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Public Response Animal Protection Services Graffiti Enforcement

2024 3rd QUARTER NEWSLETTER

NOT SO PEPPY BOYS

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Clark County Code Enforcement received 261 complaints of abandoned or unsecured properties in 2023 and so far this year there are over 130. When CCPRO received a complaint of a homeless encampment taking over an abandoned Pep Boys location, it was known that immediate action needed to take place. Even after the investigation began, over 25 additional complaints came in with additional concerns. LVMPD worked closely with Code Enforcement due to the rapidly growing number of squatters that were harboring within the dangerous building. There was criminal activity taking place everyday, such as drug abuse and the destruction of property. The large glass store front had been shattered, littering glass all over. Due to its conditions and the unsafe environment, the property was declared an imminent danger. With swift assistance from Code Officers, and LVMPD Southeast area command, the property was cleared of all trash, debris, glass and vagrants. Contractors installed boarding along the store front to prevent further break-ins or occupancy. A lien in the amount of \$4,550 was placed on the property.



Abandoned Building Cases

2023 - 183

2024 to date - 134

\$4,550

Lien



A STICKY SITUATION

Glue traps work by trapping pests in one place and simply letting time do the rest. Some may say this is a grim way to go about pest control considering the possibility for other animals getting stuck in the traps.

Officer Wythe recently responded to a call for a baby snake caught in a glue trap and unable to free itself. Often, animals stuck in glue traps can cause substantial injury to themselves while struggling to break free, and thankfully the snake was still in good condition when Officer Wythe arrived.



After consulting with Senior Dispatcher Negri, Officer Wythe was able to gather the necessary supplies to help the snake. Cooking oils or baby oil can be used to deactivate the adhesive in glue traps, and in this case Officer Wythe used olive oil to free the snake.

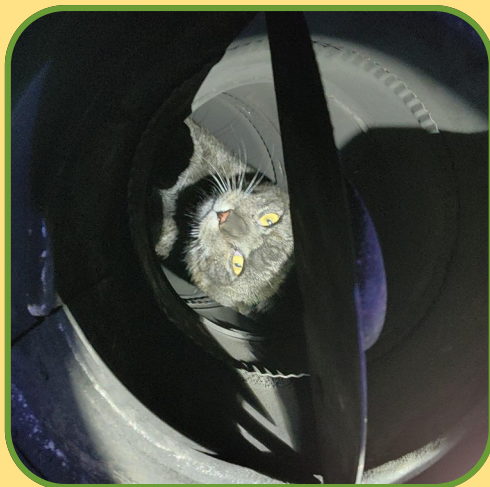
Once the animal was free of the glue, Officer Wythe wiped the snake of any remaining oil, this helps to prevent the snake from smelling like oil and becoming more obvious to predators!

Officer Wythe set the snake free outside, far from public areas and the property owner was very happy.

HE SLITHERED AND SLUNK

Christmas starts earlier and earlier every year, but it was not Jolly Old St. Nicholas that one family found in their chimney, but rather a domestic shorthair that had not been invited. Deep in the “Bah, humbug!” spirit of things, the cat only retreated further into the chimney every time someone attempted to reach for him. Sooty paw prints, however, revealed that he could get out just fine if he felt like it, but not while

anyone was around.



Officer Wythe lent the residents a trap in the hope that the cat would leave the chimney on his own again. Aside from needing a good grooming, the cat was found to be in good health and was safely transported to the shelter.



POOLING AROUND



When Officer Young responded to a call for a stray dog in traffic, she was likely expecting just that: a stray dog in traffic. Patrolling the area, she was looking for a large gray and brown dog, a shepherd type.

What she found was only kind of that. With long, skinny legs, scruffy fur, large paws, and pointed ears, a wolf hybrid was prowling the area. Truly, he looked like he would be far more interested in hunting a sheep than herding it, and when Officer Young attempted to contain him, he proved evasive. He had no interest in playing the role of prey today.

Officer Young called for assistance and was joined by Officer Cox. Evidently unfazed by being outnumbered, the wolf hybrid continued to stay out of reach.

