



# HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS



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# Nevada Humane Society by the Numbers

IMPACT ON LIFESAVING • YTD as of September 30, 2015



**3,286**  
**4,079**

Public spay/neuter surgeries.

Spay/neuter surgeries for homeless pets within NHS.

**1,364**

Feral cats trapped, neutered, vaccinated and returned to their community



**1,953**

Animals fostered, including adult cats and dogs, puppies and kittens.



**985**

Adoptable pets saved from being euthanized at other shelters.

**8,843**

Inquiries answered through the Animal Resource Center.



**5,955**  
**1,321**

Washoe County

Carson City

Homeless pets **adopted** from NHS, including cats, dogs and small animals.



**95%**

**CARSON CITY  
LIVE RELEASE  
RATE**

692 lost pets returned to their owners  
Live Release **1,286** pets



## NHS MISSION STATEMENT

*Nevada Humane Society is a no-kill organization creating and sustaining no-kill communities in Northern Nevada.*

*Our mission is to promote animal welfare and to provide for the relief and prevention of all animal suffering in Northern Nevada.*

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# Message from Denise Stevens, Interim CEO

## All Things PAWsible

It's easy to get excited about the holidays, after all, time with family and friends, a break from the daily grind, and gift giving are at the top of the list. But did you ever stop to think about the gift that keeps giving?

At Nevada Humane Society (NHS), we focus on celebrating our blessings and sharing them with those less fortunate... our homeless pets. Advertisers remind us that anything can be given as a gift. People of all ages get excited when something special comes their way. Do we ever reach a place in life when giving or receiving gifts reaches their limit?

Some would say yes. Others would take it to a different direction and say no... putting precedence on the value of a monetary gift. **That is what we wish this holiday season—a monetary gift to the homeless pets at NHS.** It may not be tied up in a big red bow, but it truly is the gift that keeps giving and makes *All Things PAWsible*.

Think about it. No worries about a person's size or favorite color. No need for refrigeration or shipping costs and the gift won't break or cause a fight among siblings. No lines to wait in and you can give online, in person, or just by using your mailbox at the end of your driveway. What could be easier?

We asked if we will ever get to a place where gifts are less important. The answer is no... **because in today's day and age, even kids are bypassing the typical present to help others.** In fact, we've had a record year of kids giving back to homeless pets. You would be surprised at the number of kids who chose to bring their friends to the shelter for a tour instead of a present; kids who asked for donations to NHS instead of presents for themselves; kids who held bake sales and lemonade stands to raise money to support the pets and programs of NHS.

If you're looking for a way to give back this season, we hope you'll consider the gift that keeps giving and check out our cool opportunities below.

**FIRST... Sponsor a shelter pet!** The cost to help a shelter pet during their stay is \$250. That covers everything from spay/neuter, vaccines, a microchip, basic bedding, toys and daily care, and infinite amounts of TLC.



Denise Stevens and Nutter

**SECOND... Celebrate a pet** through our **Lights of Love** program—where your donations light up the community. Lights will decorate NHS, and several big trees will also be on display, not just at the shelter but also at The Summit and Legends at Sparks Marina. Whether a donation of \$20 to honor or remember your pet, or \$100 to light an entire strand, you will be illuminating the holiday spirit throughout the community through our **Lights of Love**.

**THIRD... Support a program.** Our **Angel Pet** program helps shelter pets with chronic medical conditions be adopted by covering the cost of lifesaving medications after adoption. Our **Spay/Neuter** program helps those with small budgets receive this important service for their pets. Finally, **Emily's Fund**, a program designed to provide much needed funding for homeless animals who need extensive, lifesaving medical intervention.

**When you give, you can be confident your donations are staying right here at NHS.** We are a non-profit agency funded by your donations and not affiliated with any other agency, including national ones. Your giving helps everything from emergency medical care on an injured pet to sustaining lifesaving programs, such as our Angel Pets or Social Se-CAT-ary companions. You keep our pets happy, healthy, and cared for until they find a loving home. You make *All Things PAWsible*. Please, won't you consider giving the gift that keeps giving this holiday season?

