

## WORKING TOGETHER

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It is on a regular basis, especially during the warmer months, that Code Enforcement is called about green and murky pools.

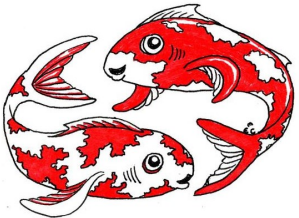
When the Officer arrives they expect to see trash and debris, mosquitoes, and some slimy, algae riddled waters. When CCPRO was called out to inspect this green pool complaint, not only did they see just that, but also an extremely vandalized home. An imminent danger notice was immediately posted.

On scene was a plumber who stated that the adult son living there would not allow him to work on the water issue and that he insisted he would take care of the problem himself. The plumber advised that he was concerned for an elderly woman who was living there and that he was contacting Metro. At this time, a 72 hour notice of green pool was posted. When our officer returned for reinspection, he was greeted by the elderly woman who let him in the backyard to see the status of the green pool. The woman was blind and was told by her son, that there was just a little rain water in the pool. Not only was the pool green but there were overgrown weeds and dead vegetation. Shortly thereafter, CCPRO was able to work with the elderly woman to get the pool drained, however, she was concerned about her son who has schizophrenia and could be violent. Because of this Metro was called to assist. Just when you think this couldn't have any more twists and turns, while draining the green murky water, it was discovered that there were Koi fish living in the pool. These Koi were the sons pets who did not want them taken away. Immediately Animal Control was notified to remove the fish before the drainage was completed. This turned out to be a little more difficult than one may think because you could barely see through the water and the debris causing the nets to be too heavy to sift through. It was decided to continue draining the pool until most of the water was gone so the fish could be removed. To the rescue, Animal Control Lieutenant Victor Zavala put on a pair of muck boots, went into the pool, and was able to net them out of the filthy water. The fish were placed in a large pot of fresh water and left with the son. Not only is the son happy to have his fish, but the neighbors are very happy that the mosquitoes are gone. All is well that ends well.



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**CCPRO responded to  
117  
Green Pool Complaints**

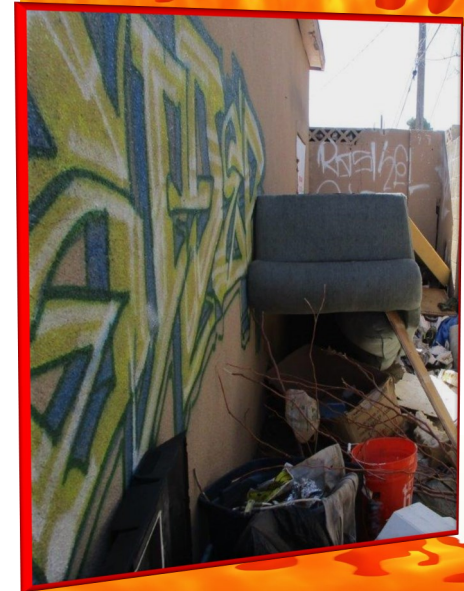


**Team  
Work!**



# DANGEROUS = DEMOLITION

When Code Enforcement received the complaint of an abandoned building, we had no idea just how dangerous the building actually was. Upon inspection it was discovered that the building had suffered severe fire damage causing a partial collapse of the roof system. With the



the fear of it completely caving in, we knew there was no time to waste. Following proper processes and procedures, we began with obtaining a Notice and Order along with a Consignment for Abatement from Clark County Building Department. Together, the Notice of Abatement and the Notice and Order were posted on the property and sent to the Assessor's address on record. Unfortunately, the notices sent were returned providing the new owner's address. New notices were sent and the property owner was given time to abate all violations. Upon reinspection, none of the violations had been corrected, therefore the warrant and request for bids process began, resulting in the Notice of the Costs to Abate being sent. This notice caught the attention of the property owner who then began to contact the office stating that he would like to repair the property and wished to speak to a Supervisor. A CCPRO Supervisor spoke to the property owner and informed him that no appeals were filed, thus all notices had expired. The owner was advised he would either need to repair the property or get a demolition permit to stop the abatement demolition. Further advising that the warrant to obtain asbestos testing was being processed. By the next inspection, nothing had changed nor had a permit been obtained by the owner.



