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# WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES



## GETTING TO KNOW US: CARETAKER AMBER ROSE RODRIGUEZ



**A**mber has been with WCRAS for almost 5 years. She worked at the Nevada Humane Society before coming here so she brought a lot of animal experience to the job! Amber has a passion for the animals in our care and works to make their stay more comfortable by implementing enrichment activities. She enjoys taking extra time for those pets that seem scared or anxious.

Amber likes to spend time traveling and exploring new places. She also likes to spend time at home with her boyfriend, her 2 dogs, 2 ferrets and her cat.

NEXT MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT  
ANIMAL SERVICES ASSISTANT  
CATIE SCHULTZE

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A PET

What if you found a lost pet? This happens quite frequently and although you may be tempted to take the pet home, the best thing you can do is bring it in to Animal Services where it is scanned for a microchip and hopefully the owner is found and called immediately. If the animal does not have a microchip, we will take a photo so that it is posted onto our website. The pet then goes through the intake process where it is given a brief physical exam, vaccinated and possibly treated for any medical issues that it may have.

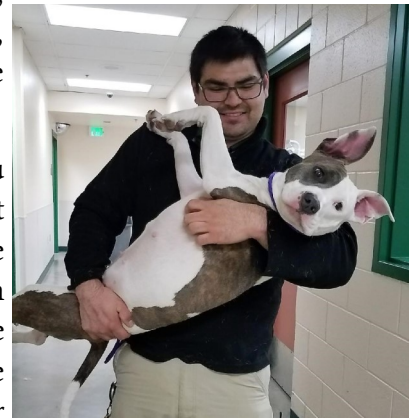
Washoe County Regional Animal Services (WCRAS), is sometimes called the “dog pound”, which is an outdated term for an animal shelter. Cartoons, movies, and television shows often portray the dog pound or animal control officers as evil, just wanting to impound animals for the sake of impounding them. This is far from the truth.

WCRAS is viewed as one of the top-notch facilities in the country with an above average return to owner rate.

Our staff assists citizens every day with a variety of issues that include missing pets, noise complaints, licensing, vaccinations and microchipping as well as welfare and cruelty investigation and emergency evacuations.

WCRAS has caring and compassionate staff devoted to responsible care of animals through education, proactive outreach and regulation, making Washoe County a safe community.

So the next time you or someone you know finds a pet, call our Dispatch at 322-3647 or bring the pet in so that the responsibility and liability falls on WCRAS and not you. All pets are considered property and thousands are microchipped. Let us find that owner and return the pet back home.



Staff member Nate spending quality time with a friendly stray dog

## Fall & Winter Tips for Healthy Paws, Fur & Skin

Changing of the seasons or just fluctuating temps affect everyone. When you adjust your wardrobe, think about your pets, too.

~Watch for itchy, flaking skin. A high-quality Pet Food and some canned food or Fish/Salmon/Coconut Oil added to dry food can combat dry skin, but check with your Vet.

~Trim long-haired dogs to minimize ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals. After each walk, check your pet's feet and between the toes. Booties help with harsh weather or chemicals.

~During cold spells, bathe your pets less. Washing too often removes essential oils causing dry, flaky skin. If you've got a stinky pooch, use moisturizing shampoo and/or cream rinse. Ask your groomer about a masque. Brushing your pet regularly stimulates blood circulation and improves the skin's overall condition.

~Pets burn extra calories in winter, so may need a little extra food and LOTS of fresh water. Good nutrition keeps the under-the-fur skin healthy. Water doesn't have to be cold, but it MUST be fresh! Clean slimy water bowls often!

~If it's too cold outside for you, it's too cold for your pet. All pets deserve adequate shelter in winter. Check dog houses for warmth, wash all blankets often, and make sure they get lots of sunshine.

Submitted by Peggy Rew

Pet First Aid & CPR & Dog Bite Prevention

WCRAS Volunteer



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Low Cost Vaccine Clinic, WCRAS in the classroom

Tuesday October 1, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm

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Free Pet Food Distribution for seniors with pets (**seniors must be 60+ with Nevada ID**)

Tuesday October 15th, 155 9th St. at Senior Services between 8:00am to 10am or while supplies last

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Free vaccination clinic for seniors with pets! (**seniors must be 60+ with Nevada ID**)

Tuesday, October 22nd, 9:00am-12:00pm. Senior center, 1155 E. 9th St., Reno 89512

In the courtyard. Dogs and cats only.