



## NEWSLETTER #24 FALL 2017

ARGONN is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

**URGENT! SHOE DRIVE!!!**  
**Help us reach our fundraising goal ... deadline November 15.**

### ARGONN Proud ..

This year to date:

Cats and kittens:

Intake: 120

Adoptions: 73

Currently in foster: 38

Trap-neuter-return (TNR): 135

Every month our dog and cat food distribution program gives thousands of pounds to local food pantries, senior centers, and individuals in need. To our generous donors - thank you!

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 Fernley. Time: 10:30 am.

Visit our website  
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 on Facebook.com/  
 AnimalRecueGroupof  
 NorthernNevada

### Election Time

Our annual election of Officers was held in September. It was a tough one this year because we very reluctantly had to say farewell to our long-time Treasurer, Fred Thompson. Fred and Sheila are spending more time out of state these days and Fred felt that his absences would affect the treasury. We extend a very sincere and warm thank you to Fred for his outstanding diligence and attention to detail in taking care of our financial affairs for the past 5+ years. Our Secretary, Shirley Salo, also has the 'travel bug' so she too stepped down. A huge thank you Shirley for always being on top of all things secretarial! We will continue to enjoy both Fred and Shirley as dedicated members of ARGONN and we look forward to every meeting that you can attend!

Vanessa Stuart remains President. Our new secretary is Nancy McPherson, and our new treasurer is Stacy Skubinna. Thank you, Nancy and Stacy, for stepping up into official roles for our group. You are both highly qualified for the task at hand so we will undoubtedly continue to grow from strength to strength!

The Annual Good Stuff Sale was held Sept 9 in the Fernley Community Center, and once again was a resounding success. Thank you for all the great donations, and thank you shoppers for coming out to purchase those treasures that someone else no longer needed. It is only with your support that ARGONN can continue to serve the animals of our community, whether it is feral TNR, fostering kittens or cats until their perfect adoptive homes are found, or in some other way saving every life that we possibly can.



### Donate Your Shoes To



Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used or new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

*Thank you!*

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

### WHERE & WHEN

We will be collecting gently worn shoes of every type from September 15 to November 15. If you don't find a drop-off location, please contact us and we will gladly pick up.

We are a 501(c)3 organization and rely on your generosity to continue the work that we do with cats in our community.

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### Drop off locations for shoes:

**Fernley:** Mirage Garden and Gifts.

Animal Care Center and Royal Floors

**Silver Springs:** SS Senior Center,  
 SS Mutual Water Co, SS Animal  
 Shelter, Silver Stage Pharmacy

**Stagecoach:** Stagecoach Country Market.

**Carson City:** CC Library



## USEFUL TIDBITS OF INFORMATION



1. As the weather gets colder it is time to begin winterizing your property. Don't forget about those critters that will be spending their winter out in the cold. Make sure there is a water source that won't freeze - heated water bowls are a life saver and not too expensive if purchased online. **Dogs and cats absolutely need shelter and somewhere warm to go when the temperatures dip below freezing.**
2. Be careful when starting a vehicle on a cold morning - community cats and other small creatures often seek warmth under the hood, or in a wheel well. It's a good idea to knock on the hood a few times before getting into the vehicle to alert any temporary guests and give them time to escape. Falling from under the hood of a moving vehicle or being trapped under the hood can cause terrible injuries to little animals, if they survive at all!

Pet food distribution is an important aspect of what ARGONN does to help the community of Fernley, and the Highway 50 corridor from Silver Springs to Dayton. In Fernley we support the Fernley Food Pantry and the Fernley Senior Center by delivering as much donated dog and cat food as possible for distribution to the folk that need it.

Along the Highway 50 corridor one of our members, Nancy McPherson, 'sets up shop' once a month, on different days, at the Silver Stage Food Pantry and the Dayton Food Pantry.



### PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

by Nancy McPherson

Four-legged family members are important to all families, including those in need of assistance, and many people express the sentiment that they would go hungry in order to feed their pets. ARGONN receives pet food from generous donors including companies that offer surplus bags of pet food for distribution to animal rescues. We extend our deep appreciation to these organizations and the people involved who make nutrition available for the animals of people struggling to keep them properly fed.

Along the Hwy. 50 corridor, these food donations are made available because of the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who give their time to help on the once-a-month distribution days at Sutro Elementary School in Dayton and the Silver-Stage Food Pantry. I have had many helpers over the years, but would like to personally thank some of my exceptional and faithful volunteers.

In Dayton, I have the pleasure of working with the amazing Kathy and ever faithful Sam. They are calming influences for me as they competently and cheerfully serve the people who come for assistance with pet food. I can't forget Arturo, who is ready and full of enthusiasm whenever I need an extra hand.

Savannah and Darrion are constant in their dedication and give of their precious time off to help at the Silver-Stage Food Pantry. The service of these young people to others fills my heart with admiration. They are energetic, friendly and respectful to all who seek our help.

These bighearted volunteers, among others, are the reason this program is successful. I could never do it alone and it is not just a cliché when I say it wouldn't happen without them. They are my hands and the extension of my heart. They are there to support me when I'm flustered or discouraged. Their spirit and smiles are contagious.

As great as they are, these volunteers are not always available to help. Because they have lives that demand attention, there are times they are unable to be part of the distribution days. I am always looking for other giving people who can step in when needed to assure the continuation of our pet food distribution program. If you or someone you know would like to help, call me at 775 629-0087 or email [nmcphe@hsne50.com](mailto:nmcphe@hsne50.com). I promise that you will feel the rewards in your heart as grateful folk show their thanks with a smile and words of appreciation for your efforts. And you will have the warm feeling that comes with knowing you have helped deserving pets get what they need to live happy and healthy lives.