

ANIMAL CRUELTY = FELONY CHARGES

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One of the most difficult cases that Clark County Animal Control Officers have to face, potentially on a daily basis, is Animal Cruelty. Animal Cruelty or abuse cases are typically related to deprivation of medical assistance, deprivation of sustenance, vehicle confinement and in some of the worst cases, physical harm. Clark County Animal Control works closely with the LVMPD Animal Cruelty Unit, a partnership that together ensures that any potential felony charges are filed and prosecuted.

On March 8, 2020, Clark County Animal Control received a complaint of two heeler type dogs that were very skinny and a shepherd mix that was on a chain in the front yard. Upon arrival to conduct the Health and Welfare check of the animals on property, it was discovered at there were in fact



three dogs, Todd, two year old Catahoula, Buddy, two year old Blue Heeler and Popsicle, nine month old Catahoula. Popsicle was tethered on an approximate 12 foot chain, while Buddy and Todd were free roaming. All three dogs had a LaFlamme body score of two, each animal had their rib structure visible through its hide lumbar vertebrae



with minimal muscle mass at hips and a pronounced abdominal tuck. The owner of the dogs was given 24 hours to seek medical attention. On March 10, 2020, all three dogs were surrendered to Animal Control, they were immediately boarded at the Animal Foundation and given food and water. Popsicle and Buddy seemed to be overjoyed to have the food and water, however, at the time Buddy did not want to eat or drink anything. All dogs were placed on hold for medical attention and weight gain observation. As of today, we are happy to announce that Buddy is doing well at his new foster home and Todd is enjoying his time at a local rescue. It is with a sad heart that we say that Popsicle has passed away.



FEBRUARY

18

Cases sent to METRO for potential felony charges

JANUARY **MARCH**



Laflamme Body Score

1	20 % below Ideal body weight	Ribs easily felt with no fat cover.
2	10 % below Ideal body weight	Bones raised with minimal tissue between the skin and bone.
3	Ideal body weight	Ribs can be felt through slight fat cover.
4	10 % above Ideal body weight	Difficult to feel ribs through moderate fat cover. A slightly sagging abdominal fat pad may be seen in cats.
5	20 % above Ideal body weight	Ribs are difficult to feel under thick fat. Cats have a prominent sagging abdominal fat pad.

NRS 574.100 Torturing, overdriving, injuring, or abandoning animals; failure to provide proper sustenance; requirements for restraining dogs and using outdoor enclosures; horse tripping; penalties; exceptions.

ANIMAL BITES

Unfortunately handling animal bite reports is an everyday occurrence for Clark County Animal Control Officers. When our office is notified of an animal to human bite, it is one of our top priorities. Clark County Animal Control is required by State law to provide a weekly report of animal bites to the Southern Nevada Health District.

When our officers conduct the bite report investigation with the victim, it is very important for us to get as much information as possible. The victim will be asked to provide address, phone number and date of birth. Our officer will then verify the extent of the injury or injuries, the circumstances of the bite and take pictures of all wounds and of the victim themselves. Often times, when the injuries are severe enough to warrant going to the hospital, our officers will meet the victim(s) while they are being treated.



January - March

Reported Animal Bites

The best case scenario is when we are able to identify the biting animal and are able to immediately quarantine it. Should there be a history of aggressive behavior of the biting animal, further investigation is required to determine if the biting animal warrants being deemed a Dangerous or Vicious Animal.

CCC 10.28.020 BITING ANIMALS—REPORTING

It shall be the duty of anyone with knowledge of a human being having been bitten by any animal to promptly report the same to the health officer or to the animal control officer and to provide all pertinent information requested by them.

CCC 10.16.010
 Dangerous and Vicious
 Animal Declaration

CCC 10.28.040
 Biting Animal –
 Confinement if at large
 or unvaccinated



January - March

Dangerous Declarations

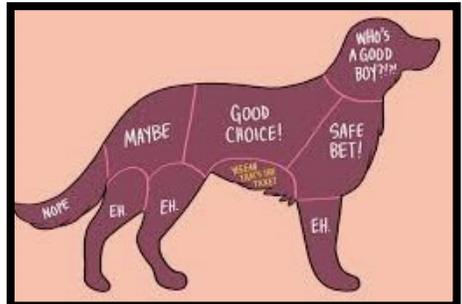


January - March

Vicious Declarations



- TIPS TO PREVENT DOG BITES:**
1. Don't approach an unfamiliar dog.
 2. Don't panic or make loud noises.
 3. Don't disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
 4. Don't pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
 5. Don't encourage your dog to play aggressively.



