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# Washoe County Regional Animal Services

# August 2019

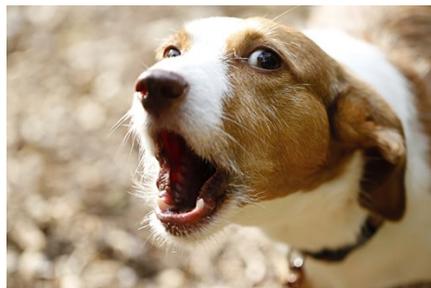
## Back to School Pet Safety!



It's that time of year again, for our kids go back to school! Whether walking to school or a bus stop, all kids are on the school grounds learning and playing. What we don't always expect is for our kids to encounter a stray dog on their way to school or on school grounds, but

it does happen. Here are some tips your kids should know to keep themselves safe when a stray dog approaches them:

- ◆ Never pet or touch a stray dog, even if it runs up to you and seems like it might be friendly. Just stand perfectly still until the dog walks away. You can use a backpack or a book to create a barrier between you and the dog.
- ◆ If a dog starts running toward you, don't run! Even if the dog is friendly, they may think you are playing and chase after you!
- ◆ **Don't:** make a lot of noise, make direct eye contact, waive your arms or throw things at the dog. Look straight ahead .
- ◆ Once you are away from the dog, tell an adult as soon as possible. The adult may be able to assist in getting the stray dog home.
- ◆ If you see dogs through fences in yards, do not antagonize them by making barking sounds, slamming or throwing things up against the fence and do not put your hands through the fence. This could encourage the dog to get over, under or even through the fence in an aggressive manner and come after you.



## Getting to Know Us:

### Field Supervisor Robert Wooster



Field Supervisor Robert Wooster has been with our department for over 5 years. He came to us from Marin County, CA as an Animal Control Officer. Robert brought with him strong work ethic and willingness to win Animal Cruelty Cases. His favorite calls to respond to are the ones that take more than one officer to safely catch an elusive dog. On his free time he likes to watch sports; he is a big Giants, 49ers and Warriors fan! Robert also loves to hang out with his kids, go on bike rides, go target shooting, build furniture and whittle when he gets the chance.

### Next Month

Getting to Know Us:  
Kennel Assistant  
Amber-Rose Rodriguez



# Pet First Aid with Peggy Rew!

## The Simplicity of Water!

Daily fresh water is needed, but...don't just refill the dish. Black, green, red or slimy bacteria is dangerous. Wash water containers often. Purge your ice maker for dogs to enjoy. Pedialyte works great for hydration.



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Pot Nanny  
Pot Rescue Liaison

Use Kiddie pools for cooling dogs, though muddy water with floating fur is not healthy. Cats will drink more water if water dishes are away from food dishes. Try it. It's a cat thing!



## Keeping Up With the Statistics

Calls our dispatchers have received for dogs left in hot vehicles:

Total	3/2019	4/2019	5/2019	6/2019	7/2019
415	4	55	64	128	164

### Stray Dogs Impounded on July 5th

Unfortunately, the statistics for calls for loose dogs that WCRAS took around the 4th of July is not favorable. We impounded 67 dogs in 24 hours over July 4th holiday! That is the most that we have had in the past decade! We would like to remind all of Washoe County residents to bring pets inside when possible during the July 4th holiday next year! Let's bring this number back down in 2020! Also, don't forget to update your microchip and license information!

## Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday August 6th:** Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

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

**Tuesday August 13th:** Pets of the Homeless with VCA Lakeside Animal Hospital (must have clarity card)

CAC Campus, 335 Record St., Reno, 89512

**Tuesday August 20th:** 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)