#### **SPRING 2025**



## Las Vegas Valley HUMAN SOCIETY ANIMAL TALK

The LVVHS is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the plight of homeless, abandoned and abused animals in Clark County through rescue, rehabilitation, and reduction in animal overpopulation by spaying and neutering.

# ADOPTION CENTERS

Saturdays @ Bogart's Bone Appetit: 10540 Southern Highlands 9am – 12pm

\* Alternate Saturdays @ Petsmart 6650 North Durango 9am – 12pm

### CATS

Saturdays & Sundays @ Petsmart: 6650 North Durango Durango Exit at N 215 11am – 4pm

\*Call the hotline to verify locations and view adoptable pets at: <u>Petfinder.com</u> or VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.lvvhumane.org

CONTACT US hotline: (702) 434-2009 fax: (702) 434-2001



If you are receiving this newsletter, you certainly are a pet lover and we thank you. The story of rescue never changes. More and more animals need our help - now more than ever! The number of strays and owner surrenders just keeps rising. The shelters are busting at the seams. Those who work and volunteer for our organization know it's a never ending cycle. But every volunteer, foster and dollar donated helps!

LVVHS is always looking for fosters and volunteers to help the animals. Fostering a dog or cat will save that pet's life. Our fosters know the joy of making the difference in a dog or cat's life - one pet at a time. Some fosters operate as a revolving door accepting another pet as soon as their foster is adopted. Some fosters commit to one foster pet in their home per year. Whatever you can do helps! If you can't foster, maybe volunteer your time to help the animals. If you work a full time job and have no spare time, your financial donations will help. Helping the animals in need in our community is so rewarding.

We are very excited to announce LVVHS has partnered with PetSmart Charities as a grant recipient to expand our foster program and adopt more dogs and cats! LVVHS will provide everything needed including food, supplies, medical care - the fosters provide the love! Every pet deserves a loving home and we are committed to finding those homes for more pets! With the help of PetSmart Charities, LVVHS will be changing the lives of more homeless pets than ever! Please contact us if you, or someone you know, can open their home to a foster pet in need. With more foster homes secured, we can accept more homeless pets into our program and save lives.



Thank you for your continued support!

Board of Directors Las Vegas Valley Humane Society

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#### Meet Barry: A Resilient & Loving Soul

Barry has been through a lot in his short two years of life, but you'd never know it by how sweet he is. This stunning Siamese mix with mesmerizing blue eyes has faced challenges - he's FIV+ and has an old eye injury that limits his vision in one eye. But despite it all, he's gentle, affectionate, and just looking for a patient, loving home.

#### What is FIV, and Why Shouldn't It Scare You?

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) affects a cat's immune system, but many FIV+ cats live long, healthy lives with proper care. Here are some key facts:

- ✓ FIV IS NOT EASILY TRANSMITTED it spreads primarily through deep bite wounds, meaning FIV+ cats can often live with non-FIV cats peacefully.
- FIV+ CATS CAN LIVE JUST AS LONG AS NON-FIV CATS with good nutrition and regular vet care.
- FIV DOES NOT MEAN FREQUENT ILLNESS many FIV+ cats are just as healthy as any other cat!

Barry has been fully vetted, had a dental, and is ready to find a home where he can be loved for the incredible cat he is. He's a bit shy at first but warms up beautifully with patience and kindness. Could you be the one to give Barry the forever home he deserves?

### IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF...

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### John Snow's Rescue Journey \*\*\* \* \*\*\*

At ten years old, I suddenly found myself all alone in a kennel at the shelter. It was cold, noisy and very scary. I was confused and missed my family and the comforts of the home I had always known. In the blink of an eye, my life was shattered - I was terrified and all alone. My hearing isn't what it use to be and my eyesight isn't 20/20. I may not be perfect, but I am adorable and my name is John Snow!

After several days, my prayers were answered. A nice lady from the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society pulled me from the shelter and took me on a fun car ride. She took me to a loving foster home! No more cages or loud noises. I made myself at home on the sofa and enjoyed some yummy treats! My foster mom soon discovered walks are my favorite activity. You would never guess I'm a senior once that harness and leash get fastened! When I'm all tired out, snuggles and laying close to my person make me happiest. I also love cuddling up to my foster sister, Margo. My foster mom says I'm a really good boy and she calls me a sweetheart!

■ UPDATE 
I found my forever home at the Petsmart Charities Adoption Event!

LVVHS is working very hard to help me find a wonderful home where I can enjoy my golden years to the fullest. Thank you to all the nice people who are working to make my forever family dreams come true. I can't bear to think of what would have happened to me if I hadn't been pulled from the shelter and taken to an amazing foster home.

## A Heartbreaking Rescue Story with a Happy Ending

Imagine being old, deaf, blind, confused, horribly underweight, and all alone on the streets. Not knowing where your next meal will come from or if you will survive to see another day.

Your only salvation is a disabled elderly woman who tries to care for you by leaving food outside hoping you'll find it. You have to blindly cross busy streets, stay away from coyotes, wild dogs, and wicked people. The caretaker keeps a watchful eye out everyday and worries when you wander because it's not a matter of if, but when you will fall in harm's way. Don't forget you're blind, can't hear the cars or dogs barking. She often grabs her broom, runs out into the street to gently nudge you up on the sidewalk.

The loving caregiver names you "Slim Jim" and you are one of the hundreds of thousands of street cats in the Las Vegas valley. After weeks of worrying, your guardian angel calls LVVHS for help. Upon hearing this heartbreaking story, our wonderful volunteers immediately came up with a rescue plan. We have to find Slim Jim a safe place. A dedicated volunteer trapper contacts the caregiver only to be informed Slim Jim has disappeared. She hasn't seen him in 3 days. In the meantime, we hear about a Good Samaritan that spotted a blind cat walking in circles by a dumpster. She knew something wasn't right so she took him to a rescue she knows. Through the grapevine, we hear about it and call for a picture. Yes, it's Slim Jim! The other rescue has agreed to care, house and feed HER. Turns out he is a she and renamed "EDEN." Her recovery is remarkable. She's friendly, has gained weight and loves to cuddle when she's not sleeping in her princess bed.

This true story has a happy ending. Unfortunately, however, 95% of street cats live a miserable, hungry and scary life. Please just remember - it's not their fault.



The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society actively works with the TNR community to make a difference by spaying & neutering these sad street cats. Your generous donations help this program by reducing the community cat population through TNR (trap, spay/neuter release) as well as providing medical treatment to injured cats like Slim Jim!



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