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Our Clark County officers are trained to know that one of the best ways to avoid an animal bite is to have Situational Awareness (SA), the perception of environmental elements with respect to time or space. The most effective aspect of SA involves our officers having to anticipate future actions of the elements around them. They use this information to proactively consider future actions and events. Some of the basic elements that they should be aware of are objects, events and people in their surrounding area. A very important aspect of Situational Awareness is a “gut feeling” that something may not be right or as it appears. Officers need to learn to trust their instincts as they are often very reliable. Our bodies can detect stimulus before the mind can put all of the pieces together. Acting on instinct can help avoid a bad situation.

How to respond when in a situation with an aggressive animal.

- ◆ Stay calm, be confident.
- ◆ Vocalize your command.
- ◆ Make a decision to stand your ground or try to get behind a barrier.
- ◆ Create a space between you and the animal using items, such as a vehicle or a fence.
- ◆ Use your weight to pin the animal between you and an object.
- ◆ Do your best to stay on your feet.



Officers will use trash bins to create a space between them and the animal.



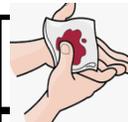
IF YOU ARE BITTEN



For minor wounds



- ◆ Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water.
- ◆ Apply an antibiotic cream.
- ◆ Cover the wound with a clean bandage.
- ◆ See a healthcare provider if the wound becomes red, painful, warm or swollen; if you develop a fever; or if the animal that bit you was acting strangely.



For deep wounds



- ◆ Apply pressure with a clean, dry cloth to stop the bleeding.
- ◆ If you cannot stop the bleeding or you feel faint or weak, call 911 or your local emergency medical services immediately.
- ◆ See a healthcare provider as soon as possible.

ZOONOTIC DISEASES

In addition to causing injury, dog bites can spread germs to people. Up to 18% of dog bites become infected with bacteria. Dog bites can cause the following diseases:

Pasteurella
External

Rabies

MRSA

Tetanus

IT'S LASSO TIME

Having the right tools and training is crucial when dealing with Animal Control issues and having the ability to lasso is a great tool when you really need it. Often times when an Animal Control officer arrives at a call for an At Large dog, the animal, for what could be a number of reasons, such as, the large truck, the uniform, etc. can become fearful and will try to run away. Sometimes treats don't even work. When this happens, it can quickly become a dangerous situation to the public and the animal. For safety sake, the best

form of capture is going to be the quickest. If an officer can put the dog in a situation in which it will have to run past him or her in order to escape, using a lasso is a good option. An officer working alone would follow the animal in their vehicle until it runs into a cul-de-sac or a fenced property. Two officers working together would position themselves in front and back of the animal's path so it would have to run past him or her to escape. Once the animal runs just past the officer, they would throw the loop around the dog. The animal's momentum closes the loop and now you would have it captured. Once the animal is on the rope, our officers are trained to keep the full length of the rope extended, 18', to keep a distance that doesn't cause the animal to feel immediately threatened. As soon as the animal has calmed, the animal can be safely loaded onto the truck. Our lassos are made in house by our Senior Animal Control Officer, Darryl Duncan, who also does all of our lasso training.



Our lassos are made of 5/8" gauge nylon rope that is 18' in length, looped through a metal ring.

