



Washoe County Regional Animal Services

July
2019

Getting to Know Us:

Officer Patrick Martin



Officer Martin has been with Washoe County Animal Services for approximately 5 years now and loves what he does for our community. Before Officer Martin came to us, he worked at a veterinary hospital for 7 years. While working for the veterinary hospital, he got his Bachelor's Degree from UNR in Criminal Justice. Officer Martin has 2 energetic dogs and 3 snakes that he enjoys spending time with. When he has down time, he enjoys playing computer games, target shooting and hiking the beautiful outdoors.

Next Month:

Field Supervisor
Robert Wooster

4th of July Precautions for your Pets

The 4th of July is a wonderful celebration for our country, but can be a terrifying night for our four legged friends. When you watch the fireworks, even from a distance, you can feel the vibration of sound. Dogs can hear 4 times the distance of our hearing. Every time fireworks go off, it can often feel much louder and closer to your pet. Humans enjoy the show but to your pets, they only hear these extremely loud unusual popping noises and possibly feel the vibrations. They have no idea what is going on, causing them to become extremely frightened and seek to do anything to escape the noise. This is the busiest time of year for many shelters across the country as a result. WCRAS took in 32 stray dogs on July 5th of 2016. We were able to reduce that number in 2017 to 28, and we were able to reduce that number even more to 22 dogs last year! Let's keep working together to help reduce the amount of dogs coming into the shelter from the 4th of July fireworks this year! Here are somethings that you can do for both dogs and cats:

- * **Keep your pets inside.**
- * **Put on soothing music or leave a television on to help drown out the fireworks when they do go off.**

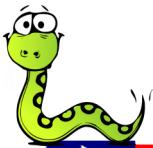
Here are some tips for dogs specifically:

- * **Put your dog in a crate if you are aware that they will try to take off. Especially if they have done it before.**
- * **If you know your dog gets extremely stressed out, and will even dig through the drywall of your home to get away, our best recommendation is to skip the fireworks and stay at home to comfort your dog in their time of need.**
- * **In some cases, it may be appropriate to work with your veterinarian to talk about sedative options to help keep your pet calm.**

Tips for 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 rehabilitate injured wildlife yourself, unless you are licensed by the State.
4. Leave baby birds, baby rabbits and other juvenile wildlife alone! In most cases, mom is close by and will care for their young once they know it is safe to come back out. You are seen as a threat to them!
5. Leave snakes be! 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.
6. Do not let your dogs chase the deer or other wildlife for fun!



Did you know?

Have you visited our facility? Talked to our staff while you were there? Has an officer been to your home? What about just asking a question over the phone? We want to hear about your experience with all of us! You can fill out a comment card online at: https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/comment_card.php

Help us continue to improve our services to our community!

Keeping up with the Statistics

We are up to 251 total calls for pets left in vehicles when it is too hot!

Total	3/2019	4/2019	5/2019	6/2019
251	4	55	64	128

WCRAS asks that you don't put your pet's life at risk, as it could be a deadly mistake!

Leave your pets at home, not in your hot vehicle!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday July 2nd: Low Cost Vaccination Clinic

WCRAS 2825 Longley Ln. #A, Reno, in the classroom. 3pm-7pm

Tuesday July 9th: Pets of the Homeless with VCA Lakeside Animal Hospital (must have Clarity Card)

335 Record St., Reno. 8am-11am

Tuesday July 16th: Free Pet Food Distribution for seniors (must be 60+ with NV ID)

Senior Center at 1155 E. 9th St., Reno. 8am-10am (or until supplies run out).