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Behind The Scenes

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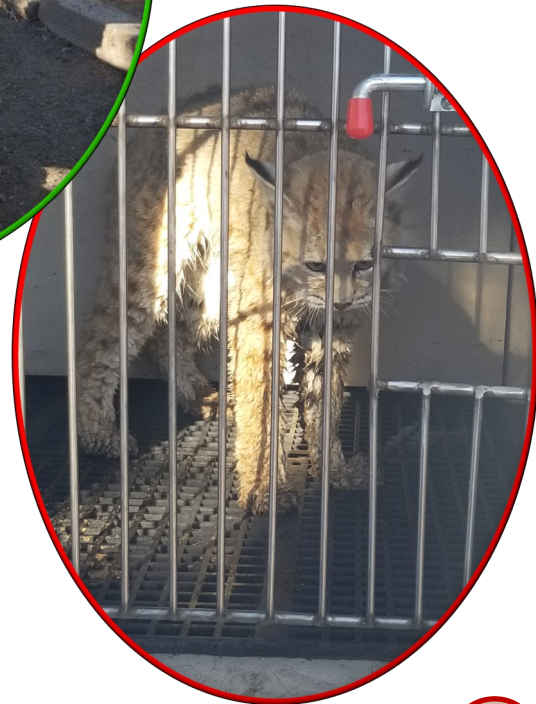
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There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes. A well-deserved Shout Out to those who truly make a difference in the divisions' success. Animal Control and Code Enforcement Officers, while in the field, generate a plethora of paperwork, such as, administrative citations, misdemeanor citations, notices of violation, bite reports, requests for prosecution and warrants just to mention a few. All of these documents have their own records retention and all need to be processed through the Animal Protection Services and Code Enforcement management systems, processed for court and hearings and properly retained. Without these hard-working individuals, Clark County Animal Protection Services and Code Enforcement would not be the efficient and effective divisions that they are today.

LIVING WITH BOBCATS

In the early afternoon of January 25, 2022, Clark County Animal Protection Services was contacted by the Nevada Department of Wildlife, NDOW, for assistance. Because all of the NDOW officers were in training, Clark County Animal Protection Services responded to a call for service pertaining to a bobcat in a backyard coop. Upon arrival, the officer was able to immediately locate the bobcat, that was behind a piece of wood, hovering over a deceased duck. Due to the size of the coop that the birds were in, a call for a back up officer was placed. Together the officers worked as a team, one distracting the Bobcat, while the other was able to capture it on a catch pole. Because the Bobcat looked to be in good health, it was released near the Natures Preserves.



Bobcats are indigenous to southern Nevada. The Bobcat's habitat include forest areas, like Mt. Charleston, semi-desert areas, like Las Vegas valley, Henderson, Boulder City and Clark County, mountains and foothills and possibly your backyard.

*Fun
Facts*

... AND COYOTES

Coyotes are a common sight in Southern Nevada. They can be seen in practically every neighborhood of the Las Vegas Valley. Fortunately, incidents between coyotes and residents are rare. Clark County Animal Control officers often help to educate our neighbors by explaining the steps to help minimize the risk.

Remove food sources

Remove anything that might be attracting coyotes or their food sources, such as rodents or wild birds to your property. Examples of attractants are birdseed, pet food, trash or compost, fallen fruit, overgrown shrubs, or woodpiles.

**Animal Protection
Services**

Responded to

29

Wildlife Calls

This Quarter

Feeding wild birds such as geese or ducks create a food source for coyotes. Enticing birds to congregate near your home will attract coyotes, thus the area near your home will now be seen as a hunting area. Not only will coyotes hunt the birds you attract, they will also eat the seeds and scraps intended for the geese themselves.

There are several devices on the market that are used to deter coyotes and their food sources from your property. Examples include motion activated sprinkler heads and ultrasonic sound device.

Do not let them get comfortable

If you see a coyote or fox in an urban area, it's not necessary to report this to wildlife officials. However, officials should be notified immediately if an animal is threatening, appears to be sick or injured, or has bitten or attacked someone. Nevada Department of Wildlife can be reached at 702-486-5127.



