

# Washoe County Regional Animal Services



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## Getting to Know Us: Officer Trevor Maloy



Trevor was born and raised in the Reno/Sparks area. He followed his love for animals and worked at Sierra Vet Specialists for 7 years. Then, made his way over to Animal Services in 2013 as Animal Services Assistant (ASA). After spending a couple of years as an ASA, he was promoted to an Animal Control Officer position. When Trevor has free time, he likes to play golf with his friends and family, lift weights and watch sports. Trevor is always rooting for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Oregon Ducks and the Green Bay Packers. When he is able to take the time, he likes to travel throughout the U.S. and other Countries.

**Next Month  
Getting to Know Us:  
Kennel Staff  
Adrian Segura**

## Paying it Forward

In 2015, WCRAS partnered with NHS to provide seniors with dog and cat food for their pets, free of charge during vaccination clinics. In 2016, the program expanded into a monthly pet food distribution at the Senior Center at 1155 E. 9th St., in Reno, where approximately 100 seniors regularly show up on the 3rd Tuesday for pet food.

This year, we have taken the program a step further by helping those seniors who are homebound. Seniors with pets who participate in the Meals on Wheels program may also receive assistance with pet food. The volunteers and staff who deliver human food for the seniors utilizing the Meals on Wheels program, also take the pet food to those seniors who need it.



These programs help support the important companionship that animals bring to many seniors in our community. Some seniors even admit to sharing their own meals with their pets to keep them fed. As a combined team, we are able to help our seniors keep their furry family member nourished, happy, and most importantly, at home with them.



If you would like to assist us in our endeavors to help our seniors with pet food, we are taking donations for dry or canned cat food! We are asking for bags no larger than 10lbs, as some of these seniors still need to carry this food home. There are two donation drop stations; one at the front lobby here at WCRAS and a 2nd at the Nevada Humane Society front lobby. We invite you to help pay it forward with us! This is a year-round program and we would like to keep up with our growing need. Let's come together and help pay it forward!

Thank you so much for finding our dog Saturday. He seems to be an escape artist. Everyone here at High Sierra Animal Rescue love the work that you do. Benny says Thank you too.

Share your experience with us!

Email us at [pets@washoecounty.us](mailto:pets@washoecounty.us)!

## Burr!! It's Cold!

Our field staff have been getting a lot of calls about dogs being left outside without shelter. There are no laws that prevent dogs from being left outside, however they do need to have access to a shelter at all times. Per Washoe County Code, "Shelter" means a structure which promotes the retention of body heat during cold weather, which promotes cooling and provides sun protection in hot weather, which allows an animal to remain dry during wet weather, and which is

appropriate to the season and the species.

We would like to take the time and remind our community to be prepared for anything to happen. In doing so, let's help make sure our pets are ready for any type of weather at any point in time!



## Fireworks for the New Year!

Fireworks are a wonderful way to celebrate the new year, but can be terrifying for our four legged friends. When fireworks go off, even from a distance, we can feel the vibration and hear the loud noise. A dog's hearing is 4 times that of a human. Every time one of those fireworks go off, to your pet, it can feel very close and threatening. Humans can see the sky light up and know what that is, but our dogs may not understand. They only hear extremely loud, unusual, threatening noises and feel the vibrations. Some pets will panic, and try to escape due to extreme fear.

In 2016 WCRAS took in 32 stray dogs on the 5th of July because dogs were so afraid of the fireworks and escaped from their enclosures. A year later, we were able to drop that number down to 28. We would like to start the new year off by finding even fewer scared, stray dogs. Here are a few tips that may help keep your pet safe:



We recommend leaving your dog inside your home on New Year's Eve. Thunder shirts may help your dog and were made for this particular purpose. If your dog is known to stress during thunder storms, be prepared for your dog to panic during the fireworks. They may even try to dig out of their yard during the fireworks. A crate may also be a safe alternative. Create a quiet, comfortable space with a bed and a familiar blanket. Staying home with your pet is another great way to comfort them in a stressful time. It's also a great time to ensure that your contact information is up to date on your microchips and licenses! Let's work together to keep pets safe this new year!

## Upcoming Events:

Tuesday January 16th: Free Pet Food Distribution to the Seniors (must be 60+ with ID)

1155 E. 9th St. at 8:00am to 10:00am or until supplies last

~Tuesday February 6th: Low Cost Vaccination Clinic

WCRAS at 3:00pm to 7:00pm