



desert conservation
PROGRAM

Date: December 31, 2015

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:
PET TORTOISE STERILIZATION CLINIC
2015-USFWS-1555A

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Please see the attached for all project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The purpose of this project is to reduce the extent of backyard breeding of desert tortoises within Clark County by providing sterilization training for veterinarians which will enable them to perform public clinics to help sterilize pet tortoises.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

- Sterilizations were conducted on 54 (25 females, 29 males) pet desert tortoises
- Fifty-eight tortoises received micro-chips and were registered with tortoise group
- 26 veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, and veterinarian residents were trained in sterilization techniques
- Complications arose due to follicle size in females leading to a change in protocol where all females will receive an ultrasound before surgery to determine if they are a viable candidate in order to limit the stress to the animal

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/default.aspx>

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Sincerely,



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- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Board of County Commissioners (7)
- Permittees' Executive Committee
- Permittees' Process Management Group
- Thomas Boldt, Purchasing
- Catherine Jorgenson, District Attorney – Civil Division
- Desert Conservation Program Community Advisory Committee
- Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List
- Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies
- Science Advisor
- SNPLMA Office (for SNPLMA projects)
- Congressional Office
- DCP Staff