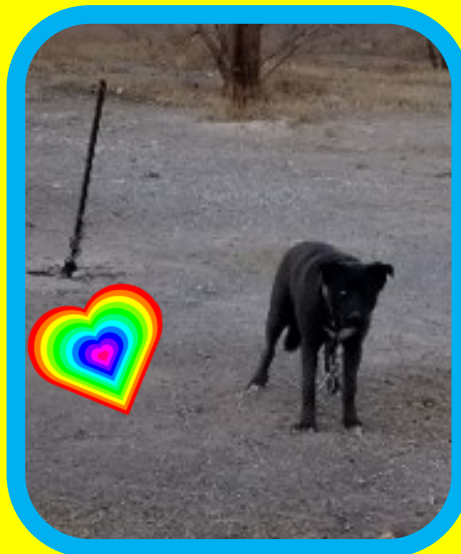
HAPPY AT HOME



On January 25, 2022, Clark County Animal Protection Services received a call for a dog tied up in a vacant lot. When the Animal Control Officer arrived, he could see that this was a vagrant camp with multiple homeless people and their dogs living on the lot. The tied up dog was located and was immediately provided water. While the officer was waiting for the dog to stop drinking, one of the people approached the officer stating that the people who had been taking care of the dog had been gone about an hour. Just as the officer was getting ready to leave the custodians arrived stating that they had found the dog and because it reminded them of their deceased dog, they decided to keep it. The custodian showed the officer a rabies tag and when the tag was researched it was learned that the dog had received his rabies vaccination in November of 2021. Based on this information, the custodian was told that the dog would have to be taken to the shelter and contact with the owner would be attempted. The custodian stated that she understood and that if someone had taken her dog, she would be very unhappy.



The Officer then went to the registered owners house where she was greeted by a gentleman at the door. When asked if he was missing a dog, he advised yes, that when they had returned home about three days ago, their dog was gone. He was able to describe the dog with two different colored eyes and being a year old, dark brown, mixed breed puppy. The dog was happily released back to the owner and again this was a happy home!



ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY



Chester!



Chester, Chester, where are you Chester? When sweet Chester was found hiding between a concrete traffic barrier and a chain-link fence almost a month after he had gone missing, he was emaciated, dehydrated and scared. Slowly and carefully, the Animal Control Officer was able to leash him and safely remove him from his hiding place. Upon initial examination by the Animal Control Officer, it was noticed that he had swelling to his right front leg, just below the elbow. Luckily, Chester had a registered microchip and contact with the owner was made. Advising the owner that their dog needed immediate medical attention, the owners and the Animal Control Officer met at the North East Animal Hospital. Unfortunately, the veterinarian office was closed. Knowing that Chester was in good hands, he was returned to his owner with the understanding that Clark County Animal Protection Services would be following up to confirm the health and welfare of Chester. The following day CCAPS checked in on Chester and he was doing well, had been seen by a Veterinarian and was prescribed pain and stomach medication and vitamins. Chester and his family are once again one big happy family!!