This is when the officers became shepherds themselves, managing to corral the animal in a backyard. Perhaps in one last bid for escape, the hybrid went for a swim.

Unfortunately for him, there was no route out of the yard via the swimming pool. At least he probably had a fun time if nothing else.

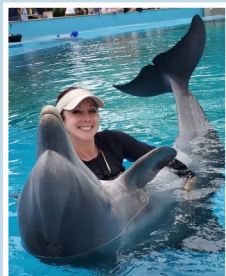
He was safely removed from the pool and had a bit of a hard time accepting his defeat as he was escorted to the CCAPS truck, voicing his complaints to the officers the entire way.



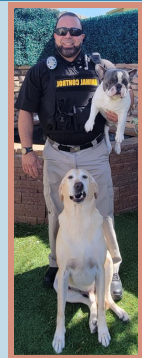
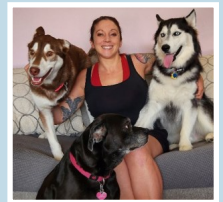
WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Animal Protection Services would like to welcome Bethany Lara! Bethany brings with her 10 years of animal handling experience from working with the L.A. County Department of Animal Care. The opportunity for new challenges in a new environment is what excited her about joining the Clark County team. Outside of work, she loves to read, go to the movie theater and travel. Bethany's favorite animal is a cat, having two orange tabbies and a black and white. If she could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, Bethany stated it would have to be Emma Stone. Bethany loves how extremely talented, funny, versatile, and genuine she is; Sharing, being her for two weeks would be an adventure to see how she interacts with people or how she develops a character she gets to play. Welcome Bethany!



Say Hello to Nicole Enright! Before joining Clark County Animal Protection Services, Nicole was a dolphin specialist at the Mirage for almost eight years. After the Mirage closed Nicole was looking for an opportunity to work with and help animals while making a difference in the community, thus the perfect fit was with Animal Protection Services. During her off time, she enjoys spending time with friends and her three dogs. Some of Nicole's hobbies are swimming, hiking and anything that involves animals. She truly loves anything with four legs, but no bugs, spiders or otherwise! Nicole would not want to trade lives with anyone because her life has been weird, dynamic and interesting on its own. She tries not to envy anybody else's life and takes everything the universe offers as her own incredible opportunity. We are happy to have Nicole as part of the team!



Welcome Marvin Corrales! Marvin brings with him over 18 years of experience working with animals. Prior to joining CCAPS, he worked as a Licensed Veterinary Technician Supervisor. His skills in communication with pet owners and how to properly take care of pets are a true asset in the position of Animal Control Officer. In addition to his skills, his passion for obtaining a position with the CCAPS team was a perfect career choice. Outside of work, Marvin takes pleasure in being outdoors, going to the lake with friends and family or exploring state parks, going camping, fishing, stargazing and escaping by a bonfire. His favorite movie is the Butterfly Effect and his favorite animal is a dog, stating that Labrador Retrievers and French Bulldogs are his weakness. If Marvin could trade lives with one person, it would be Elon Musk, sharing that he would like to explore SpaceX, his headquarters and wouldn't mind driving the Cybertruck around a bit. Marvin also added that besides gaining employment as an Animal Control Officer with Clark County, being a father is the best job that he has. Welcome Marvin!



Clark County Animal Protection Services is happy to bring on board Carolina (Cat) Martinez! Cat comes to the team with 18 years experience as a Licensed Veterinary Technician. Hitting a cap working within the Veterinary field and wanting to help the community and their pets, Animal Protection Services was the place to be. Cat spends her off time, gardening, collecting plants and watching Anime. Her favorite animal is the Peregrine Falcon and her favorite movie is a toss up between The Army of Darkness and Nightmare Before Christmas. A great thing about Cat is that she is a go getter and never gives up. Cat also shared that she was once

attacked by a pelican while working at veterinary clinic, she was holding the pelican and it bit her entire arm. Welcome Cat!