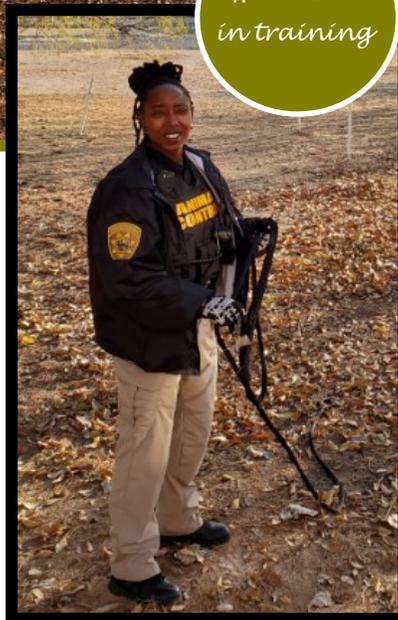


Officer Deed in training



*Look at that loop!
Very Impressive!*

Senior Animal Control Officer Darryl Duncan began his career with Animal Control in 1980.



Fun Fact

A lasso, also called lariat, riata, or reata, is a loop of rope designed as a restraint to be thrown around a target and tightened when pulled. It is a well-known tool of the Spanish and Mexican cowboy, then adopted by the United States cowboy

...and Animal Control

This Quarter Animal Control Officers responded to 194 Calls for an At Large Animal.

10.04.100—At Large

At large" means location on any property when an animal is not restrained by leash, cord, chain or enclosure, except as otherwise expressly allowed by law, such as for law enforcement, herding, or hunting.

TOP STORIES

REUNITED WITH TOBY

We can all understand how good it must feel to be reunited with a long, lost loved one. Well, that is exactly what happened on January 16, 2020, two years after this pup was stolen from his property. CCAC was able to reunite this dog owner with his pug Toby, after our officer was able to capture a pug running down a residential street. When checking for an implanted microchip, Toby was playful and friendly. Luckily, Toby's owner had registered the

microchip and CCAC was able to immediately notify the owner that Toby was in good hands. As soon as the owner saw his pug and called out "Toby!", Toby was very excited to see him. All is well that ends well!



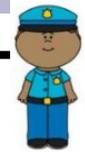
IT'S THE LAW

All dogs, cats, ferrets, pet rabbits, and potbellied pigs must wear a collar with owner identification information or the animal must be implanted with a microchip.

CCC10.08.070(b)



CAREER DAY



Each year, CCAC participates in many Elementary School Career days. Typically our officers meet with classes ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade, giving a three to five minute speech, allowing two to three minutes for Q & A's. Officers will have equipment set out for the children to see and handle and will allow the students to sit in the truck and look inside the cages. At the end of each visit, CCAC has Junior Officer Badge stickers to hand out.



Officer Acevedo at Mark Fine Elementary School

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Officer Rachel Lund has been named the Animal Control Employee of the Quarter. During her college days in Fresno, CA, Rachel worked as an Animal Control Officer and then, to be closer to her family and friends, moved back to Lancaster where she was a Probation Officer for LA County. Always knowing that her passion was for Animal Control, she considers herself to have "lucked out getting this job with Clark County". What she likes the most about working with Clark County is that she feels that we have a great staff and "a lot better equipment, a lot better than what I used to using". On Rachel's off time, she enjoys running and hiking with her two dogs, Josie and Freckles, and she is a huge fitness enthusiast.

Her love for food is devoted to breakfast as she will eat pancakes, French toast, and potatoes any time of day. We of course asked her if she could eat this meal with any three people who would they be? After much thought, Rachel said that she wished she could enjoy a breakfast with her aunt Carla who passed away before she was born but has been told by her



family that she reminds them of her and the other two are Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. because they were two strong individuals, not afraid to take a stand, a stand that truly made a difference.

Congratulations Rachel!!



Animal Control 1st Quarter Statistics

Misdemeanor Citations Processed
323

Animals Impounded 1,526

Administrative Citations Issued
173

W E L C O M E

TO *Fabulous*

ANIMAL CONTROL

CLARK COUNTY

341 Bite Reports Investigated

Request for Prosecutions Submitted
15

2,309 Total Sterilizations

Calls Received by Dispatch
21,887

Calls Handled by Officers in the Field
6,245

Public Response 1st Quarter Statistics



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Administrative Citation Highlights ♦ Dangerous/Unsafe Building Structures: \$1,600.00 ♠ Building Without Permits: \$ 35,450.00 ♥ Outside Storage: \$ 5,900.00 ♠ Running a Business out of the Home: \$ 900.00 ♦ Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles: \$ 4,700.00 ♠ Short Term Rentals: \$ 3,350.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Total Fines Assessed: \$122,200.00 ♠ Zoning Violations: \$ 4,200.00 ♦ Landscape Parking: \$ 600.00 ♥ Trash & Debris: \$ 1,845.00 ♠ CMART: \$ 8,150.00 ♦ Dead Vegetation: \$ 5,950.00 ♥ All remaining citations: \$49,555.00
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Owner Abated

