

Washoe County Regional Animal Services News Bulletin

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What Is The Difference Between Washoe County Animal Services And The Nevada Humane Society?

In 2006 a new animal shelter was completed and a new partnership was created between Washoe County Regional Animal Services (WCRAS) and the Nevada Humane Society (NHS). Although they share the building on Longley Lane, there are a variety of differences between the two entities. Here are some of those differences:



- 1) WCRAS is a County Facility funded by revenues from the restricted voter-approved property tax override and NHS is a private entity funded by donations.
- 2) WCRAS no longer adopts out animals. Our rescue partners, NHS, SPCA and others handle the adoption process.
- 3) Should circumstances arise that necessitate the surrender of your own pet, arrangements must be made with NHS.
- 4) When you find an animal,

you contact WCRAS.

- 5) WCRAS enforces Washoe County, and N.R.S. animal laws.
- 6) WCRAS handles exotic, cattery, and kennel permits.
- 7) To license your dog, you would contact WCRAS.
- 8) NHS would be your contact for discounted spay/neuter programs and vaccines.
- 9) Animals located at WCRAS are found pets waiting for their owners. Pets at NHS are available for adoption.
- 10) Both facilities are dedicated to animal welfare.

Contact numbers for WCRAS:

- Shelter: 775-353-8900
- Dispatch: 775-322-3647
- Shelter Fax: 775-353-8905

Contact numbers for NHS:

- Shelter: 775-856-2000
- Shelter Fax: 775-284-7060
- Clinic: 775-856-2000 ext 333



Washoe County Dog License

All owners of a dog or dogs over the age of four months are required by law to purchase a Washoe County Dog License.

This license is an annual requirement and must be on the dogs collar any time the dog is off the owners property.

In order to license your dog, a current rabies vaccination certificate is required.

You can come into the shelter, go to the Washoe County Animal Services website, www.washoeanimals.com, or mail to Washoe County Animal Services, 2825 Longley Ln, Suite A, Reno NV 89502 to get your license.

License Fees

Altered dogs:	\$ 8.00
Unaltered dogs:	\$20.00
Senior License: (age 65 and over)	\$ 8.00

Getting To Know Us

Nicolle Hansen
Kennel Assistant



Originally from New Jersey, Nicolle moved to Reno in 2004 where she was employed at A+ Vet Services working with a variety of animals. She began her career at Animal Services as a temp in 2005, was hired as a Caretaker in 2006 and a promotion to Kennel Assistant soon followed.

She has a personality that animals seem to be drawn to and that is very beneficial in shelter environments. She has fifteen years of animal experience and uses that knowledge on a daily basis at Animal Services.

Nicolle lived in Alaska for a year and really enjoyed the experience. Since she is not fond of snow, living in Alaska on a long term basis was not something she could see herself doing.

She loves reptiles of all types and is excited when they come into the shelter. Snakes, spiders, geckos, bearded dragons, and other fun creatures are her specialty.

She shares her home with her eleven year old son, Sage, her Chihuahua, Peach, her cat, two tarantulas and two rats. Free time is in short supply with Nicolle, but when she does manage a few hours here and there, she loves to read, draw and take memorable road trips with her son.

*Next month we will be highlighting
Jesse Horton, Lead ACO*

Washoe County Injured Animal Fund

Animal Services Injured Animal Fund assists with veterinary fees when injured animals come into the shelter. This donation fund is used



for injuries and when an animal arrives that has been seriously neglected and requires grooming to clean wounds and make the animal more comfortable. Donations to this fund goes a

long way in providing much needed care for injured and abused pets.

Thanks to everyone who donates to this fund through licensing, by mail, and by placing money into the donation box located in our front lobby. All the pets that have used this fund thank you as well.

DISASTER PREPARATION

Planning ahead can save your pet's life in an emergency!

Emergency situations can happen at any time and although we can't always be fully prepared for every emergency, we can prepare an emergency kit to help your pet through a disaster. Some suggested items include:

- First aid kit
- Portable radio, flashlight & extra batteries
- Vaccination records
- Veterinarian's information
- Medications & dosage instructions
- Pet carriers & cages
- Leashes/non-nylon halters/leads or rope
- 2 weeks supply of food/water
- Can opener
- Non-spill food/water bowls
- Cat litter & box with scoop
- Newspaper/paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Duct tape
- Permanent marker
- Bleach/disinfectant solution
- Water buckets

Always be prepared

You never know what a day can bring