1ST QUARTER STATISTICS

Stray
Animals

610

Animals
Impounded

1,893

Calls Received
By Dispatch

18,498

Total
Sterilizations

3,065

Calls Handled
In the Field

6,816

Health &
Welfare

378

Bite
Reports

299

Administrative
Citations
Issued

130

Requests for
Prosecution
Submitted

4

Vehicle
Confinement

119

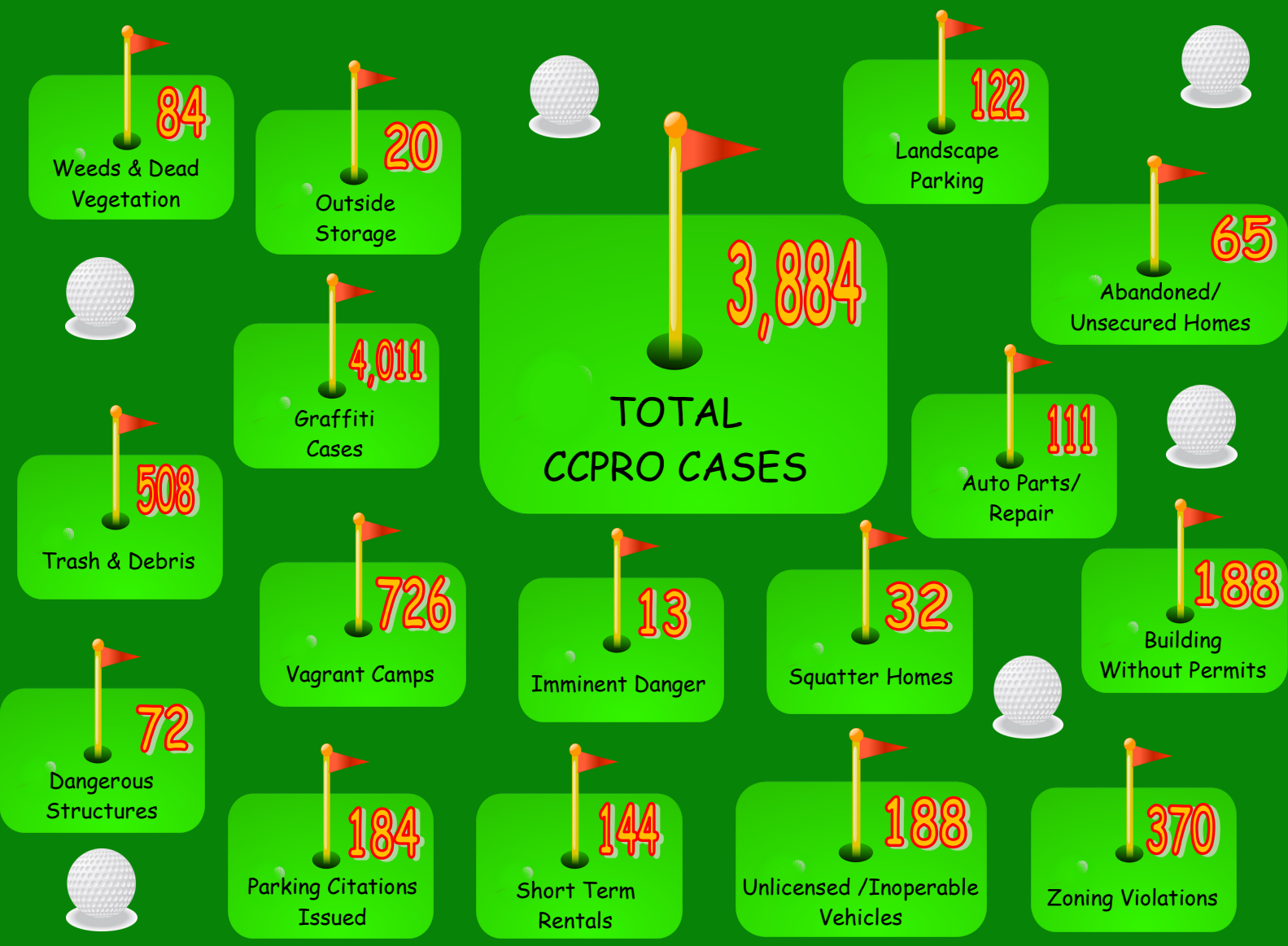
Misdemeanor
Citations
Processed

304

Cases sent to
METRO for
Felony
Charges

9

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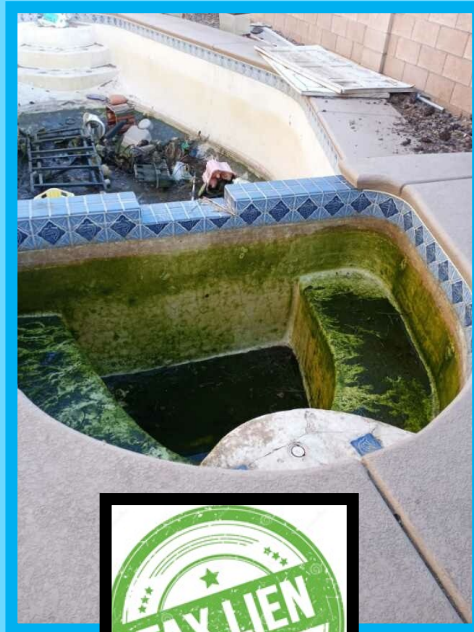


Fines Issued

Outside Storage \$1,950.00	CMART \$2,750.00
Dead Vegetation \$800.00	Zoning Violations \$9,400.00
Landscape Parking \$1,600.00	Trash & Debris \$18,450.00
Running a Business out of a Home \$2,700.00	Short-term Rentals \$701,825.00
Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles \$8,950.00	Parking Citations \$26,050.00
Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$1,100.00	Building without Permits \$43,400.00

IMMINENT DANGER

In early February, Clark County Code Enforcement received an online complaint from the "FixItClarkCounty" violation reporting application. The complaint stated there were squatters living in the home without power. Upon inspection, several code violations were observed. Some of the violations noted were outside storage, solid waste, a green pool, no legal power, and squatter like conditions. A generator was being used to run power to the home and a water heater on top of a fire pit supplied hot water. A 72 hour Imminent Danger notice was posted on the property. Further investigation revealed the home was in foreclosure and had been a frequent residence for squatters. On February 16, 2022, LVMPD, Clark County Animal Protection Services and Code Enforcement served a warrant and the combined efforts successfully removed and impounded two dogs, one gecko, one squatter was arrested, and the green pool was drained. The property was ultimately abated, secured and liened in the amount of \$3,275.00.




SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT YOUR OWN RISK

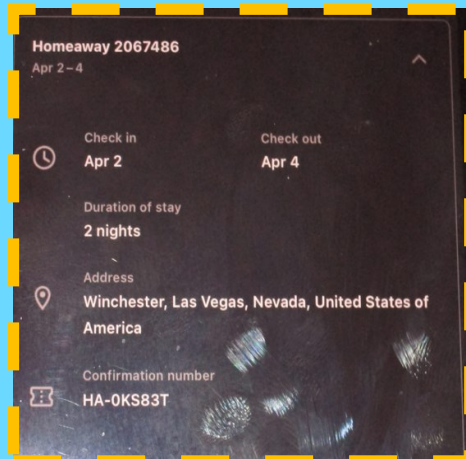
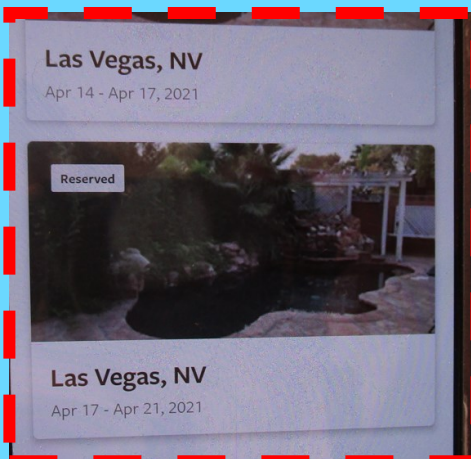
What does it mean when Clark County Code Enforcement is granted a Warrant Return for a total of 110 nights of an illegally rented property? It means \$56,500.00 in Administrative Citations issued to the owner. Oh no, but that didn't stop this property owner, he continued to advertise and rent the property on a short-term basis. With consistent investigation, evidence of occupancy and the persistence of Clark County Code Enforcement the property owner was finally feeling the pressure. And just like that, he was hit with a horrific review. These

reviews help Clark County in their pursuit of prosecution.

Knowing that Clark County is going to continue to monitor until the property owner complies and if the unknowing renters continue to have the same experience as Mrs. Green, it won't be long before the property is shut down for good!

 **Green**
March 2022

There were several issues with this home. The home itself was interesting and the beds comfortable. However, communication with the person that was supposed to check in was not good to say the least! I was told to contact her 24 hours before arrival. I contacted her several times with no response. I finally asked if we needed to cancel and book a hotel and 4 1/2 hours before check in she responded. We were allowed to check in 2 hours early but she was there with her cleaning person finishing up cleaning the home. Once we settled in we found out that the refrigerator and freezer are broken. Unfortunately, that was found out after putting \$800 worth of food in the fridge which went bad. The garbage disposal had a plastic bag stuck in it, the showerhead in the bathroom to the two bedrooms was handheld only so if you used that bathroom it would spray water all into the bathroom! All the doors had marks on them that it looked like someone tried to pry them open to break in. The dishwasher does not work and neither did the remotes to the TVs. At one point a code enforcement officer showed up at the door, at 8:30 in the morning, questioning us about staying there. He informed us that the owner and rental person has been informed numerous times that they are illegally renting on a short-term basis. I called the rental person while the code enforcement officer was there and she said not to speak to him and send me a code ordinance for the City of Las Vegas and claimed he was just harassing the owner. The code ordinance officer informed us that we are not in the city of Las Vegas jurisdiction we are actually in the Clark County jurisdiction and they are for the city rules do not apply. Oh and let's mention the fact that there are birds living in the chimney of the fireplace so we got to listen to music from birds day and night! This was all around not a good idea!



NEWS ALERT

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Homeless camp in Las Vegas neighborhood prompts safety concerns among residents



Residents near Mountain Vista and Nellis voice concerns over homeless camp. (FOX5)

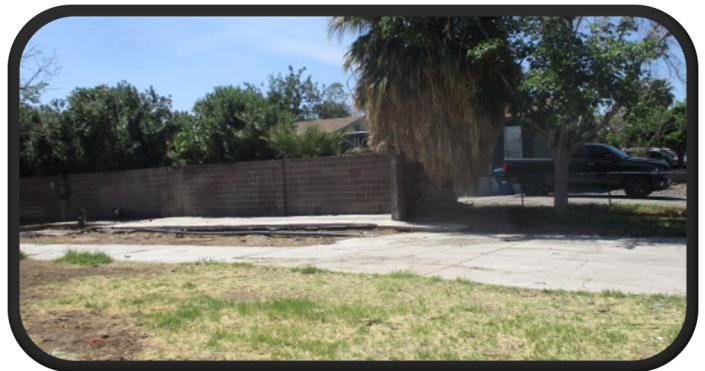
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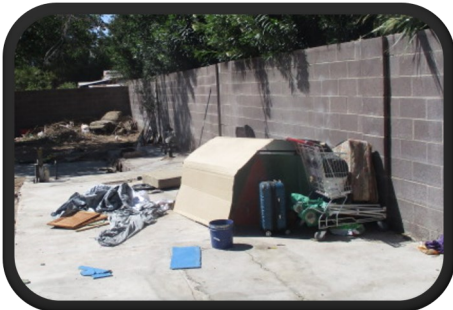