Clark County Code Enforcement has been adding extra focus to dilapidated properties. This demolition was part of Code Enforcement's ramped up efforts to remove this sort of blight from our community.

When these three buildings were initially inspected in August of 2018, they were observed to have two open access points in the perimeter of the fencing around the property. Two of the three buildings were riddled with fire damage, while the other remained unsecured with a partially open rear door. The property as a whole showed signs of squatters and potential drug

use

with littered paraphernalia. This property has historically been a blight to the community having 33 total complaints since 1998 with repeated abatements. Code Enforcement decided to contact the Clark County Building Department to ask for a Notice and Order where Clark County could potentially require the owner to raze the buildings. In addition, the property owner was contacted to suggest they demolish the property on their own. By January, 2020, the Building department had not received a response to their Notice and Order thus a Notice of Abatement was issued. On January 15, 2020, Clark County was notified by the property owner that he had hired a contractor to demolish the property. By the middle of February, the entire property was demolished and all trash, junk and debris was removed.



CCC 11.06.020
Declaration of nuisances

In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county, the board of county commissioners or its designee may order the owner of real property within the county to:

- (a) Repair, safeguard or eliminate any dangerous structure or condition;**
- (b) Clear debris, rubbish and refuse which is not subject to the provisions of NRS Chapter 459, Hazardous Materials; or**
- (c) Clear weeds and noxious plant growth.**



22.12.100– Dangerous building defined. "Dangerous building" means any building or structure which has any or all of the conditions or defects hereinafter described and shall be deemed to be a dangerous building and a nuisance, provided that such conditions or defects exist to the extent that the life, health, property or safety of the public or its occupants are endangered.

Trash, Junk, and Outside Storage



Looking at this property from the front of the residence, no one would expect what would be discovered in the back yard. With a little help from mother nature, a little gust of the northern winds ripped off the tarp that was covering the back yard exposing the deplorable conditions for our officer to see.

Upon the re-inspection of the property, the Officer viewed there was no improvement to the violations stated in the Courtesy Notice that was originally sent; therefore, a Notice of Abatement was posted on the property.



While bids from our approved Clark County contractors were being obtained, the property owner contacted our Officer to advise that they would clean the property within 10 days. The Officer granted time for the property owner to address the conditions of the property to avoid the costly abatement. During this time, the property was closely monitored, however, the owner failed to comply. Because of the owner's failure to come into compliance, a warrant was obtained. On February 6, 2020, Clark County Code Enforcement, along with LVMPD and NV Energy served the warrant, the abatement was conducted and all power was shut off due to non-payment. A total of four additional inoperable recreational vehicles were found occupied in the back yard.



On the second day of the abatement, a yellow lab was spotted on the roof accessing the second floor of the house. Because the dog was unable to gain access to the back yard, he was using the roof to relieve himself. The yellow lab was contained, unharmed and returned back inside the home. During the abatement, an unpermitted, occupied, shed was found on the southwest corner of the property that had illegal power and had running water. The total cost of the abatement was \$8,848.00.



BREAKING NEWS

Welcome, Baby Ellie Rue

Congratulations to Code Enforcement Specialist Victor Perea on the birth of his beautiful daughter, Ellie Rue. Ellie was born on January 25th, weighing 6lbs. 9oz and was 17 3/4 inches long. Ellie Rue joined her loving family with big sister Adia and the family's five rescue dogs. ❤️ Just look



at that smile!



BOARDED UP



It is a regular occurrence for CCPRO to receive complaints about vacant and abandoned homes. There are a plethora of reasons why a property is vacant. Just a couple of examples may be if a home is for rent or for sale, it may only be vacant for a short time, where as a vacation home might be vacant for many months out of the year.