**On behalf of our team and the animals we serve, we wish you a Happy Holiday and blessed New Year.**

# Our Biggest Little Wins

## A Celebration of Lives Transformed by Nevada Humane Society



**I'm Rumble.** I'm just shy of two years old and my person gave me up because I had some challenges using my litterbox. I came to NHS, and the good veterinarians ran some tests on me to make sure everything was ok—it wasn't. I had a bit of an infection and that was causing my odd behavior. I was treated and put on a special diet to make me better—it worked! Not long after, I went to the NHS Cat Convention, a special kitty adoption event. I found my forever home within the first couple of hours! My new family says I was very talkative on the ride home but as soon as they let me out of my carrier I jumped into their laps like I owned the place! I spent my first night in the bed with them and clearly I've already got my parents wrapped around my paw!

**I'm Queen Lollipop.** I arrived at NHS scared, quiet, and shy—change is never easy for me. Because of this, I was overlooked by possible adopters. Staff and volunteers took good care of me but as time went by, one volunteer decided she was done watching people pass me by. She had taken the time to get to know me and began to fall for me. She decided to take me home to see if I got along with her other dog. It wasn't a match made in heaven, but she wasn't ready to give up. She, along with the staff at NHS, worked hard to help us get along. Well, their efforts paid off because now I am home permanently! We all get along and I am so thankful that both the staff and volunteers stood by me. People like this are vital to NHS, and I'm so happy everyone committed to me!



**I'm King Triton.** At just a few weeks old, I was lost and alone on the streets. A Good Samaritan brought me to NHS, and they put me into foster care to grow big and strong. However, my foster noticed I wasn't able to keep food down and couldn't eat—a big problem. I went to the doctor where I was thoroughly examined. Turns out, I have Congenital Megaesophagus, a condition that makes it hard to ingest food. Because of this, I went into a home with a veterinary staff member so she could monitor me. Fast forward several months—I'm doing great! Under the watchful eye of my person, along with regular exams and special feeding instructions I should have a normal lifespan. I'm truly grateful to NHS for going above and beyond to give me the life I deserve—special condition or not. And guess what? The vet staff that took me home for foster care? She's going to adopt me.



**I'm Jessa.** Although I'm 10, I say age is just a number! I arrived at NHS from Washoe County Regional Animal Services and it was clear I was anything but a stray. I was energetic, friendly, and a charmer! I had a malignant mass on my side that the veterinarian team removed. Lucky for me, I was given a clean bill of health and my next move was to find a home. I was brought to a Reno Aces game by NHS and it was there I found true love! My family tells NHS that I'm an angel, I love camping, I'm the perfect road trip companion, and I boss the toddlers and other dogs around! My favorite quote from them? "I really feel we hit the jackpot with this lovely lady!" That's from my mom and I couldn't agree more!



# Interventions That Save Lives

## Pet Heroes: Going Above and Beyond



It's no secret that Nevada Humane Society (NHS) loves pets. It's no secret that we'll go above and beyond to save a life because we feel all life is precious—no breed, age, or condition is worth less than any other. But sometimes, we need to ask for help. While we have a great veterinary team on site for our homeless pets, we simply can't do everything. And with certain pets, it takes a village to give them the second chance they so deserve and without a doubt, Sierra Veterinary Specialists is the cornerstone to that village.

Known for their extraordinary surgeries, the veterinarians and staff at Sierra Veterinary Specialists are truly our local lifesaving heroes. With specialties ranging from complicated soft tissue surgery, to orthopedic surgery, to advanced physical therapy options; Sierra Veterinary Specialists gives our homeless pets the best possible care. They know the value of life and they have the specialized skills, equipment, and passion to make that difference.

You may remember **DAVE**, an 8 month old Australian Shepherd who was hit by a car back in March. He was left by the side of the road fighting for his life, but lucky for Dave, he was brought to NHS. We were able to stabilize him but his injuries were too severe for us to help, so we reached out to Sierra Veterinary Specialists for their lifesaving care. They repaired multiple fractures and a broken pelvis. After he healed from his extensive injuries, they led his long term recovery efforts with Hydrotherapy, a special water-based physical therapy. This allowed Dave to regain strength and muscle coordination in



*Dave the Dog.*



*Ebony the cat.*

his legs by walking on a treadmill underwater. Thanks to Sierra Veterinary Specialists, Dave is alive today.

**EBONY**, a tiny, charcoal colored kitten, was lost and alone in Carson City. Her mother abandoned her in a young woman's yard, but the woman couldn't take her in. She contacted NHS Carson City so that we could find Ebony a loving home, which later turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Ebony

received a basic exam upon her admission to NHS and our veterinarian discovered abnormal heart sounds. Knowing it may be a severe condition, NHS called Sierra Veterinary Specialists.

