shunt**, a condition where toxins, proteins and nutrients bypass the liver by the body's circulatory system. When left untouched, it can cause life-threatening illness.

Fiona is a beautiful, social Tortoiseshell cat who was lost on the streets at 10 months old. Veterinarians at Nevada Humane Society believe she was hit by a car, because she arrived with broken teeth, unable to walk, and pain in her back legs. Radiographs quickly revealed her **pelvis was fractured in two places** but this girl was a fighter. It's a good thing, too, because for Fiona, her best chance at healing was six weeks of cage rest with minimal movement, to allow her body to correct itself. She was given pain medications and set up to be closely monitored—and she did well. Through it all, her personality was nothing but affectionate and charming.

Sasquatch came to Nevada Humane Society at 4 weeks old. He too had a fractured pelvis, but no one knows how it happened. He was picked up by Animal Services, brought to Sierra Veterinary Specialists for emergency care, and then to us for ongoing care. He was scared, angry, and stressed. He hissed and growled, puffing up his black fur to make himself look tough—but he wasn't. We knew with pain management, rest, and lots of TLC he would come around and his kitten personality would soon shine.

After multiple diagnostic tests, **Toby recently had an extensive surgery at Sierra Veterinary Specialists** to repair his liver shunt. His recovery was nothing short of spectacular, and **today** he is getting neutered, and will **go home for good to his foster family**—who stood by him through all of this.

Fiona only has about a week left on her medical stay, then she too will be ready for a home. She is probably one of the sweetest cats we've ever seen—she loves everyone.

Sasquatch still has about 6 weeks until his body is fully healed, but he's doing well and moving slowly but surely all by himself. His personality is coming around too—he's still scared but he understands that humans are helping him. He's going to make a great addition to a family just in time for the holidays.

Three different homeless pets, three different stories and three different backgrounds. At Nevada Humane Society, this is lifesaving. **We take in the broken, scared, young or old—and we work to save them.** We know they deserve it. **Now, after more than three months of hospital care (and more to follow), medications, exams and surgeries, Toby, Fiona and Sasquatch are asking for your help by supporting them with a donation.** The cost to care for these three has stressed an already tight budget, but we didn't want to say no. We knew they deserved lifesaving. **If you can help, please make a donation to Nevada Humane Society's [Emily's Fund for Injured Pets](#).** Contributions are tax-deductible and can be sent to 2825 Longley Lane, Reno, NV 89502 or credit card donations may be called into 775-856-2000, ext. 324. Thank you for helping Nevada Humane Society save lives.