



**NEWSLETTER #25 WINTER 2017**

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



**ARGONN Proud ..**

2017 in review:

Cats and kittens:

Intake: 120

Adoptions: 97

Currently in foster: 23

Trap-neuter-return (TNR): 209

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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Visit our website www.argonn.org or see us on Facebook.com/AnimalRecueGroupofNorthernNevada

**2017 - ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!**

It was busy, it was eventful and it was exciting...Here are some of the highlights.

◆ In spite of not having the transfer options of our fosters to larger shelters for adoption, we adopted out 97 kittens and cats. This was in large a result of our partnering with PetSmart where we showcased lots of our fosters in-store in Carson City and found amazing forever homes for so many. Thank you PetSmart!

◆ In June our TNR program was expanded to include Nevada Humane Society, Carson City, largely thanks to the wonderful team at the Lyon County Animal Shelter in Silver Springs. 92 felines were spayed/neutered in addition to the year total of 83 at NHS, Reno. Another 34 were TNR'd at our special local quarterly clinics.

◆ Our fundraising efforts successfully raised the money to keep us 'sunny side up' - both the Spaghetti Dinner & Dance and the Good Stuff sale produced excellent results - thank you to all the volunteers, and attendees. The annual Nevada Big Give has been around for some time, but in 2017 we joined in for the first time and the result was very satisfying—lots of potential to make it a really big part of our annual revenue budget! Our first Funds2orgs Shoe Drive was great fun! So much so that

we have decided to collect shoes year-round and be well ahead of the game to meet our target in 2018. Please spread the word: ARGONN collects shoes!!!

◆ Several hundred pets in Fernley and along the Hwy 50 corridor were provided food on a regular basis. We are so honored to be able to help to feed the pets of needy families and seniors through the generous donations of both dog and cat food that we receive. A big shout out to our volunteers who make this possible!

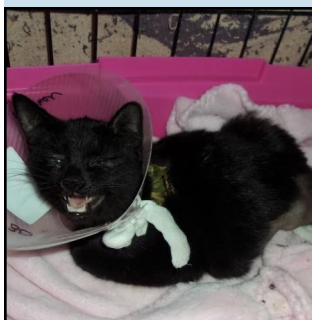
◆ We have a brand new website! Same address, just an exciting new and updated look ..... a great advantage moving forward if we want to apply for grants, etc. The adoptables page has already led to more than one happy adoption!

Thank you to the members of ARGONN and to all of our friends and supporters—you keep the momentum going. Let's make 2018 even better still!

Vanessa Stuart—President



**Medical emergency!!**



*Just when we thought the year was winding down, along came Ricki, a 3-month old kitten .... brought to the Lyon county Animal Shelter with a very badly injured back leg on December 23. X-rays revealed a nasty femoral break. To save this kitten would be expensive! A GoFundMe account was set up, and Ricki underwent surgery at Sierra Veterinary Specialists in Reno December 29 where they found that the break was old, and a serious infection had set in. Amputation at the hip was the only option. Ricki is a making a remarkable recovery and being such a baby, he will grow up unaware that he was born with 4 legs. Donations poured in from incredibly kind and generous folk that have covered the entire \$2,820 bill! Thank you so very much!*

## The danger of Christmas trees



Shine is an 8-month old kitten, playful and curious as any kitten her age. But the family Christmas tree nearly cost her her life. She hung herself by her back leg while exploring the branches and bright ornaments! Her devastated family cried out for help, but none was forthcoming. They brought Shine to Lyon County Animal Services for euthanasia as their only humane option. ARGONN received a call and sprang into action. X-rays showed a dislocated hip. Dr. Laura Remsen manipulated the hip back into place and ordered 30 days of crate rest with a 50-50 chance of success. Alas, the hip dislocated once again. Not willing to give up on this extremely sweet kitten and her anxious owners, Shine will undergo FHO (femoral head ostectomy) surgery on January 19 and her prognosis looks very good. Her owners have set up a Gofundme account to help pay the bill, and hopefully this sad story will have a happy outcome. Beware the Christmas tree!!!!

## What the INDOOR cat misses .....

- ⇒ Fights
- ⇒ Worms
- ⇒ Abscesses
- ⇒ Dog attacks
- ⇒ Becoming lost
- ⇒ Fleas and ticks
- ⇒ Being tortured
- ⇒ Steel jaw traps
- ⇒ Gunshot wounds
- ⇒ Being hit by a car
- ⇒ A shorter life span
- ⇒ Being stolen for profit
- ⇒ Being eaten by a coyote
- ⇒ Being sprayed by skunks
- ⇒ Skin cancer and sun damage
- ⇒ Exposure to FIV (feline AIDS)
- ⇒ Infections from puncture wounds
- ⇒ Poisoning by food or pesticides
- ⇒ Exposure to feline Leukemia (FeLV)
- ⇒ Becoming trapped in a garage or shed
- ⇒ Encounters with sick and possibly rabid animals
- ⇒ Exposure to Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)
- ⇒ Exposure to Upper Respiratory Infections (URI)
- ⇒ Relocation by jumping into a car or moving van
- ⇒ Seeking warmth under the hood of a parked car
- ⇒ Being attacked from above by a hawk or an eagle
- ⇒ Hunting and scavaging as the only means of survival