After a thorough cardio exam, Sierra Veterinary Specialists diagnosed Ebony with a moderate-sized Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA), which is a serious congenital heart birth defect. The Ductus Arteriosus is a blood vessel that connects the two main arteries of the body. The valve is normally open in the fetus before birth, but shortly after birth, it should close. Ebony's did not. This means extra volumes of blood can be passed into her lungs, which is life-threatening. Once again, Sierra Veterinary Specialists saved the life of a homeless pet—Ebony. They recently completed her PDA surgery to repair the defect and Ebony is now doing well in a foster home and is expected to live a long and happy life.

NHS and Sierra Veterinary Specialists have been working together in a unique partnership for nearly a decade. They truly help out with extraordinary surgical cases that we cannot address here at NHS. We know that when you choose Sierra Veterinary Specialists, you gain a partner that is focused on providing you with a proven, compassionate medical team. Our village of lifesavers in Washoe County and Carson City would not be complete without

Sierra Veterinary Specialists, and for that, we extend our deepest gratitude. Sierra Veterinary Specialists are our local pet heroes, always going above and beyond.

# Cover Story

## Everyone Deserves a Home 4 the Holidays

The holidays are here and for animal welfare agencies like Nevada Humane Society (NHS), this is our favorite time of year. Why? Because we pair more people and pets together *right now* thanks to a special, nationwide, pet adoption campaign called **Home 4 the Holidays**. The event works to save lives and raise awareness for homeless pets during the biggest season of giving and love... the holidays. The reason is simple:

*More people bring a new pet into the home during the holiday season than at any other time of the year.*

In the past, some shelters actually discouraged families from adopting during the holidays. This did not stop people from bringing home new pets—it just removed adoption as an option and forced people to support puppy mills and backyard breeders. NHS works to save lives, and unlike a pet store or puppy mill purchase, we require adopters to go through an application process, meet and greet the pet and discuss the home where the pet will ultimately reside. Additionally, NHS educates adopters about the value of homeless pets, offers resources to help with a smooth

transition, and works to ensure the family and the pet are a good fit all the way around. Essentially, everyone wins, the family and most importantly, the pet.

Several years ago a woman and two children were looking at the cats available for adoption. They stopped in front of Mario's kennel, a mellow, former tom cat who now enjoyed lounging, eating and affection. One of our staff members put in a good word for him, and then one of the boys chimed in: "We think Grandpa might like him!" Turns out Grandpa's cat had passed away and they thought he might be ready for a new cat. One boy snapped a photo on his cell phone. They were on their way to visit Grandpa and planned to show him the photos and tell him about some of the cats they saw. "My father is an old warrior, like Mario," laughed the boy's mother.

A few days later they were back. After seeing the photos and hearing about the cats, Grandpa had selected Mario.

Americans have a long tradition of giving pets, usually puppies or kittens, as gifts for special occasions, but there's debate over how this practice impacts the animal's welfare. While some advise against it there are situations, like this one, where it can work beautifully. Recently, the ASPCA (not affiliated with us—we're a local, private, non-profit) conducted a survey to learn more about people who acquire pets as gifts. In the survey, **96% of the people who received pets as gifts thought it either increased or had no impact on their love or attachment to that pet.** The vast majority of these pets are still in the home. The survey also revealed no difference in attachment based on the gift being a surprise or known in advance.

At NHS, we encourage and promote responsible adoptions. Pets can be the light of someone's life and, under the right circumstance, may make the perfect gift. However, there are important guidelines to follow.



*Eldee with his new family.*

### PETS AS GIFTS\*

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- **Surveys reveal no difference in attachment to the pet based on the gift being a surprise or known in advance**

*\*Stats from the ASPCA.*

*Thanks to our donors and adopters, we have a new leash on life!*



**Baby**

Adopted by Emily Alfaro



**Frankie**

Adopted by Dennis Botelho



**Tarzan**

Adopted by Steven Ausmus



**Monroe**

Adopted by Bianca Vargas



Petey the dog.



Cleo and her doggie sibling.

**Ask the individual if they would like a pet and if so, what kind of pet.** The only exceptions to this would be an immediate family member, such as parents adopting a pet for a child or perhaps a senior who lives with you. In this case, you are making the commitment to care for the pet if the recipient cannot or does not want to do so.