FixItClarkCounty is the online and mobile app complaint system for Clark County and is where a large amount of complaints are received in the Code Enforcement division. Via FixItClarkCounty, Code Enforcement received a multitude of complaints for this property. Complaints consisted of abandoned shopping carts, cardboard living structures, tents, trash, bikes, as well as vagrants and dogs living on the property. Upon the initial inspection, all the stated complaints were observed as well as tarps, weeds, scrap metal and other solid waste. A Notice of Violation was sent to the property

owner, however a response was not received. A second inspection was conducted with METRO and it was discovered that the vagrants were also vandalizing the property, using drugs and additional extensive criminal activity. The growing concern of the neighbors was almost at its peak. The property was deemed an Imminent Danger and was abated. Five people were removed along with their belongings, two truckloads of trash and debris was removed and the property was fenced and marked "No Trespassing". A lien was placed on the property in the amount of \$2,850.00. The neighbors are very relieved and thankful!



Before
≡ and ≡
After



Commercial Vehicles

Did you know that commercial equipment and commercial vehicles cannot be parked or kept in a residential area? It's true, commercial equipment and vehicles must be kept in a commercial location. This however, does not include, a single commercially licensed automobile.

It is unlawful within unincorporated Clark County to:

- ◆ Stand or park a commercial vehicle within 1000' of a residential district.
- ◆ Stand, park, or store a trailer or recreational vehicle on a residential street.
- ◆ Parking 18 inches from the curb.
- ◆ Stand, park, or store an abandoned vehicle on a street or highway.
- ◆ Stand, park or store an abandoned vehicle on public property without permission.
- ◆ Display vehicles for sale on a vacant lot.
- ◆ Stand, park or store a mobile billboard on a residential street.

**Clark County
Public Response
Office issued**

184

**illegal parking
citations
this quarter**

Along with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Constable's Office, the Clark County Public Response Office enforces all of the above mentioned codes. Violators are subject to citations, towing, or a registration being placed on hold by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

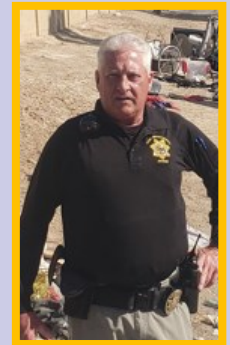
**Clark County
Public Response
Office responded to**

437

**illegal parking
complaints this
quarter**



Compliments to Code Enforcement Specialist Randy Buckner for being named the Employee of the Quarter. Randy has been part of the Code Enforcement team since 2015 and with each year he just gets better and better. Prior to joining the team, Randy was a Compliance Enforcement Officer with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Outside of work, he enjoys watching sports, relaxing in his pool and traveling. Randy just returned from a week in the Dominican Republic. While Randy watches his favorite sports, he is always rooting for the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears and the Vegas Golden Knights. Randy's favorite food is a "toss up" between Italian and Mexican. Thank you Randy, you are doing a great job!



Lulu & Mochie

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Animal Control Officer, Delaney Riley for being name the Employee of the Quarter. Delaney has devoted her career to Clark County Animal Protection Services since 2020 and enjoys "knowing that I am contributing to the betterment of my community". While general wealth is a continuous goal that she strives for, Delaney enjoys exploring various entrepreneurial opportunities. Delaney also enjoys playing with her Malti-Poo, Teddy and relaxing by her pool. Without hesitation, Delaney said her favorite food is Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo and Pasta salad and if she could share that meal with any three people they would be, her father, who passed away before she was born, Nat Turner because she wants to find out what event he recalled before he was born and Adolf Hitler to



pick his brain about how he could hate one race as much as he did. If Delaney could live in one TV show, it would be Ceaser Milan-Dog Whisper because she loves to learn about different breeds of dogs and the proper way to train both animals and people. Way to go Delaney, keep up the good work!

Animal Protection Services

Code Enforcement

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>
By Phone:
 (702) 455-7710
By Email:

Report
 a
 Violation

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>
By Phone:
 (702) 455-4191
By Email:
PublicResponseInfo@clarkcountynv.gov
Graffiti Hotline:
 (702) 455-4509