On December 24, 2019, this property was initially inspected by both Code Enforcement and LVMPD who found the unit unsecured and with evidence of vagrants frequenting the unit. Immediately, this home was declared an imminent danger due to inhabitants living without power and the property was secured on January 3, 2020.



Within a few weeks, on January 30, our Officer returned to the property because new activity was reported and our Officer observed a rear window was pried open. The property was once again occupied by a vagrant. With the assistance of LVMPD, they

removed the individual from the property, and boarded up and secured the property for the second time.



Within days of the second boarding, our Officer returned to the property with LVMPD to find the front door was no longer secured, they found a vagrant inside who was then arrested due to outstanding warrants. The unit was boarded and secured for the third and final time.

With the help of the property's HOA management, routine checks of the properties have been conducted and the property remains secured, the total cost to abate was \$1,325.00.



HOW TO SPOT OR LOCATE VACANT & ABANDONED HOMES

- Grass is high, unkempt, not mowed
- No curtains in the windows
- No cars in driveway
- Doors and/or windows boarded up, broken or wide open
- Mail spilling out of the mailbox
- Newspapers piling up in the driveway

CCPRO received a total of 30 complaints this quarter for these particular condominiums.



Graffiti Corner



Graffiti on buildings, bridges, roadway signs and other structures creates an unpleasant environment and contributes to the degradation of our neighborhoods. To report a graffiti vandal in progress: Call 911. Do not approach the vandal. If your property was vandalized, you may also consider making a stop by your nearest police station. You must own the property to complete a police report. When a report is made, a detective from the LVMPD will be assigned the case for investigation. These detectives will photograph and research any moniker found to proceed with the investigation. If an arrest is made, the owner may receive full restitution as ordered by the court.

For graffiti on utility boxes, you can contact the company which owns the box. For your safety do not attempt to remove graffiti from these boxes yourself. To request graffiti removal on public property call the Southern Nevada Graffiti Hotline at 702-455-4509.



WHAT IS "SLAP TAGGING" OR "STICKER BOMBING" ?

The art of placing stickers onto objects such as STOP signs, lamp posts, crosswalk signs, an any other available signs or wall. Also placed in public transportation buses, and on places with high traffic. These stickers are considered graffiti because the motivation and result of placing then is the same as traditional graffiti using spray paint or markers.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Matt Westcott, Clark County Painter of 20 years for being named the Employee of the Quarter for the Code Enforcement Division. Matt was raised in a Military family travelling and living in many places through his life. Some of his favorite places that he lived were Germany, Kansas, Michigan, Texas and Nevada. Once his family was stationed at Nellis Airforce Base, they were able to make their permanent home. Before beginning his career with Clark County, Matt spent 18 years running radar and assisting with the training of pilots at Ford Aerospace and Lockheed Aerospace. Today, after 20 years of dedicated service to Clark County, he still believes that the removal of



graffiti is important and is a very satisfying profession. During his off time, Matt is an avid hunter, hunting Big Game, Upland and Waterfall birds. He shares this passion with his father who he started to hunt with at the age of twelve, Matt says that he played "bird-dog" before that. If he is not hunting, Matt also enjoys fishing, stating that the best place he has ever been to fish was Brandon Beach, Florida. The never disappointing question of who he would enjoy spending a nice smoked game meal with, he said, Steve Rinella and Guy Eastman because "they are both professional hunters and it would be great to hear stories about "big hunts that I will probably never get to go on" and Guy Fieri because I am