**Let the gift recipient choose their own pet.** You might think they should love the cute puppy you picked out, but maybe they'd prefer a quiet cat. After all, adopting a pet is a matter of the heart, so it is always best for the individual to select their own pet.

Set on surprising the recipient? **Give a pet adoption gift certificate**, that way they can choose their own pet when the time is right. NHS has pet adoption gift certificates year-round, but we see many of these purchased over the holidays.

At NHS, we pride ourselves in bringing people and pets together. Will you help us make this **Home 4 the Holidays** better than ever? Adopt from a shelter near you and own the pride that comes with it, because when you adopt, you are truly saving a life.

## DID YOU KNOW?\*

- There are between 4,000 and 6,000 animal shelters in the U.S.
- Only 30% of pets in the U.S. come from animal welfare agencies like NHS
- About 63% of all households in the U.S. have a pet

*\*Stats from the Humane Society of the U.S., ASPCA and the American Veterinary Medical Association.*

## Holiday Pet Delivery

What's better than surprising the kids when they wake up on Christmas morning with a new pet? Nothing! At NHS, knowing holiday pet adoptions are so popular, we decided to take it to the next level—by having Santa and his Elves deliver the new pet to the family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

We began this program in 2014 to bring joy to the doorsteps of our adopters, and to help the public at large associate those joyful feelings with shelter pets. NHS knows magic happens in a shelter, and if more people can see the magic of pet adoption at work, then more people will think of a shelter the next time they are thinking about acquiring a pet. Between neighbors watching from their windows to coverage of the event by the local news, **Santa Pet Deliveries** offered positive promotion of pet adoption.

How does it work? For a specific number of days, people will visit the shelter, meet with adoptable pets and select the one they want to adopt. The normal adoption process will follow, but if the adopter chooses, instead of taking the pet home at the time of adoption, Santa and his Elves will deliver the pet to the new home! Santa is busy though, so deliveries occur between set times and the number of deliveries is limited. There is no extra charge—adopters must only promise a smile and a forever home.



**Home 4 the Holidays** began in 1999 in San Diego County with only 14 groups participating. Now, over 4,000 pet adoption agencies and rescue groups participate, and collectively over 10 million pets have been saved since the inception 16 years ago. At NHS, we've been participating in this campaign since 2009 and **nearly 7,000 pets** have gone home during the holiday season.



**Hepburn**  
Adopted by Dolores Manning



**Coca and Cola**  
Adopted by Jon Lau



**Pilsbury**  
Adopted by Thane Janicek



**Jasmin**  
Adopted by Christine Lund



**Moopy**  
Adopted by Tamara Moyer

## A Conversation with Kimberly Wade, Senior Manager of Communications & Events

### What got you into the animal welfare field?

I've always had a passion for animals. As a kid, living in Maine, I cared for stray cats that came to our home (before TNR was widely known). At 20, I adopted my first kitten from a shelter. She was a calico, sitting on the concrete floor. I couldn't understand why someone so beautiful was in a shelter. She looked at me and stuck out her paw. I knew she was the one. Cali was with me for 16 years, opening my eyes to homeless pets everywhere. I later adopted Bailey, whose mom was a neighborhood cat. Cali and Bailey came west with me where we met my husband Brandon, also an animal lover. Together, we now have 3 dogs, 3 cats. I began volunteering for NHS in 2007. In 2010, I was hired as the Foster Coordinator. From there I grew into my current role. Our first adoption from NHS, Arwyn, a Lilac Point Siamese, was the second one to impact me in an extraordinary way—I cannot put into words what he means to me. Thanks to our animals, I strive to learn every day, take the good with the bad, educate others. I can proudly say that not only are those close to me animal lovers, but those who hadn't thought about adoption now make that their first choice. My job is not without a whirlwind of emotion but I have more passion for pets than anything. Animals do not have a voice and now I am dedicated to making the world a better place for them.

### How many years have you been in animal welfare?

I began as a volunteer, a foster parent, when I moved here in 2007. I was hired in early 2010, therefore nearing my six year anniversary with NHS.