With great pleasure we would like to welcome Sandy Jabas. Sandy has spent the last ten years as a Senior Dolphin Care Specialist and also wore the hat of Research Coordinator at the Mirage. Wanting to continue using her expertise in animal behavior, a career with Animal Protection Services was a great fit. Sandy likes to hike, cook, try new food, watch hockey and volunteer for the non-profit, The Animal Behavior Management Alliance. Her favorite animals are humpback whales, sea turtles and hippos. If Sandy could trade lives with anyone, it would be an astronaut on the international space station, believing it would be cool to camp in space and experience no gravity for two weeks. Some fun facts about Sandy is that she has a degree in Exotic Animal Training

and Management and has worked with a variety of animals, such as primates, marsupials, water buffalo and alligators, just to name a few. CCAPS is happy to have Sandy as part of the team!



WELCOME!



Greetings to our new Animal Control Dispatcher, Rici Wright. Rici brought with her experience as a Emergency Medicine Dispatcher and Logistic Coordinator. Outside of work, Rici takes delight in spending time with friends, taking her kayak out to go fishing and enjoying nature while

geocaching. Some of her hobbies include playing lacrosse, glass flamework, bedazzling things and doing jigsaw puzzles. Fun fact about Rici, is she has four bunnies that she adores.



HANG IN THERE!

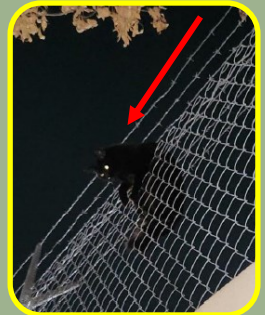
On average, a cat can jump nearly six feet high. A cat-proof fence should be at least that tall to prevent a cat from clearing it.

So, what happens when a cat encounters a fence that tests this theory?

Well, that's when CCAPS gets called. Officer Deed responded to find a black cat squeezed between the top of a chain link fence and some barbed wire. She was either stuck, or perfectly content not to move. Perhaps she was indecisive about whether or not she should try to get down.

Obviously, she was on the fence about the whole situation. Pun intended.

Thankfully, Officer Deed was able to help her come to the decision to get down from the fence with the aid of a catch pole. With no obvious injuries, she was safely transported to the shelter.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Let's give a 'Hear Hear' to Linda Deed for being named Animal Protection Services Employee of the Quarter. Linda has been part of the APS team since 2019 and is a joy to work with. Linda is always good for a smiling hello! Linda has expressed that she has truly enjoyed her last five years, and is part of a great team. She has always been a firecracker, but the job has taught her to slow down and be cautious so that she can make mindful decisions. During her time off you can find Linda watching anime or jamming out to music. Her favorite movie of all time is The Lord of the

Rings Trilogy. After her career with Clark County is over and she is ready to retire, she hopes it will be in Thailand where it is beautiful and cheap to live. Congratulations Linda!



ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES 3RD QUARTER STATISTICS



ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS
FINES ISSUED

\$93,600



CALLS RECEIVED BY
DISPATCH

23,078

CALLS HANDLED
IN THE FIELD

6,774



VEHICLE CONFINEMENTS 90

STRAY ANIMALS 512

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS ISSUED 158

IMPOUNDED ANIMALS 2,335

MISDEMEANOR CITATIONS ISSUED 385

BITE REPORTS 376

TOTAL STERILIZATIONS 4,556

HEALTH & WELFARE 426

CALLS FOR INJURED ANIMALS 479

FELONY CASES SENT TO METRO 10

CODE ENFORCEMENT 3RD QUARTER STATISTICS

LANDSCAPE PARKING 158

WEEDS & DEAD VEGETATION 308

BUILDING WITHOUT PERMITS 170

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES 35

VAGRANT CAMPS 979

SHORT TERM RENTALS 364

ABANDONED/UNSECURED HOMES 69

UNLICENSED/INOPERABLE VEHICLES 70

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ROW 607

IMMINENT DANGER 9

TRASH & DEBRIS 634

SQUATTER HOMES 64

OUTSIDE STORAGE 55

AUTO PARTS & REPAIR 125



TOTAL
CCPRO CASES
6,005



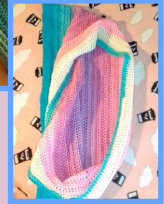
TOTAL
GRAFFITI CASES
3,397



WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Clark County Code Enforcement would like to give a warm welcome to Akeith Johnson. Akeith brought with her years of experience working with the public and assisting citizens during her time as a Sr. Call Center Representative in the City of Fort Worth's Water Department. Knowing that she wanted to work in a government agency, Clark County was a great place for her to be a part of a secure organization with opportunities for growth. Outside of work, she and her family like to try new restaurants, and crochet scarfs and beanies. If Akeith could trade lives with anyone for two weeks it would be Justine Tiu, the co-founder of the Woobles. Akeith thinks it would be awesome to combine something that she enjoys, like crocheting, with her aspiration of running her own business.



Say Hello to Kulani Purkey! Prior to joining the Code Enforcement support team, Kulani worked as a corporate recruiter and prior to that worked for the City of Henderson in Probation and is also a licensed Realtor. Now that she is with Clark County, she is excited to combine her passion for service with her career and can't wait to see the personal and professional growth that comes with working for Clark County. During her off time, Kulani likes to try out new fitness classes, barbecuing with family, traveling and sneaking in a little retail therapy. Some hobbies that she enjoys are going to the yoga or Pilates studio, golfing, going to spas and restaurants and tending to her houseplants. Kulani couldn't decide on any one person she would want to trade lives with for two weeks, but said it would have to be someone who has an exhilarating and risky day to day, like a professional diver, mountaineer or even an undercover spy.



Hiram Dieguez Lopez is Clark County Graffiti Abatement's new team member. Hiram brings with him painting experience from working three years at the Venetian Resort and four years experience at MP Materials, a rare earth mine. The reason he wanted to join the team is to continue to contribute to the improvement of his home life, the work schedule is perfect for him and that working for Clark County has excellent opportunities. During his time off, he enjoys spending time with his teenage children and cooking for family and friends. His favorite animal is a cat and his favorite movies are Rocky I and Rocky II.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Jessie Acosta!!



Congratulations Jessie Acosta for being named the employee of the quarter! Jessie has been with Code Enforcement for almost two years and has always gone above and beyond in her daily duties as a Code Enforcement Specialist. Some the best things that Jessie has learned during her time with Clark County is the different opportunities, programs, and agencies that are available to those in need and being a part of what the community does to help each other. Jessie hopes to one day go to Bruges, Belgium to see the beautiful architecture and canals and walk the cobblestone streets drinking beer and eating chocolate. Jessie is a true asset to the Code Enforcement team, and we appreciate all that she contributes. Keep up the great work!

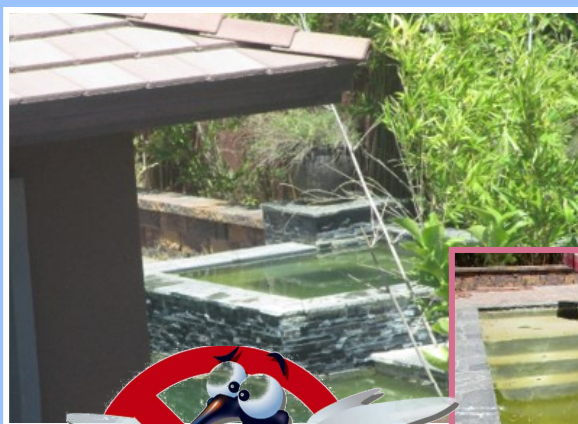
RAPID ABATEMENT

Code Enforcement received a complaint of numerous tents occupied with vagrants and littered with large amounts of trash and debris. Upon inspection, and based on the officer's familiarity with the problem property, a Notice of Abatement was posted. The property owner contacted the officer explaining that he had been out of state and would be coming home soon, promising to have the property cleaned by the following weekend. Failing to keep his promise, the property was abated with removal of all trash, debris, tents and vagrants. The property was liened in the amount of \$1,998.00 and the surrounding neighbors were happy.



THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

In Early August, Code Enforcement received a call from a concerned neighbor reporting a green pool next door. When the officer arrived he could not verify the complaint so he contacted the reporting neighbor, thankfully the neighbor allowed the officer to view the pool from a second story window. The officer was advised the home had been for sale and the officer was able to make contact with the realtor who stated the property was awaiting a short sale and they would remedy the violation immediately. Unfortunately, this did not happen and the officer took quick action to have the pool drained. A fee of \$350 was assessed to the property and the neighbors were happy that the mosquito haven was removed.



CLEARING THE CAMP

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

- Approximately 600,000 homeless in the U.S.
- Of the homeless in the U.S. 40% live outdoors or in structures not meant for habitation



461
Homeless
Encampment
Cases



396
Homeless
Encampment
Cases
3rd Quarter 2023



3rd Quarter 2024

Clearing the Camp: Landowner & Code Enforcement Unit

In an appreciated twist of cooperation and community spirit, this property owner has successfully cleared a vagrant camp from his property without incurring any fines or fees. The operation, which began on July 24, 2024, had the landowner working together with Clark County Code Enforcement to address the violations of a vagrant camp littered with trash and debris swiftly and effectively.

The landowner opted to work with Code Enforcement rather than face potential penalties for code violations. Clark County Code Enforcement responded to all questions and concerns, promptly providing guidance and support throughout the process.

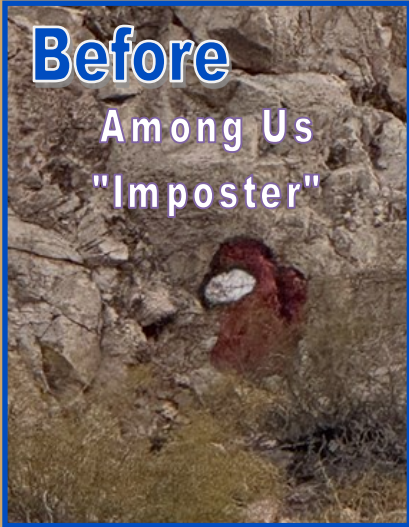
By the end of the month, the property was cleared, and Code Enforcement was able to close the case as resolved. Thanks to this cooperative approach, the landowner not only avoided fines, but also contributed to swift and effective resolution.

PAINT NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH

Nevada has a lot to offer when it comes to our beautiful natural scenery. Unfortunately, there are times

when people don't quite appreciate nature in the way that we would hope.

Located in Southern Highlands, at a known hangout, the mountain side was defaced near a small cave like cutout. With no easy access to the tagged spot, 3 of our graffiti abatement painters hiked to the area with the necessary



materials and equipment to cover over the graffiti. Great work Graffiti Abatement Team!



SUCCESSFUL ABATEMENT

It is not unheard of for Clark County Code Enforcement to respond to the same property on multiple occasions. This is one of those occasions. CCPRO received a complaint of a squatter house. Upon receiving the complaint, the case was assigned and the Officer quickly responded. The initial inspection of the property did not show signs of people, but during the inspection it was found that the property had very large amounts of overgrown weeds in the yard as well as trash/debris in the form of plastic bags, branches and buckets. A Notice of Violation was sent to the property owner. While performing routine additional research, an email was sent to NV Energy and verified that there was no active service at the property. During the routine re-inspection of the property, the officer found that there was no change to the condition of the property which the officer deemed necessary to post and issue a Notice of Abatement. Due to no response or action from the property owner the abatement was scheduled and completed. After another successful cleanup, a lien was issued in the amount of \$1020.00.



FIND THE VIOLATIONS



30.03.01 (C) (1) - Outside storage prohibited in residential zones. 30.03.03(A)(2)(ii)(e) - Residential Uses - A recreational vehicle is prohibited as an accessory dwelling. 30.04.01 (F)(2)(i)(c) - Overgrown/dead vegetation, weeds, brush, grass. 30.04.04(G)(7) - Storage of unlicensed, unregistered, or inoperable vehicles. 9.04.050 (c) Accumulation of solid waste. Chapter 30.03.03 Use Regulations 3. Accessory Vehicle and Watercraft Storage

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