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PUBLIC RESPONSE ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES GRAFFITI

## 2023 2nd QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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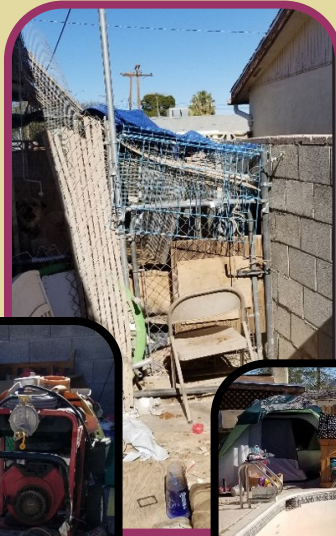
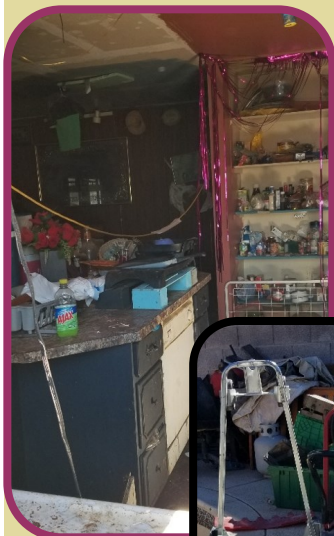
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When Animal Protection Services received a call from Henderson Police about a home in Clark County that had no power, and believed to have multiple dogs inside, it was considered a higher priority. The Henderson Police officer who reported this, further advised that the owners of the property were living in tents outside. When the Animal Control officer arrived, she could hear multiple dogs on both sides of the house, as well as, multiple dogs inside of the house. There was a hand painted sign on the property wall and gate that said "dogs will bite". A failed attempt to make contact with the owner resulted in a notice being left to contact CCAPS within 24 hours. Because of the horrific living conditions witnessed by the ACO, the property was reported to Code Enforcement. Upon inspection by Code Enforcement, it was observed that there were inoperable vehicles, solid waste including household junk, and garbage in the front yard. Based on the extreme violations, it was considered a health issue, attractive to rats and vermin. A Notice of Violation was issued. Animal Protection Services returned to the property to meet with the owner and could see that the animals were being neglected and that the environment was not safe or sanitary. Due to the conditions and the property owner stating she was unable to care for all of the dogs, two were surrendered and a citation for deprivation of water was issued. The owner stated that she would tend to the rest of the dogs and would ensure that they all had water. Upon arrival the next day to check on the welfare of the animals, the owner that cooperated the previous day was unavailable and the officer was told to come back at another time. A notice was left to make immediate contact again. When the Officer went back again the following day, it was observed that the dogs were now being placed in a large dog run, provided with a large bucket of water, and the yard was cleared of any major animal concerns. A positive end for Animal Protections Services. Code Enforcement has been a different issue. After the Notice of Violation was issued, a follow up inspection was made 30 days later. The inoperable vehicles remained, most of the solid waste had been removed but the question of restoring

power to the home had not been resolved. A Final Notice of Violation was issued and fees were applied. After another 30 days to get the property into compliance, the violations remained the same, thus an Administrative Citation was issued. To date, power has not been restored and the yard is not entirely in compliance. Code Enforcement is actively working and issuing citations to ensure this property is cleaned.

Stay tuned for the next report to find out the end result of this case.

**\$1,475**  
**Administrative**  
**Citations**  
**Issued**



## SAVE THE SNAKES

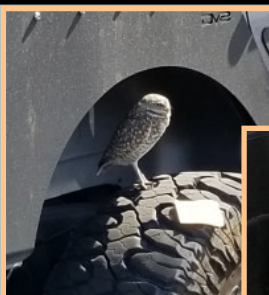
When a landlord has to evict a tenant, it is not easy for either party. Although Nevada law requires a thirty day notice to the tenant, followed by a second five-day notice to quit, this still may not be enough time for the tenant to get all of their belongings before it is considered unlawful to be at the home. Unfortunately that is just what happened in this case. On April 4, 2023, Clark County Animal Protection Services received a call from a landlord stating that his previous tenant had left behind three snakes. When the officer arrived, the landlord brought the officer into the house where she found three snakes in plastic containers, in pressboard shelves. The first two containers that the officer looked in were marked as male and female, both had dried feces, dried paper towel material stained yellow and neither had any water. Both snakes were yellow and severely malnourished, with their spines visible. The third container held a larger brown snake, that had cleaner paper towel material but still no water. The spine on this snake was also visible. All three snakes were impounded and brought to the Animal Foundation. The two yellow snakes were transferred to Best Friends Animal Society Rescue for care and the larger brown snake was adopted.