### What is an average day like at NHS?

There is no average for me. I joke I have the fun job, because I get to work one on one with the animals, get creative with marketing, host exciting events, and be on the radio. I get

to tell stories that make a difference. My day may begin with an early morning TV segment or answering emails from my couch. Once in the office I return phone calls, monitor social media and work to meet one of many advertising deadlines. Afternoons vary from meetings with community members and businesses who wish to get involved to pet photography (it's not uncommon for me to share my office cats, Charlie Brown and Peppermint Pati, or other adoptable pets, on Facebook). My days are long and chaotic but at the same time fun, always ending knowing I made a difference.

### How have you seen NHS change since starting here?

When I began NHS was still evolving within my department—working to see what would yield success. Today, we are more established. Our animal population has also drastically changed, so our marketing focus has changed. I have seen the staff grow stronger—we know we will encompass challenges and yet we continue to persevere. I am particularly proud of my team—we have grown leaps and bounds in the communications and events field—and we do it with only three people.

### What are your hopes for the future of NHS?

I think we always need to be open to change because in this field you have to evolve—lives depend on it. I want to see us gain more nationwide attention and reach those locally who don't know enough about us. Finally, I want to create a marketing campaign that will take us by storm, raising awareness and funds to make a bigger difference than we have thus far.

### If you were a breed of dog, what would it be? Cat?

As a dog, probably cute and small with a zest for life. Our Yorkie mix Barley loves everyone. Nothing gets him down. He has a great attitude and just wants to make people smile. As a cat, my heart melts



*Kimberly Wade and her cat, Newton.*

for Calicos and Siamese. Our Arywn has made such an impact on my life. We lost him recently to cancer at only age 4, but I still feel his presence. His personality was vibrant, creative, accepting. He offered more unconditional love than any other pet I've known and was always about pleasing us—never him. It's a quality to be admired and one I hope to eventually master.

### Can you share a story about a favorite shelter animal?

There are too many to count! One of my favorites is Laney. She had a beautiful personality but had been adopted and returned numerous times for not using her litter box. While I understand it happens, I couldn't bear the thought of her not finding love. I told my husband that if I couldn't find someone for her I had no choice but to take her home—she didn't deserve to be in a shelter. Ironically, she had no problems using the box at NHS. For weeks I talked her up to everyone. Finally, a family came to meet her. The little girl climbed into Laney's room and refused to leave unless they could take her. Lucky for me they did! To this day she is well with no problems. It tells me there is someone for everyone and that sometimes it's just a matter of time.

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Kimberly is responsible for all NHS events and everything within the scope of communications. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida State University. Kimberly can be reached at 775-856-2000 ext. 324 or [kwade@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:kwade@nevadahumanesociety.org)

## Vet Check

### Q&A with Dr. Violeta Gordillo Vet, DVM

**The doctor is in!** In every issue of *NHS Society Pages*, a member of the NHS clinic veterinary team will respond to your pet-related questions. See box below to find out how to submit your questions.

#### Are there any documented cases of dog flu here in Northern Nevada? Should I get my dog vaccinated?

Canine influenza virus, strain H3N8, has been around the U.S. since 2004. Its new strain, H3N2, was the cause of the outbreak in Chicago in May 2015. According to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, there has not been a positive case in Nevada. The virus has been reported mainly on the east coast, some Midwest States and in Colorado. Currently, the vaccine available in the U.S. protects against the old strain, H3N8. The major risk factors for dogs to contract the disease are those exposed to closely confined conditions such as dog shows, training classes, boarding facilities and shelters. Currently, there is no proof or it is unknown whether or not the existing vaccine will protect against the new strain. However, vaccines are recommended for dogs with high exposure since the majority of these dogs have never been exposed to canine influenza and thus have no antibodies against the causative agent. If you travel outside Nevada and to the endemic areas of the disease, then it would be smart to vaccinate your canine companion.

#### What can you give a dog/cat with a stomachache?

A stomachache can be defined as any abdominal pain that is caused by any of the abdominal organs. For this reason, it is difficult to treat this condition at home without knowing what the underlying cause is because the treatment varies according to the cause. In general, the most common symptoms that a dog/cat will present is vomiting, diarrhea, salivation (nausea) and they may have no appetite or thirst. Until your pet can be taken to the veterinarian, you can offer a homemade diet, like rice and chicken, or withhold food temporarily, as to minimize any of the above mentioned symptoms.

#### If my dog gets a foxtail in her ear, is it ok to put a few drops of mineral oil in the ear to soften the seed until I get her to the vet?