The search warrant for an asbestos survey was served and as expected, the asbestos survey came back with a positive result. A seizure warrant was then prepared and by the end of April, 2020, all asbestos was removed and the structure was demolished. The total lien placed on this property was in the amount of \$15,240.00.



**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 the 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.





# GOT PERMITS?

This Quarter  
Code Enforcement  
responded to  
140  
building without  
permit's complaints.

Clark County Code Enforcement responded to well over a hundred complaints of building without permits this quarter. The importance of getting a permit is to ensure that all home repairs and improvements are done properly and safely. Far too often when a structure is built without permits, we see the dangers of faulty installations which can cause fires, floods, and many other hazards. The permit requirement is in place to protect the value of the property and the safety of the occupants.

In early May 2020, our office received a complaint of a 5 1/2 ft. block wall that had been extended to over 7 ft. tall. Upon inspection, it was noted that the extension above the block wall was made out of a bamboo type fencing. Our officer researched to see if any permits had been applied for and approved. This research revealed that permits had never been applied for, thus a Notice of Violation of Clark County Code 22.02.160 was sent. Immediately, the property

owner contacted our officer and advised that he didn't think he needed a permit. The requirements were explained to him with the understanding that he was required to get an approved

permit or the bamboo extension would need to be removed. The property owner immediately began the permit process.



**22.02.160– Violations** —It shall be unlawful for any person to perform grading , erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain any building, ATS, structure or building service equipment or cause or permit the same to be done in violation of this chapter, chapter 24.40 or the technical codes.

**30.56.040 (b) —Yards, Setbacks and Driveways**— Required setbacks shall extend the entire width or depth of the lot, or future lot line after required street dedication, and shall be open from the ground to the sky except for roadway improvements, utility equipment, accessory structures (such as mailboxes, light poles, or pedestrian overpass bridges) and landscaping required by any government entity or as needed by any public utility, and permitted architectural intrusions and enclosures. Parking may be located within required setbacks. These regulations are applicable for front, side, and rear setbacks of lots and establish the maximum buildable area of the lot. Except for the R-U, R-A, and R-E districts, setbacks are measured from the future right-of-way line, the edge of any private street, the back of sidewalk for attached sidewalks, or the property line, whichever is closest, to the nearest finished exterior surface of the applicable building or structure perpendicular for the depth of the required setback.



# KEEP IT CLEAN

Clark County Code Enforcement is no stranger to repeat offenders. At this property, CCPRO had previously addressed the violations of outside storage and solid waste, issued Administrative Citations totaling \$1,000, and ultimately gained compliance with the owner in June of 2019. Unfortunately, the owner failed to keep the property clean and slowly but surely the outside storage and solid waste began to accumulate again. Knock, Knock, Knock, Code Enforcement is back. There were multiple shopping carts, shower doors, pallets, a couch, and gardening tools found in the front of the property. A Notice of Violation for CCC 9.04.050(c) Accumulation of Solid Waste and CCC 30.44.010 (b)(7)(A) - Outside storage of materials and equipment was immediately sent. Over the course of three months and four Administrative Citations totaling

\$4,500, compliance was still not met. On May 5, 2020, Code Enforcement decided to abate the property and requests for bids were sent. Thankfully, when our officer went back for the final inspection, the property was found to be free of trash and debris, solid waste, and all the grass and weeds were removed. A lien was placed on the property in the amount of \$4,500 for unpaid Administrative Citations.



*CCPRO responded to 41 complaints for Outside Storage*

**CCC 9.04.050(c) Unlawful disposal of solid waste—identification of violator.** It is unlawful for any person to: Place, deposit, or accumulate, or cause to be placed, deposited or accumulated, any solid waste, hazardous waste or recyclables in such a manner, or permit the same to remain on his or her premises, in such condition so that same may be blown or carried over to public or their private property by any means whatsoever.

**CCC 30.44.010 (b)(7)(A) - Uses Allowed in Zoning District—Prohibited Uses.** Uses not permitted are expressly prohibited; however, nothing in this Title shall be construed to prohibit constitutionally protected activities including the use of home for noncommercial gatherings of family and friends, discussion groups, religious or political gatherings, or neighborhood meetings.