Snakes require spectrum lighting, specific temperatures and humidity levels, precise diets and feeding schedules and lots of space. It can be a very difficult task to properly take care of a snake.

And don't forget snakes should be kept in an *ESCAPE PROOF* cage.

## HOO HOO WILL SAVE ME?



Clark County Animal Protections services will save you little owl. CCAPS received a call on April 13, 2023, that there was an injured owl in the tire well of a black jeep parked in a Walmart parking lot. The person reporting believed the owl to be injured because it was making a lot of hissing noises. Luckily the owl was just afraid with all of the people gathering around and was not injured. The owl just seemed to be lost and trying to find a place to hide. The animal Control Officer was able to safely capture the owl and relocate it to Wetlands Park. Great job Office Narro!

**Fun fact about owls.** Owls can rotate their necks 270 degrees. A blood-pooling system collects blood to power their brains and eyes when neck movement cuts off circulation.

# EVACUATION DRILL TRAINING

On April 13, 2023, the Horses4Heroes Family Equestrian Center in Lone Mountain held an evacuation drill training. They invited North Las Vegas Fire Department, Clark County Animal Protection Services, and Desert Pines Equine Medical Center to their 2.14-acre property. The objective of the training was to expose the first responders to the layout of the property and the different types of animals housed at the location. Fire safety is a major focus on small farms. The presence of large animals like horses and bulls create an additional safety concern for the first responders and the public. Horses4Heroes staff walked the attendees through the facility and pointed out potential hazards, exit points, and on-site animal handling equipment. Attendees were shown the process of loading and herding animals. The training was beneficial for all involved. It exposed fire responders to the large number of animals they may one day have to rescue.



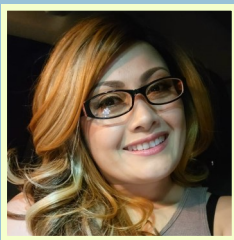
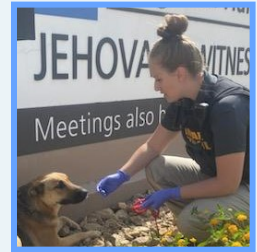
FIRST RESPONDERS



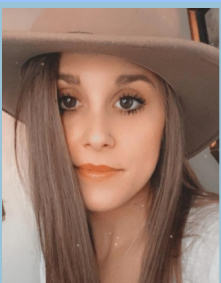
## SAY HELLO!



Say hello to one of Animal Protection Services new Animal Control Officers, Erica Johnson. Prior to joining the CCAPS team, Erica spent 16 years working in the veterinary field, working as both a Pet Nurse assistant, working her way up to Practice Manager and along the way, earned her Veterinary Technician Training license. Erica decided to pursue a career with APS because she has always had a passion for taking care of and advocating for animals. Over the next five years, Erica plans to become an expert in the Animal Control field, hopes to be someone that her peers can rely on for support and to be a Field Training Officer. When she is not devoting herself to animals, Erica loves spending time with her husband and two sons, especially while traveling and making memories in new places together. As a child, Erica wanted to be a CSI agent, she loves a good story, putting the “pieces together” and finds true crime stories very intriguing. It is not hard to see that Erica is a great fit for Animal Protection Service.



A warm welcome to Gauriella Simon! Gauriella joins CCAPS with 22 years experience as an Assistant Practice Manager/Licensed Veterinary Technician with side ventures of teaching the Veterinary Assistant program at PIMA Medical for three years. Making a difference in the community and helping as many animals as possible was her motivation for wanting to join the team. Over the next five years, Gauriella goals are to visit Kro, Egypt to visit the Valley of the Kings, installing a Hawaiian themed pool in her backyard and to broaden her experience and knowledge in her new career. Some things Gauriella enjoys doing during while away from work are watching movies or going on nature adventures with her husband and son and when ever possible, going to Vegas Golden Knights games. Recently, Gauriella began collecting shiny rocks in the form of crystal geodes. Clark County Animal Protection Services is very happy to have Gauriella as part of the team.



