



**NEWSLETTER #26 SPRING 2018**

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

You are invited to ARGONN'S  
**Paws-ta Party!**

**Good Food**

**Raffle**

**Saturday June 9, 2018**

**Dinner 5-7 pm / Music til 9 pm**

**Fernley Community Center**

**Live Music**

*Menu: Pasta entree, Salad, Rolls, Dessert,  
Ice tea/Lemonade  
(soft drinks/water available for purchase)*



**Advance tickets \$15 or \$20 at the door**  
*(only 125 tickets are available)*

*Tickets can be purchased at the Mirage in Fernley or from any ARGONN member.  
Or call our hotline at 775-229-3708 and leave a message.*

*All proceeds help our TNR and foster-to-adoption programs  
for feral and stray cats in our community*



**ARGONN Proud ..**

Jan—Mar (1st quarter):

Cats and kittens:

Intake: 30

Adoptions: 22

Currently in foster: 29

Trap-neuter-return  
(TNR): 90

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!

**CONTACT INFO**

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Meetings held 2nd & 4th  
Saturday at Free Methodist  
Church, 100 South West St,  
Fernley. Time: 10:30 am.

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

**EASTER BUNNIES AND SPRING KITTENS.**

What do they have in common? Both are cute and everybody wants one .... Well, hopefully your Easter bunnies were of the chocolate variety because giving a gift of a real bunny is NEVER a good idea unless you plan on a life time commitment to care for it.

And here come the spring kittens—lots of them, as usual! For as long as there are irresponsible pet owners who don't spay or neuter their cats, there will always be an abundance of babies born in the spring. The lucky ones will be properly raised and stand a chance at a good life, but too many are born outdoors, grow up unsocialized, and will later only contribute to the ever-present overpopulation of community cats. Fortunately in areas like ours where TNR is practiced, feral colony numbers are kept in check, but that doesn't account for the kittens that come to us from backyards and under houses or decks where Mom "accidentally" got out or is living as an indoor/outdoor cat and the resulting kittens are "unexpected" and "unwanted". NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE ESCAPE CAPABILITIES OF A CAT IN HEAT!

We already have 4 litters of kittens in foster. They are all doing great and will be available for adoption starting early in May.

**EVER THOUGHT OF  
FOSTERING? WE  
WOULD LOVE TO  
HEAR FROM YOU!**



**"I FOUND A KITTEN—WHAT CAN I DO?"**

**The Golden Rule:** Do not remove it from the area for 12—24 hours. Mom may be in the act of moving the litter, or she may be hunting for food. If you are quite certain that Mom isn't coming back, get the kitten to safety and call us.

If you locate Mom and she has a litter, do not separate them—the younger the kittens, the more they need Mom. As their eyes open and they start to move around more, handle them gently to begin the socialization process for later adoption. But if Mom is feral, she may well move her kids to avoid your interference.

**DO NOT GIVE KITTENS AWAY IN FRONT OF ANY STORE.** There are way too many people who will take them with bad intentions! Contact us and we will properly find homes for them.

Baby kittens can survive incredible odds, but they are also incredibly fragile. Please consider their welfare!



## KALYNNE, the Therapy Kitty

Kalynne and her brothers and sister were born under a house and taken into foster care at seven weeks old. Kalynne had some health issues as a kitten and wasn't ready for adoption until she was a "teenager". An elderly woman with some health challenges of her own wanted a pet to keep her company and was put in touch with ARGONN. Kalynne's foster mom knew that Kalynne would be perfect for Mary as the kitty was so very loving and gentle, and could easily provide the lady with the companionship she sought. The two met and it was love at first sight. Kalynne had found her home and the adoption was finalized.



What no one knew at that time was what else Kalynne would be for her new mom! Mary suffers from sleep apnea and reported to the former foster mom that Kalynne would wake her if she stopped breathing in her sleep! The kitty would not let her human rest again until she knew she was okay.

Our pets, our "kids", are tuned in to the ones they love and often offer the help we need in so many ways. Never take their love for granted!

## In Praise of "Crazy Cat People"

They make huge sacrifices in the name of felines love and, in doing so, they make a huge difference. Crazy cat people deserve praise, and lots of it. Here are just a few reasons why.

### **They give kittens a chance at life**

Foster caretakers are the backbone of any animal rescue, and that's particularly true for kittens. These tiny, vulnerable beings need a safe place to get a good start in life and get ready for adoption to a forever home. If it weren't for the crazy cat people who foster, many kittens would struggle to live in the alleys and under houses. Too many would die early from predation, disease or injury.

### **They provide humane solutions for feral cat problems**

The crazy cat people who monitor and feed community cat colonies, and who lead the way in trap-neuter-release efforts, are a huge part of the solution when it comes to humanely reducing the population of feral cats. It's not the cats' fault that they're living on the streets, so let's give thanks and praise for the people who care enough to provide assistance to animals who will never be able to love them back.

### **They adopt the hard-to-adopt kitties**

There aren't a lot of people who have the time, skills, or energy to devote to an elderly cat or a cat with special needs. But the crazy cat people do. They'll adopt older or disabled cats who desperately need love but often don't find it.

### **They help other cat lovers**

They pay for a spay or neuter, they drive a friend to a vaccine clinic, they stop by an elderly neighbor's house with cat food and litter. None of our lives would be the same without them.

Crazy cat people aren't crazy at all. In fact, they're some of the sanest people around. They give a voice to the voiceless, save the ones at risk, and give love to those most in need. That is the mark of a highly evolved and special human being, and all crazy cat people should wear the designation with pride.

Maybe you are already a crazy cat person or are thinking of becoming one. Come meet the crazy cat people of ARGONN. You just might find that you belong. Greater numbers means we can do more for the kitties of our communities.

**ARGONN members are proud to be crazy people!!**