Foxtails in ears are definitely an issue we see frequently among working dogs and can cause signs like ear pain, head tilt and head shaking. Unfortunately, it is impossible to know by just looking with the naked eye if any of the internal structures of the ear, especially the eardrum or tympanic membrane, have been damaged or ruptured. Usually foxtails are barbed and can potentially cause considerable damage to the ear canal. Because of the above, it is better not to instill any topical solutions, ointments or oils in the ear until further examination by a veterinarian. When the tympanic



*Dr. Violeta Gordillo with her dog, Porter.*

membrane has been ruptured, the passage of oils and other agents can cause serious problems to the inner and middle ear structures resulting in pain, deafness, loss of balance, head tilt and other neurological problems. Foxtails are best removed under anesthesia.

#### Just by looking at your pets eyes, can a person detect if he/she is losing their sight?

Just by looking at your pets eyes it may be impossible to decide whether or not your pet is losing his or her sight. On the other hand, there are some reflex tests that can be performed, and through observation, a person can decide if the pet is losing his or her sight. Blindness is a condition that results from underlying diseases such as diabetes, cataracts, chronic infections or trauma to the eyes. When an animal is losing his or her sight, the most common symptoms they present are becoming disoriented at home and bumping into things. If the pet owner detects such behavioral changes, it would be highly recommended to take him or her to the veterinarian for a physical and ophthalmic exam.

### DO YOU HAVE A PET QUESTION?

Post your query on the NHS Facebook page ([facebook.com/nevadahumanesociety](https://facebook.com/nevadahumanesociety)) or email it to [kwade@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:kwade@nevadahumanesociety.org) (with Vet Check in the Subject line). Then check the next edition to find out if your question was selected.

Dr. Violeta Gordillo joined NHS in 2015. She was born and raised in Colombia but came to the U.S. in 1992 where she grew up in Reno. She received her Bachelors of Zoology at Oregon University in 2004, then attended veterinary school back in Columbia. She graduated in 2014 and moved back to the States to take the job at NHS.

# NHS Resources for Pets & People

## PROGRAMS

### ADOPTIONS AT NHS RENO & CARSON CITY SHELTERS

Sunday-Friday: 11am - 6:30pm

Saturday: 10am - 6:30pm

**Reno 775-856-2000**

2825 Longley Lane, Reno, NV

**Carson: 775-887-2171**

3770 Butti Way, Carson City, NV

### ANGEL PETS ADOPTION PROGRAM

Lifetime care for special needs animals

**775-856-2000, ext. 302**

### BOOKS AND BUDDIES

Monthly program for young students to practice reading to pets

**775-856-2000, ext. 321**

### CAT ACTION TEAM/TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR)

Help with free-roaming felines and cat colonies

**775-856-2000, ext. 337**

### FERAL CATS/TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR)

Help with free-roaming felines and cat colonies

**775-856-2000, ext. 337**

### EMILY'S FUND DONATIONS

Support care for injured animals

**775-856-2000, ext. 324**

### FOSTER CARE

Short-term care for needy animals

**775-856-2000, ext. 314**

### G.I. DOGS PROGRAM

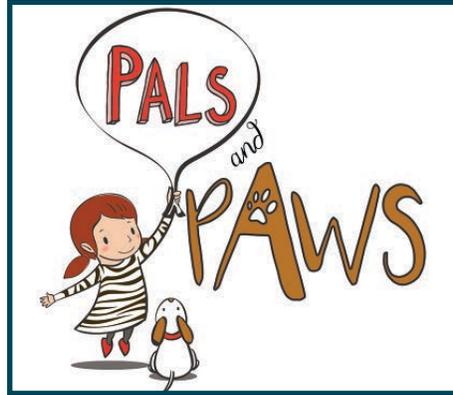
Service and companion animals for military veterans

**775-856-2000, ext. 323**

### PALS AND PAWS

Monthly program offering kids animal welfare education

**775-856-2000, ext. 321**



*Pals and Paws.*

For details, call 775-856-2000, ext. 321.