# VAGRANT CAMP HOT SPOT

There are many dangers that go along with Vagrant Camps, such as drug use, solid waste, or setting fires. With the continual changes in our economy, the potential for vagrant camps to develop seems likely. But that is ok, as CCPRO is always ready, maintaining our focus on the safety and wellbeing of the neighborhoods in Clark County. This specific property, owned by NV Energy, seems to have a bit of appeal, as it is one of the hot spots for repeat offenses. Even though the area is fenced off, numerous vagrant camps along with trash and debris are a recurring problem. In this particular case, the vagrants had destroyed a neighboring wall and had been stealing water from the property. Together with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and NV Energy, the area was immediately cleared of any vagrants and all trash and debris was removed. We appreciate the quick response from our partnering agencies to get this problem resolved. It is our intent to act quickly enough so that the vagrants will move on and not want to come back.



This Quarter  
CCPRO  
Responded to  
147  
Vagrant Camp  
Complaints



## Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Clark County Painter, Darryl Kresser, for being named Code Enforcement Employee of the Quarter. Darryl has over 30 years as a dedicated painter, working as a Union Painter for 12 years and is coming up on his 20th year with Clark County. Darryl is known for being thoughtful and kind to the clerical staff and is always willing to help out when needed.

Over the past years, Darryl has expressed that the best part of his job is cruising neighborhoods stopping to help people by covering the graffiti on their property. The pride is understandable when we see our community walls clear of blight. When not working, Darryl enjoys going to concerts, spending time outdoors, camping, and riding ATVs. Darryl's favorite music is Classic Rock, R & B and Jazz. Just a few of his go to bands are Fleetwood Mac, Art Pepper, Alison Moyet, Depeche Mode and Erasure.



Dinner with anyone I want, you ask? Darryl named Sam Clemens for his humorist's views of the human condition, his play on words and written stories of life in his time. Will Rogers for his sarcasm, who also spoke out about the thoughts and desires of the unemployed and

working class during the depression . And lastly, Stephen Hawking, as Darryl is intrigued by gravitational singularity theorems in the framework of general relativity and the theoretical predication that black holes emit radiation.

Thanks for all that you do!!





# CCPRO 2nd QUARTER STATISTICS



<b>TOTAL CCPRO CASES</b>	<b>2,545</b>
<b>IMMINENT DANGER</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>ZONING VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>WEEDS &amp; DEAD VEGETATION</b>	<b>541</b>
<b>TRASH &amp; DEBRIS</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>BUILDING WITHOUT PERMITS</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>VAGRANT CAMPS</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>DANGEROUS/UNSAFE STRUCTURE</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>UNLICENSED/INOPERABLE VEHICLES</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>CMART</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SQUATTER HOMES</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>OUTSIDE STORAGE</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>GRAFFITI CASES</b>	<b>2,603</b>
<b>ABANDONED/UNSECURED HOUSES</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>AUTO PARTS/REPAIR</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>SHORT TERM RENTAL</b>	<b>112</b>

**CCPRO**  
continued response  
to priority cases  
during the  
COVID-19  
shutdown

## Administrative Citation Highlights



## Total Fines Assessed: \$

Landscape Parking: \$ 600.00	Zoning Violation: \$ 2,500.00
Trash & Debris: \$ 6,400.00	Building without Permits: \$ 9,250.00
Outside Storage: \$ 3,550.00	Dangerous/Unsafe Structures: \$ 100.00
Dead Vegetation: \$ 1,450.00	Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles: \$ 3,250.00
CMART: \$ 1,000.00	Running a Business out of a Home: \$ 2,400.00
Short Term Rental Liens: \$ 211,950.00	





# ANIMAL CONTROL 2nd QUARTER STATISTICS



**Animal Control is still going strong!!**

# Top Stories

What can we say, Animal Control can have some great timing. On May 12, 2020, while in route to a call, Office Francesca Zeigler was traveling northbound on the 95 freeway when she came upon a traffic break. Three Nevada Highway Patrol officers had put their vehicle amber lights on, began to drive slow, slowing traffic behind them because of a small, fluffy, salt and pepper Cocker Spaniel/Poodle mix taking a jog along the freeway. As soon as Officer Zeigler saw what was happening, she immediately pulled onto the shoulder of the freeway and drove up to the NHP vehicles. Together they were able to safely capture and restrain this pup. This sweet pup is now spending his days safely at a local rescue.