Another great addition to Animal Protection Services is Erika Smock. Growing up watching Animal Cops Houston and Animal Cops Detroit, Erika was always interested in the stories and loved how the officers were the voice in getting justice for animals. This interest increased when she worked in a Veterinary clinic and was able to see some of the cruelty that animals can suffer. Now that Erika has achieved her first goal of becoming an Animal Control Officer, she hopes to continue her drive in becoming the best ACO that she can be, being able to prosecute those who inflict animal cruelty and hone in all of her investigative skills. Erika would also like to continue to be the best mom to her two girls and raise them to be kind, caring, successful, healthy animal loving children. Some of Erika’s hobbies are cleaning and organizing and working out. Erika has expressed that joining CCAPS has always been a dream of hers and Animal Protection Services was happy to make that dream come true.



## WELCOME DISPATCHERS!



Animal Protection Services is pleased to welcome Tera Sidebottom! Tera wanted to join Clark County because of her father who has enjoyed being a Clark County Building Inspector for many years. She especially was excited to join CCAPS because at the end of her day, she has an appreciation for the work being done to help the animals in our community. When Tera is not working, she enjoys drawing,

especially portraits and coming up with character designs. Some of her favorite pastimes and hobbies are learning more of her grandma's recipes, making homemade flour tortillas and sewing. In five years, Tera hopes to have found a good balance between working for CCAPS and her illustration work and hopes to continue therapy dog training with her dog, Mabel. Something particularly interesting that Tera would like to share is that Sloth's can hold their breath for 40 minutes.

Welcome aboard Kimberly Bishop!! Kim brings with her five years of experience as a 911 Dispatcher. Knowing that she wanted to continue her career in dispatching, just wanting to get away from Police, Fire or medical, she was excited to join CCAPS where she is part of the team that helps animals. Over the next five years, Kim would like to grow within her position with Clark County and travel to Korea to experience the food and culture.;

Kim is also a huge KPOP fan!! When Kim is away from work, she enjoys going to the movies and trying new restaurants in Las Vegas. She really likes Match Café Maio because they have Japanese grade matcha. Something special that Kim wanted to share was that she was a Military child and moved around a lot. Before she was in college she lived in Okinawa Japan and really enjoyed the culture and the people there.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



A well deserved congratulations to Amber Petralia for being named the Animal Protection Services Employee of the quarter. Amber was nominated by her peers for her overall positive vibe and her effective contribution to the unit. Amber has devoted her career to animals and because of her knowledge and experience she is one of the divisions regular field training officers. Amber goes out of her way to always be of assistance to her fellow officers and provides sound advice that is greatly appreciated, she is a true team player. Amber believes the best part of working for CCAPS is her great fellow coworkers and the diversity of the community. Outside of work, Amber enjoys spending time with her friends, family and her dogs; and depending on who she is with loves to travel, go kayaking and trying new restaurants. If Amber had to pick her top three places

to visit, she states that they would have to be Ireland for genetic reasons, Italy for the wine and food, and Australia for the zoo. When asked if she could trade lives with anyone for just two weeks, it wasn't a tough decision to choose Terri Irwin so she could

get a behind the scenes tour of the Australia zoo. Great work Amber! We appreciate all that you do!



**SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS**

**Administrative Citations  
Fines Issued**

**\$23,350**

**Calls Received by Dispatch**

**20,565**

**Calls Handled in the Field**

**6,052**



**Vehicle Confinements 144**

**Stray Animals 549**

**Administrative  
Citations Issued 147**

**Impounded Animals 2,120**

**Misdemeanor  
Citations Issued 182**

**Bite Reports 365**

**Requests  
For Prosecution 7**

**Total Sterilizations 3,323**

**Health & Welfare 344**

**Calls for  
Injured Animals 401**

**Felony cases  
sent to Metro 12**



# SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

## Total CCPRO Cases

**5,462**

## Total Graffiti Cases

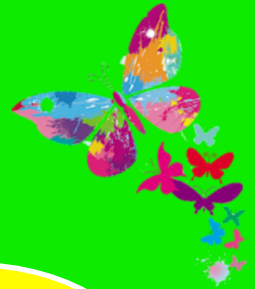
**3,813**

- Landscape Parking 144**
- Weeds & Dead Vegetation 268**
- Building without Permits 160**
- Dangerous Structures 58**
- Vagrant Camps 1,016**
- Short Term Rentals 379**
- Abandoned/Unsecured Homes 70**
- Unlicensed/inoperable Vehicles 259**
- Commercial Vehicles in ROW 582**
- Imminent Danger 8**
- Trash & Debris 682**
- Squatter Homes 51**
- Outside Storage 34**
- Auto Parts & Repair 126**
- Parking Citations 195**
- Zoning Violations 505**



## Total Fines Issued

- Dead Vegetation \$1,300**
- Building Without Permits \$38,050**
- Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$400**
- Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles \$1,300**
- Running a business out of a home \$1,250**
- Landscape Parking \$2,500**
- Short Term Rentals \$190,500**
- Trash & Debris \$14,100**
- Zoning Violations \$5,800**
- Parking Citations \$19,500**
- Outside Storage \$900**



## JOINING THE TEAM!!



Jessie Acosta has joined the Code Enforcement team and we couldn't be happier! Working for the State of Nevada for the past 12 years as an investigator for the Department of Motor vehicles, Jessie has a great deal of enforcement experience. When asked what made her want to make the transition to Code Enforcement, Jessie said that she enjoyed working with the public and thought that Code Enforcement would be a great way to assist the community. Her five year goals are to grow with Code Enforcement and gain a solid foundation of knowledge on zoning and building codes. Personally, she would like to purchase a new home with a large backyard that her children can enjoy for a very long time. During her time off, Jessie enjoys hiking, reading, camping, and going on razor rides with her children. Code Enforcement is just as thrilled as Jessie to have her as part of our team! Welcome Jessie!



Another great addition to the Code Enforcement division is our new Office Assistant, Mishelle Dominguez. Mishelle comes to the team from the State of Nevada, where she worked as a Workforce Representative for two and a half years. Looking to advance her career, Mishelle wanted to learn something new and have a positive change in her work environment. During her time off, Mishelle likes to go to the gym where she focuses mainly on weight lifting, mountain biking, snowboarding, running and kayaking. Mishelle likes to consider herself to be a very active and athletic person. When Mishelle is just hanging out with friends and not pushing her body to it's limits, they go out to eat, and listen to Latin music. Mishelle's favorite artist is Bad Bunny, and was thrilled to have seen him in concert last year during her birthday weekend. Mishelle is a great fit and the Code Enforcement team is very happy to have her as part of the clerical support team.



Code Enforcement welcomes another great teammate, Alex Morales!! Alex come to the Code Enforcement unit with six years of experience as a Compliance Investigator for the Department of Motor Vehicles. The opportunity for growth and expansion of his knowledge of law enforcement is what made him want to come on board with Code Enforcement. Alex has expressed that his five year goals are to move into a leadership role with Code Enforcement and to be financially stable, make life changes to ensure good health and well being and to travel. On this off time, Alex works on his classic cars, works out to improve his strength and endurance and when the weather permits, meets up with friends to play basketball. A very impressive tidbit about Alex is that, since Covid, he has lost 80 lbs. and states that his weight loss journey was like riding a rollercoaster, consistently having ups and downs along the way but that the results have been worth it. Keep strong Alex, we are here to support you!!



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# TIS THE SEASON FOR GREEN POOLS

The season for green pools is among us! What this means for Code Enforcement is that when a complaint is received, they are responding within 24 hours and the pool is drained within 72 hours. Green pools are a priority but can be difficult for Code Enforcement to verify without a legal vantage point.

Code Enforcement considers green pool complaints as imminent dangers to help stop the spread of viruses transmitted by mosquitos.



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Green Pool  
Complaints  
Recieved



On April 13, 2023, a complaint of a green pool was received, but when the officer arrived to inspect, it was obvious that the home was vacant. The officer was able to meet with the neighbor who granted the access needed to be able to verify the complaint. This larger than average pool was drained for \$450.00 and a lien was placed on the home.



# EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



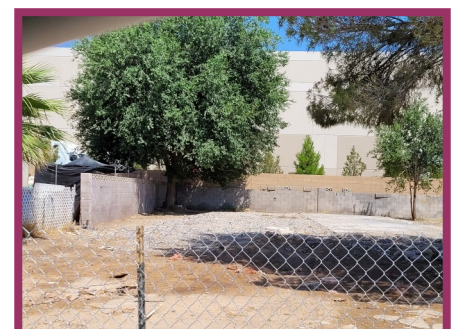
Code Enforcement Specialist Kirk Reese has been named the Employee of the Quarter. Kirk has been with Clark County for over seven years and has extensive knowledge of our building codes. Kirk is a trusted peer who is always willing to help educate or to assist when interpreting building code violations. What Kirk likes best about working for Clark County are the hours, days and benefits. When Kirk is not working, he enjoys riding motorcycles, as well as, buying and customizing motorcycles. Dogs are Kirks favorite animal and Pulp Fiction is his favorite movie. Thank you Kirk, we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication!



# DILAPIDATED MOBILE HOME

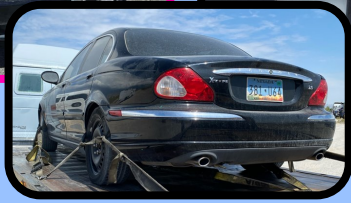


Code Enforcement, accompanied by NEAC COP inspected a manufactured mobile home with severe fire damage . The officer also observed solid waste and debris throughout the structure. Because of the severity of the fire damage, it was deemed unsafe to secure by board up. The property was immediately red tagged as unsafe and a Notice of Violation was sent to the owner. The owner failed to respond in a timely manner, leaving Code Enforcement no option but to post the property with a Notice of Abatement and move forward with obtaining an asbestos warrant. The asbestos report stated there was no asbestos in the structure and that the abatement could proceed. This property was demolished, secured with a surrounding fence and posted for no trespassing. On June 29, 2023, a lien in the amount of \$11,068 was placed on the property.



# KYLE CANYON ABATEMENT

It all began in April of 2021, when Code Enforcement received a complaint for multiple junk vehicles and a shed that had been converted to a living space. Upon inspection, the property owner stated he is working on the property every day but that he goes back to town each night to sleep and that the shed had not been converted to a living space. After confirming the shed had not been converted, a Notice of Violation was issued for trash, debris, outside storage, too many recreational vehicles, too many commercial vehicles and an unpermitted structure on property. Giving the property owner due time to correct the violations and failing to do so, a Administrative citation was issued. The Officer continued to work with and provide time for the owner to get the property cleaned but when very little progress was made within six months, a second Administrative citation was issued. Thirty days later, still no progress, a warning to have the property abated was given. The warning seemed to kick things into action for the property owner. Upon reinspection, the inoperable vehicles had been reduced to eight, which is allowed under Clark County Auto Hobby code. Some trash and debris remained but the larger concern at this point was the rolls of artificial grass that covered the 2.72 acres. Unfortunately, the action was short lived and a Notice of Abatement was issued. The property owner appealed the Notice of Abatement and during the hearing the Hearing officer held the owner to have 90 days to correct all violations and to begin the permit process for the structure. The property owner began the permit application process but failed to follow through within the 90 days that was granted. This property was abated, removing 100,000 square feet of artificial turf, a limousine, a van, a Super Duty F-550, a recreational vehicle, a Bobcat tractor, a forklift, a Fiat, a Jaguar and miscellaneous solid waste. A lien on the property was placed in the amount of \$48,875.00.



**\$48,875.00  
property lien**



# FIND THE VIOLATIONS



- 1) Outside Storage
- 2) Accumulation of Solid Waste
- 3) Storage of Inoperable Vehicles
- 4) Landscape parking
- 5) Building without permits
- 6) Trash cans ( must be stored on the side of the house)

## ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

By Phone: 702-455-7710

By Email:  
[Animalprotectionservicesinfo@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Animalprotectionservicesinfo@clarkcountynv.gov)

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Phone: 702-455-4191

By Email:  
[Publicresponseinfo@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Publicresponseinfo@clarkcountynv.gov)

Graffiti Hotline: 702-455-4509

# Report a Violation with FixIt Clark County