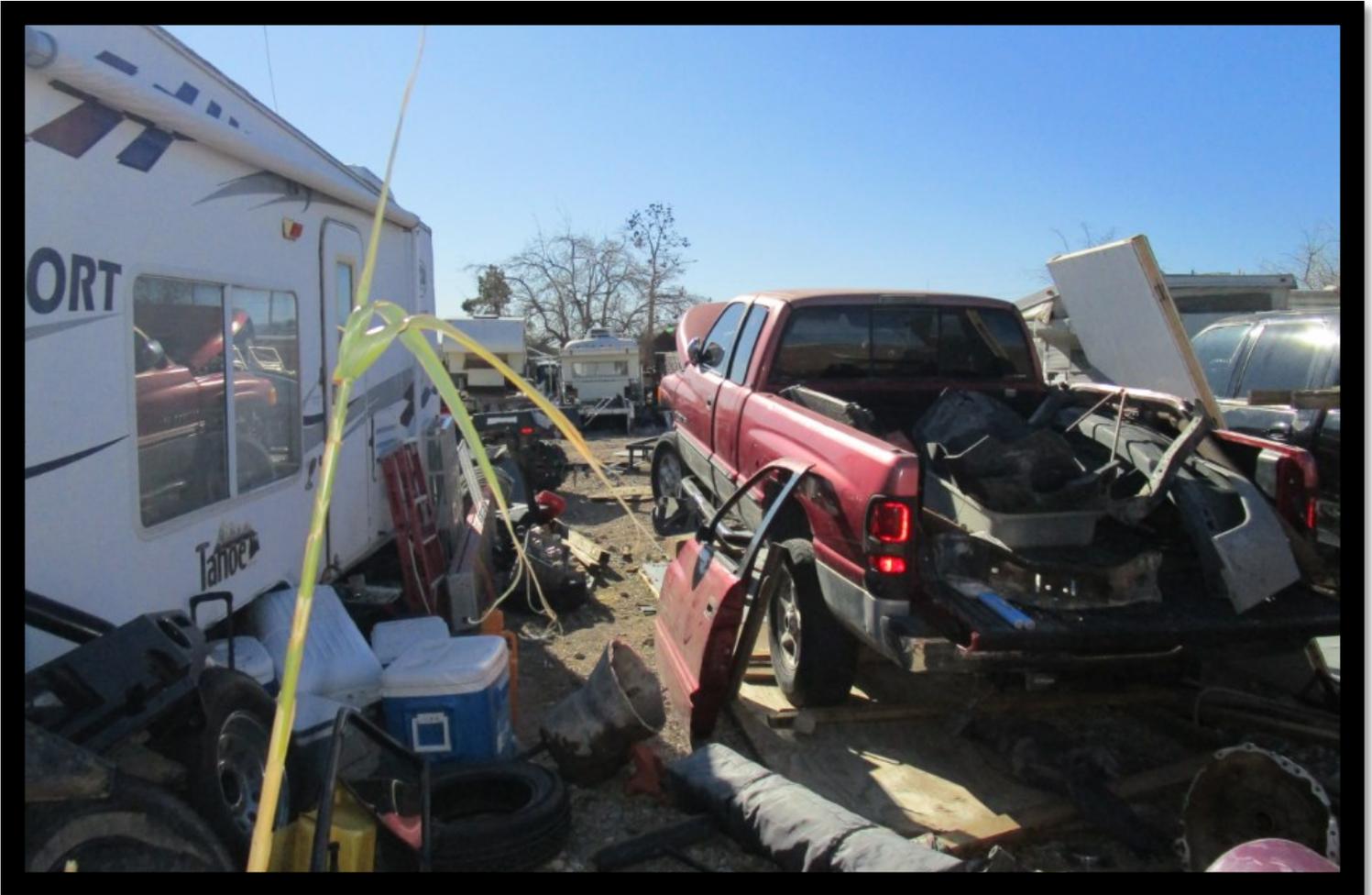


interested in what got him into cooking and I would pick his brain about cooking tips.

Great Job Matt!!



How Many Violations Do You See? Answers below



- 1.) Junk, Trash & Debris 2.) Outside Storage 3.) Vehicles parked on Landscape 4.) Vehicle Storage
- 5.) Inoperable Vehicles 6.) Auto Parts 7.) Dead/Overgrown Vegetation 8.) Possible Occupied RV
- 9.) Possible Auto Repair.

Animal Control

Code Enforcement

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

By Phone:
 (702) 455-7710

By Email:
 AnimalControlInfo@clarkcountynv.gov

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

By Phone:
 (702) 455-4191

By Email:
 PublicResponseInfo@clarkcountynv.gov

Graffiti Hotline:
 (702) 455-4509

Report
a
Violation