It was just an ordinary Friday evening when a few off roaders contacted Clark County Animal Control to report a downed horse in the desert near Good Springs. Upon arrival, our officer was able to locate an approximately three to four year old wild filly. The horse was severely dehydrated, underweight and unable to stand. Our officer called in for assistance and additional staff responded with the horse trailer and the large animal rescue equipment. The filly was safely loaded onto the trailer and transported to Desert Pines Equine hospital where an emergency vet was waiting to triage the horse. Unfortunately, the condition of the filly did not improve overnight and due to the equine veterinarians suspecting that she had suffered head trauma, the decision was made to euthanize her. Although this is sad, Animal Control can have some peace of mind that we were able to get

to her quickly and end her suffering.



## What is a Filly?

*A filly is a female horse that is too young to be called a mare. There are two specific definitions in use: In most cases, a filly is a female horse under four years old. In some nations, such as the United Kingdom and the United States, the world of horse racing sets the cutoff age for fillies as five.*





## Illegal Breeding



Dealing with illegal breeders is often times an intense case for our Officers to investigate.

On May 7, 2020, our office was contacted regarding a puppy that was purchased and soon diagnosed with Parvo. The PR, (Person Reporting), stated that she wanted CCAC to check on a breeder, as she had purchased a puppy that was diagnosed with Parvo. That same day, when our officer went to the breeder's home, the situation quickly escalated causing CCAC to call LVMPD to

assist. At that time the home owner allowed our officer into the backyard where four Pug puppies and five Great Dane puppies were contained in a small rocky area. Immediately an odor consistent with Parvo was identified and the puppies appeared low energy and underweight. There was no shelter provided, and little food was in a bowl and scattered among the rocks. The home owner explained that the dogs belonged to his son and called him on the phone, the son was uncooperative and stated that he would be home soon, hanging up on our officer. It was decided at this time to just get the identification from the son for a Request for Prosecution to be filed at a later time, thus avoiding a potentially dangerous situation. Once the son arrived, he aggressively came at our officer causing our officer to immediately radio for LVMPD assistance. The son continued to yell that he didn't sell any puppies and that they were all healthy, just having been examined by a vet. When asked to provide his ID, he stated he didn't have any on him, however

once Metro arrived, ID was provided and he was given 24 hours to have all the puppies checked by a Veterinarian and that we would return to review all of the paperwork.



The next day, when we returned to the home, it was noted that the son was not home and that all the puppies were gone. Again having to make contact with him on the phone, the son advised that the vets he called would not see the puppies because it was not an emergency and that he had given the Great Dane puppies back to their owner and that he had given the Pug puppies back to the person he had bought them from.

Unable to ensure the puppies were healthy, our officer advised that a Request for Prosecution resulting in a court appearance was going to be filed. With a quick change in events the son advised he would be able to make arrangements for the puppies to be seen by a vet. He was given four hours. Per the vet, one of each puppy was brought in and luckily both tested negative for Parvo. The son then admitted that he did give two puppies away but was unaware if they were sold. All medical records were received and he was taught a tough and potentially a costly lesson about breeding and selling puppies in Clark County.



**10.08.140—Sale of Animals - No person, except dealers, operators or retailers, shall sell or offer for sale a dog or cat without first obtaining a breeder/show permit. All other household pets may only be sold by dealers, operators, or retailers. Dealers, operators and retailers must obtain a business license and must designate all information required by the Nevada Revised Statutes, including where the animal has been purchased. The sale of animals at swap meets is prohibited. As used herein, sales include any form of remuneration connected to the transfer of ownership or possession of the animal, regardless of connection with or without any other consideration, good or service, including but not limited to gratuities, product bundling or rehoming fees.**

# ANIMAL CRUELTY

Animal Control, in part, relies on the eyes and ears of our neighbors to report situations that may not be seen from the outside. In this situation, it was a maintenance worker who, per his statement, would not normally get involved in someone's personal life but that this case was too severe for him to just walk away. To him, we and Boogie are thankful. On April 6, 2020, CCAC received an email of a dog living in horrendous conditions. While working at this property, the PR was witness to a dog who was so matted that his hair had matted over his eyes and the only water looked like "motor oil". That same day, our officer responded to the home where she was shown Boogie

and the backyard. Boogie was living in a rotted wooden dog house, with barely a roof, thus not providing him with true shelter. This poor pup had feces covering his back end and was unable to see through the matted fur around his eyes and nose. When asked about nourishment, the owner stated she had some small bags of a gains burger type food and that she needed to get more food that day. The officer advised that CCAC would be back in 48 hours to verify that Boogie was groomed and there was food on property. A welfare check was conducted on April 8, 2020, Boogie had been completely groomed and more food was shown, gratefully, Boogie appeared to be happy and healthy.



