



Washoe County Regional Animal Services Newsletter

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GETTING TO KNOW US

Crystal Gomez,
Office Assistant II



Crystal and her dog, Hennessy

Crystal is a native Nevadan born and raised right here in Reno. She graduated from UNR with a bachelors in Criminal Justice/pre-law.

She is the proud mother of a pre-teen son who keeps her busy when she's not assisting Washoe County citizens from our Dispatch Department.

Crystal was hired in August 2015 as an Office Assistant II where she works with our Animal Control officers and with the public in all facets of calls for service. She says hardly a day passes that she doesn't hear a new question or situation with regard to animals.

Crystal enjoys hiking, visiting the lake and simply spending time with her family when she is not working at Animal Services. Thanks for joining the team!

Next month we are highlighting:

Terri Schultz, OSS

What is Finding Rover?

Finding Rover is a free app that uses facial recognition to reunite lost dogs with their owners.

Organizations around the world use Finding Rover. When a dog is lost, the app alerts local dog organizations, such as shelters, rescues, veterinarians, nearby members and social media outlets.

The app uses revolutionary technology that scans the dogs unique features of it's face and keeps it on file in case he or she ever gets lost.

Here is how it works:

1. You select the "Finding Rover" app and register your dog.
2. You take a front-facing photo showing the dogs full

face.

3. Within the app, you mark the eyes and nose by simply dragging the shapes into the photo.
4. The facial recognition system scans your dogs unique features and keeps them on file.
5. When someone finds a dog, they snap a photo of the dog and the app does a facial recognition search. Your contact information pops up and this will get your dog home in a jiffy!

You can download the Finding Rover app free from the APP Store or go to:

www.findingrover.com



Example of a "front-facing" photo.

Washoe County Animal Services utilizes the Finding Rover app and all of the dogs that come into our shelter can be found on Finding Rover.

Whether you find a dog or lost a dog, this app is certainly one that will help in getting them home as quickly as possible.

New facial recognition technology makes finding dogs as quick and easy as the snap of a photo. See a lost dog? Take a photo, send a text and together we can bring every lost dog home.

By Department...At Animal Services

DISPATCH

Dispatch is just what the name implies. Animal Control Officers are dispatched through our office. Dispatch is so much more than that.

Dispatch is the hub of Washoe County Regional Animal Services. We receive over 14,000 calls for service each year through dispatch. Calls range

from loose dogs, horses being attacked by dogs, deceased animals, to loose chickens on the roadway.

Our Officers are well trained in all situations and are excited to see what each day brings their way.

Dispatch also handles hundreds of incoming phone calls a day. Dispatch hours are 7 days a

week from 8am-10pm, and yes, even on holidays.



Field Supervisor, Jesse Horton
hard at work

PETS can suffer from Heatstroke!!!

Information provided by Peggy Rew from RewCrew Collaborations.

First of all, become a prepared pet parent and take Dog & Cat First Aid & CPR classes now!

Heatstroke can be immediate or can take 2-3 days to set in. If your dog or cat becomes lethargic, think back a couple days to determine what their activity was: Family picnic; an all day hike; at daycare longer than usual; helping with gardening; strange visitors to the house, so they didn't drink water; or anything else where they may have been in the heat too long or without hydration.

This will help your vet. Symptoms could be vomiting, diarrhea or lethargy. They may not eat or drink, but try to comfort them and hydrate with water,

though they may not want it. Try chicken broth, Pedialyte, ice chips/cubes. Use ice packs/cold compresses, any cool liquid, and/or rubbing alcohol on thin fur areas: ears, tummy, under-arms or paws.

Dip their paws in tepid water, but **never immerse** your pet in water for heatstroke, burns, or frostbite. Their body temperature and heart rate regulate very slowly and this could cause a stroke if immersed completely. If you aren't getting a response, call your vet. Subcutaneous hydration may be necessary.

Avoiding heatstroke:

~ **Make some ice toys** for them if you will be gone all day.

~ **Strategically place water dishes** around so they are never left in the afternoon sun. If you have 5 pets, have 5 water dishes in different places.



~ **Cats will drink more** if the water dish is away from their food dish.

~ **Purge your ice makers often!** Cubes make great hydration toys for pets and freshens your freezer. Most people do not like stale ice cubes, but pets don't care.

~ **Bales of straw** make a great bedding material. It keeps dogs off hot concrete, dirt or rocks. Easy clean-up since they can pee on (through) it and poop can be picked-up.

~ **Shelter is key** if your pet is outside all day. Doggie daycare once or twice a week; picnic umbrellas; sail shades; patio covers...do it and save a life.

Peggy Rew has been a professional pet nanny for 25 years; is a Northern Nevada pet rescue group liaison; Nevada's only American Red Cross-certified Dog & Cat First Aid & Mouth-to-Snout Instructor; and independent rep for Life's Abundance Pet Food; and published a Dog Bite Prevention Educational Coloring Book. You can contact Peggy at: www.rewcrew@charter.net

LOW COST VACCINATION CLINICS FOR YOUR PET!

Saturday June 4th
Paradise Park
2660 Carville Dr, Reno
10:00AM-2:00PM
Low-cost vaccination clinic
open to everyone

Tuesday June 7th
3101 Longley Lane, Reno.
Just to the south of Washoe
County Animal Services
3:00PM—7:00PM
Low-cost vaccination clinic
open to everyone

Tuesday June 21st
Sparks Senior Center
97 Richards Way, Sparks
8:00AM-11:00AM
Seniors 60 & Over
Free vaccination/microchip
clinic. New dog licenses are
also free.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH. NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES PLEASE.
ALL CATS MUST BE IN A CARRIER.

Summertime, Pets and Wildlife

Per the Nevada Department of Wildlife's website, here are a few tips and deterrents with regard to living with Nevada's wildlife:

1. Do not feed wildlife
2. Keep pet food out of reach and secure garbage cans
3. Leave wildlife alone. It is against the law to try and reha-

4. Leave snakes alone and keep your yard clean and neat which will help prevent rattlesnakes and other critters from taking up residence too close to your home or garden.

5. Avoid letting dogs and cats to roam freely. Coyotes are known to kill and eat small dogs and house cats.
6. Ponds stocked with fish may lure birds, raccoons and other wildlife that it attracts.
7. If wildlife is disturbing your landscaping or garden, visit

your local garden shop to learn about vegetation that may help to avoid these problems.

Learn to live with and enjoy wildlife in the area, but from a distance. They have a lot to offer, but do not risk harm to yourself, others, or your pets.