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Washoe County Regional Animal Services



Are You Prepared for a Fire?

Fire season is coming up once again! Now would be a good time to check your emergency kits for your pets. Make sure you have current vaccination records, clean water, and check the expiration date on the pet food. Don't already have a pet emergency kit? Now is a good time to put one together! Unfortunately, we do not get much warning of a fire. By the time we receive the call, it has already started, leaving those in the area of the fire minimal time to put everything together for their pet.

Here is a list of items you should have readily available for any of your pets:

- Pet first-aid kit
- A few days worth of food
- Disposable litter tray and litter (if you have a cat)
- Disinfectant and paper towels
- Poop bags and garbage bags
- Feeding dishes and water bowls
- An extra collar and leash
- Copies of any medical records including your dog's license certificate in a plastic/water proof bag. The certificate should have a picture of your pet and his permanent microchip ID info on it.
- Prescriptions that your pet needs.
- Bottled water
- Crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Flashlight
- Blanket



WCRAS participated in the Bi-State Evacuation Drill that was held up in the Crystal Bay area on Saturday May 19th. Our staff participated in the drill by helping evacuate a few animals from residences. WCRAS also set up an emergency animal shelter to demonstrate what to expect if an animal is evacuated. We also provided information on how to be prepared for fire and held a free microchipping clinic for those who came by with their pets. It is important to make sure that your pet is registered in case they do get separated from you. We want to make sure that we can reunite you and your pet as soon as possible! If you would like to microchip your pet, or just make sure that their microchip is

registered with us, feel free to stop by our facility Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm!

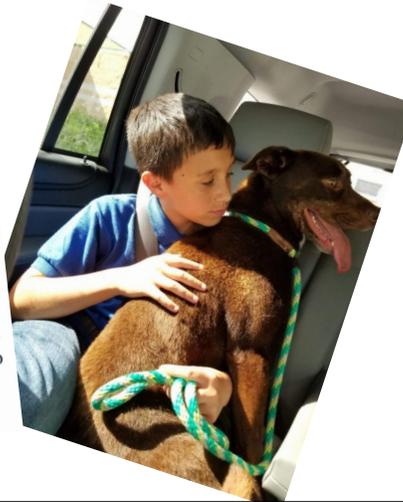
Meet Ember!

A little stray Labrador named Ember has been running all over the back hills across from Skyline for almost a year now. As scared as Ember was, Officer Ballam refused to give up trying to catch her. Every time Officer Ballam had a break in between calls, she would go up and see if she could catch her. She was so determined that she would even go out on her days off and early mornings to give it another try. Residents of the area helped by letting her know when and where Ember was last sighted. Supervisor Wooster came out a few times to see if he might be able to help. Together they both refused to give up trying to catch little miss Ember. Finally, Sunday May 13th, they caught a break and were able to catch Ember and bring her into the shelter where she received a clean bill of health. Because Ember survived on her own, out in the hills, for so long and no longer socialized with humans, it took our kennel staff a few days of working with her to bring her out of her shell. Ember is currently in a loving foster home until a permanent home for this little survivor can be found. Thank you Officer Ballam and

Supervisor Wooster for your dedication to Ember!

Thank you to Animal Services

A big thank you to Amber and her co-workers at the Washoe County Animal Services. Because of her determination and dedication to the animals in our community, a little black dog will have a second chance. Since last summer, several of us in the Caughlin community have been feeding and caring for this pup in an attempt to capture her. Amber and her team became involved a few months ago and thanks to Animal Services and a very kind family's perseverance, she was trapped early Sunday morning and transported to Regional Animal Services where she is safe and will eventually find a forever home. Amber and Robert responded to a call very early Sunday morning — Mother's Day — without hesitation to help our little friend. Great job!
Gini Brittenham Viebrock, Reno



Summer is Here!

Summer is here! With summer, comes rising temperatures! We want to remind everyone that it is illegal to leave your pet in a vehicle in high temperatures. We recommend not leaving your pet in your vehicle if temperatures will be hitting 65 degrees or higher on any given day, even if you only plan on leaving them for a few minutes. Temperatures can rise 20 degrees within 10 minutes! It is best to leave your pet at home, or make sure that you are able to bring your pet inside whatever facility you plan on going to.

We encourage the public to call WCRAS when they see dogs in vehicles on very warm or hot days: 775-322-3647. We do not encourage you to make contact with the owner, as this has turned into altercations in the past involving the police. Avoid these altercations by finding someone in uniform, whether it be a store security officer, patrol security, police, or wait until we arrive. Allow us to take the brunt of any issue that may arise. If you see that the owner has safely left with their animal before our arrival, please call us back to let us know. This will help spare some time for our officers that often have other high priority calls to respond to.



WARNING

**IF YOU LOVE THEM
DON'T LEAVE THEM**



HOT CARS KILL PETS

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday **June 12th**: Free Microchipping and Vaccination Clinic for pets of the homeless with **VCA Lakeside Animal Hospital**
355 Record St. Reno, NV 89512. 8:00am - 1:00pm.

Tuesday **June 19th**: Free Pet Food for Seniors residing in Washoe County (**must be 60+ with ID**)
Washoe County Senior Center at 1155 E. 9th St., Reno, NV 89512. 8:00am - 10:00am or until supplies last

Saturday **June 23rd**: Low Cost Vaccination Clinic
Miguel Ribera Park, 3925 Neil Rd., Reno, NV 89502. 10:00am - 2:00pm www.washoanimals.com