**This Quarter CCAC responded to 548 cruelty complaints**

**10.32.130 Depriving of sustenance, shelter or medical care.**—It is unlawful to deprive any animal of adequate sustenance, feed, water, or shelter, or expose to the elements of the weather and to extremes of heat or cold, or refuse to obtain veterinarian medical care for illness, injury, disease or infirmity, or willfully instigate, engage in, or in any way further an act of cruelty to any animal, or any act to produce such cruelty. When the National Weather Service issues an excessive heat warning, dogs and cats must be provided with supplemental cooling to adequately reduce the temperature.

## LOST, BUT NOT FOR LONG

On May 24, 2020, CCAC received a call about an elderly Chihuahua who was running in the middle of the road. When our officer arrived, the blind, male doggy was impounded and scanned. Finding a microchip with registered owner information, we were able to easily find contact information for the owner. Unfortunately, when we attempted to reach the owner by phone there was no answer. Using the owner's name registered on the microchip and the Clark County assessors records, it was discovered that the pet owner lived just around the block. At this time, it was believed that because of the dog's age and it being blind, it couldn't have been loose for long. When CCAC brought the Chihuahua back to the home, the pet owner was so happy to see Jack, as she was very worried. Jack is 16 years old and has been their family pet for many years. The pet owner was advised to update the microchip address information and was given a verbal warning for running at large.



**CCC 10.36.040(a) Restraint**—No person owning or having possession of any animal other than a cat, shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray, run or in any manner be at large.





# Rascally Raccoons

On May 19, 2020, CCAC received a call for raccoon babies that were found in a dumpster. When our officer met with the complainant, she had six raccoon babies in a wooden box with some milk to drink. It is not everyday that we come across baby raccoons, thus asking if she knew where the parents were. Unfortunately, we were unable to find the parents and they were all safely transported to the Animal Foundation. Look at how cute they are as babies, but don't be fooled adult raccoons can be mean and aggressive.



**Good to know!**

Clark County Ordinance does not have a specific law which prohibits the possession of raccoons but the importation, transportation, and possession of raccoons is prohibited by State Law. Although trainable, raccoons do not make suitable pets.

Raccoons are notorious for biting and can carry zoonotic parasites and infectious diseases such as rabies. State Law states it is illegal to keep a raccoon as a pet in Nevada, raccoons are also one of the species that may not be rehabilitated in Nevada.



# Employee of the Quarter

Animal Control Officer Dawn Firth has been named our Employee of the Quarter. Dawn has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the care and safety of animals. Dedicating her career to animals, Dawn started as a licensed Veterinarian Technician before she came to Clark County. Dawn started with Clark County in 2007, taking a small hiatus, moving to Hawaii in 2016, only to return in 2019, and we couldn't have been happier to have her back.

When Dawn is not working, she enjoys hanging out with friends, riding motorcycles and paddle boarding. Her favorite food is Kailua pig and cabbage or tacos and she is an avid Classic Rock fan.

The three people Dawn chose to share dinner with were her husband, who she misses greatly, Ronald Reagan because he is her favorite President and Jason Momoa,



well because "he is nice to look at."

Thanks for all of your hard work!



# How Many Violations Do You See? Answers below



- 1) Solid Waste 2) Outside Storage 3) Landscape Parking 4) Inoperable Vehicles
- 5) Yard Setbacks 6) Trash receptacles left out front

stay safe

## Animal Control

**Clark Connect:**

<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

**By Phone:**

(702) 455-7710

**By Email:**

[AnimalControlInfo@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:AnimalControlInfo@clarkcountynv.gov)

## Code Enforcement

**Clark Connect:**

<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

**By Phone:**

(702) 455-4191

**By Email:**

[PublicResponseInfo@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:PublicResponseInfo@clarkcountynv.gov)

**Graffiti Hotline:**

(702) 455-4509

**Report  
a  
Violation**