



Fact Sheet

What do the letters SPCA stand for?

The letters SPCA stand for "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals".

Are you part of a national organization?

No. Although we do have some membership affiliations with national groups, the SPCA of Northern Nevada is an independent organization governed by a local Board of Trustees. We receive NO funding or other support from the ASPCA or any national organizations.

Do you euthanize animals?

We never euthanize healthy or treatable animals for any reason. Not only that, the SPCA of Northern Nevada was the first organization in Reno\Sparks to challenge our entire community to find good homes for every pet, rather than relying on euthanasia to eliminate the "excess". We make a lifetime commitment to each dog and cat we take in, and will do whatever it takes to find them a loving home.

Does the SPCA receive government funding?

No. The SPCA does not now nor has it ever received funding from tax dollars.

Where does the SPCA of Northern Nevada get its funding?

The SPCA relies solely on the generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations to fund our day to day operations. In addition, donations of merchandise to our thrift store and the proceeds from thrift store sales help to support our programs.

Are you located in the new building next to animal control?

No. The SPCA shelter is currently located in Reno at 840 E. 5th Street. We will be moving to a new location on Spectrum Boulevard in early 2011. Our thrift store is located in the old "Sportsman" building on 4th and Vine.

Where do you get your dogs and cats from?

The SPCA was the first Reno/Sparks shelter whose main goal was to rescue "at risk" pets from the municipal animal shelter (then known as "Reno Animal Services"). We continue this vital life-saving work today by working closely with Washoe County Regional Animal Services. In addition, we take in dogs and cats from other animal shelters around northern Nevada, and from individual owners who need to surrender their pets.

How are you different from other shelters in the area?

The SPCA does not have an "animal control" responsibility. Instead, we can focus 100% on lifesaving and customer service. Our staff gets to know each dog and cat personally, and we match them carefully with each prospective adopter. We make a lifetime commitment to each of our dogs and cats, and we also provide many unique programs to the public, including humane education, animal rehabilitation, dog training classes, spay-neuter assistance, and vaccination / micro-chipping clinics.

Do you offer low-cost spay/neuter programs?

Yes. Our SNIPS (Spay/Neuter Incentive Program) program is available for families with an income of \$25,000 or less. A small co-pay is required. In 2008 – 2009, with funding from Maddie's Fund, we administered the largest spay-neuter assistance program ever in Nevada which resulted in more than 5,000 surgeries.

Do you offer low-cost vaccinations?

Yes. We have a low-cost vaccination and micro-chip clinics for the public twice every week.

Do you need volunteers?

Yes. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Volunteers work with dogs and cats, help with adoptions, staff our thrift store, or assist with special events and fundraising activities.