### SENIORS-FOR-SENIORS ADOPTION PROGRAM

Connecting senior pets and senior humans

**775-856-2000, ext. 302**

### SOCIAL SE-CAT-ARY

Post-adoption veterinary care for "Senior Kit-izens" (cats ages 10 and older)

**775-856-2000, ext. 311**

## SERVICES

### ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER

(formerly Animal Help Desk)

Support and resources for pet owners

**775-856-2000, ext. 200**

[info@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:info@nevadahumanesociety.org)

- **Animal Admissions**

Contact Animal Resource Center

- **Emergency Response Team**

Help with pet emergencies and boarding situations

- **Pet-Friendly Housing**

Help finding rentals that accept pets

- **Rehoming Animals**

Help to find a new home for your pet

- **Veterinary Assistance and Resources**

Lifesaving veterinary help for pet owners

## OTHER RESOURCES

### CARSON CITY ANIMAL SERVICES

Report lost/found pets, complaints, licensing

**775-887-2171**

- **Animal Abuse/Cruelty in Carson City**

Where to report suspected abuse

**775-887-2171**

### WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES

Report lost/found pets, complaints, licensing

**775-353-8900**

### DONATIONS

Support homeless animals in Northern Nevada

**775-856-2000, ext. 324**

### PET FOOD ASSISTANCE

Free pet food for pet owners in need

**775-856-2000, ext. 302**

### VACCINATIONS

How to protect your pets from disease

**775-856-2000, ext. 311**

### SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

General information and where to find affordable services

**775-856-2000, ext. 333**

### NHS SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Spay/neuter services for public pets

**775-856-2000, ext. 311**

### VOLUNTEERING AT NHS

Get involved in helping homeless animals

**775-856-2000, ext. 321**



*Making a Difference in Carson City.*

Call 775-887-2171 for programs and services.



### DECEMBER

- **December 1-31**  
Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Promotion
- **December 1-31**  
Lights of Love Celebration
- **December 1-31**  
Bone Appetite at CBQ Cowboy Bar & Cue and O'Cleary's at Legends at Sparks Marina
- **December 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 26-27**  
Adoptions at PetSmart on S. Virginia, Reno
- **December 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27**  
Adoptions at Legends at Sparks Marina
- **December 5, 12, 26**  
Adoptions at Petco, Carson City
- **December 5**  
Adoptions at Michael Hohl Subaru, Carson City
- **December 5**  
Santa Paws and Cupcake Day at NHS, Reno
- **December 13, 19**  
Adoptions at Petco on S. Virginia, Reno
- **December 20**  
Pals and Paws at NHS, Reno
- **December 25—Christmas**  
NHS shelter in Reno and Carson City closed



### JANUARY, CONT.

- **January 1-31**  
PetSmart Charities "Happy Neuter Year" Campaign
- **January 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31**  
Adoptions at PetSmart on S. Virginia, Reno
- **January 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31**  
Adoptions at Petco on S. Virginia, Reno
- **January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Adoptions at Petco, Carson City

### FEBRUARY

- **February 1-29**  
Bone Appetite at Rapscaillon Seafood House & Bar
- **February 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28**  
Adoptions at PetSmart on S. Virginia, Reno
- **February 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28**  
Adoptions at Petco on S. Virginia, Reno
- **February 6, 13, 20, 27**  
Adoptions at Petco, Carson City

### SAVE THE DATE

- **April 10, 2016**  
Heels & Hounds at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa



### JANUARY

- **January 1—New Year's Day**  
NHS shelter in Reno and Carson City open 11am to 5pm
- **January 1-3**  
Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Promotion
- **January 1-3**  
Lights of Love Celebration
- **January 1-31**  
Bone Appetite at Mellow Fellow GastroPub



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

NHS Reno: 775-856-2000 • NHS Carson City: 775-887-2171 • [www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org](http://www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org)

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE

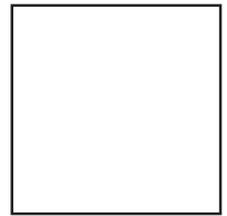
WoofTrax has launched Walk for a Dog, a smartphone app that makes donations to shelters (pick Nevada Humane Society!) every time users walk their dogs (or shelter dogs!). Those who don't have a dog can select Cassie, a virtual representation for dogs in shelters everywhere, as a virtual walking companion. According to WoofTrax, more than 800,000 miles have been walked. Walk your dog today and please, pick Nevada Humane Society as your benefactor!





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**HUMANE SOCIETY**

2825 Longley Lane, Suite B  
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*For each pet you wish to remember (white light)*

*For each pet you wish to honor (colored light)*

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 great gift*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

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• *Donate* •



• *Volunteer* •



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