



**NEWSLETTER #27 2018 VOL 3**  
 ARGONN is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization



**ARGONN Proud ..**  
**YTD (August 31, 2018):**  
 Cats and kittens:

Intake: 137  
 Adoptions: 117  
 Currently in foster: 32  
 Trap-neuter-return (TNR): 147

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

**SHOE DRIVE 2018**



**Ever thought: “I’ve hardly worn those shoes, it seems a shame to throw them out”? Well, let us take them off your hands (or feet).**

We are paid for the shoes we collect, then they are passed on to mom-n-pop stores in third world countries to be sold as cheaply as possible to folk who would otherwise probably not have shoes on their feet. It’s a win—win for everyone, and we love to be a part of it. Please help us to be assured of reaching our minimum \$1,000 goal this year. That’s about 2,500 pairs of shoes!

Last year was our first attempt at a Funds2orgs shoe drive and the results were good .... we raised nearly \$700 of our \$1,000 goal, thanks to many great supporters. So, we decided to continue to collect shoes all year round—we want to be known as “the group” to donate your shoes to! Our official drive begins September 15, so the race is on! Shoes, shoes, shoes .... gently worn, please.



**Help Us Reach Our Goal**

Donate any gently worn, used and new shoes to ARGONN to benefit our fundraiser as well as micro-enterprise around the world!

September 15<sup>th</sup> thru November 15<sup>th</sup>

Drop off locations determined so far are:  
**Carson City:** Carson City Library at 900 N. Roop Street.  
**Silver Springs:** Lahontan Medical Complex at 3595 Hwy 50 W., Suite 4.  
**Reno/Sparks:** Please call 775 229-3708 to arrange for a pick-up by one of our members.  
**Fernley and Dayton:** To be determined. Please call 775 229-3708 for updates.

**PETSMART Charities** As a rural rescue group we don't have

a storefront location where potential adopters can see our adoptable kitties. Being a PetSmart Charities partner/vendor is extremely valuable to us and our foster-to-adoption success. PetSmart in Carson City and Sparks are our 2 primary outlets for showcasing our foster kitties that are ready for adoption. This year alone 85 of our 117 adoptions to date have been at PetSmart! Especially during “kitten season” we are in-store most Sundays with our ready-to-go kitties. 4 times each year we participate in the National Adoption Weekend—3 days of well advertised promotion for participating vendors. We would love to be on site more often but being a rural rescue, it is difficult to take daily care of kitties in long-term kennels at each store. Thank you PetSmart for everything that you do to help our adorable adoptables find great forever homes!

**Did you know?**

We sometimes receive calls asking us to remove feral cats from a property. Firstly, we have nowhere to take these cats other than the occasional barn cat opportunity. Secondly, and more important, it is a well-researched fact that removing cats from their established environment causes a “vacuum effect” that will encourage new cats to move in to the vacated area! We suggest TNR (trap-neuter-return) to create a stable, non-reproducing population that will minimize newcomers and be neighborhood friendly.

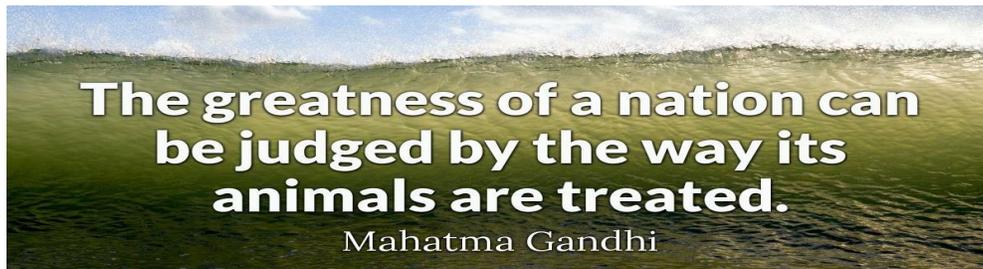
## *Indoor only adoptions. Why?*

Every kitten that comes into our foster program is adopted only to an adopter who promises that they will live their lives as indoor cats. Why?

Most of our kittens come from a feral environment where they have struggled to survive with or without a mom who probably was not able to nutritionally give them the best start to life. Others have been “dumped” and found by someone who cared enough to bring them to us. Many are sick or at best underweight. Our fosters devote a huge amount of time, effort and often money to nurture these little lives into healthy, socialized, happy kittens. Each foster is passionate about the lives that they save, because every now and then a little life is lost in spite of every best effort to preserve it. It only makes sense that we insist on the absolute best outcome for every kitten that is fortunate enough to be rescued and brought to us for care until such time as it is ready for adoption.

Some people will suggest that it is not fair to keep a cat indoors, that it needs the “freedom” of being allowed outdoors .... Wrong!!! If a cat grows up in a home where it is clearly pampered and loved, provided toys and stimuli to keep it entertained, is never lonely or ignored, it will be very comfortable and satisfied with it’s surroundings and probably afraid to venture outside of its comfort zone. Cats are highly adaptable creatures, which is why they are such successful survivors! Many indoor only cats will sit at an open door with no desire at all to cross the threshold because they feel secure in their known environment and by instinct don’t want to risk danger.

Our philosophy of “indoor only” is shared by nearly every rescue group whose dedicated fosters treat every kitten as their own and so lovingly and carefully take care of them, and who request an application for adoption be completed by each interested adopter. We want to know about every potential home, and we will refuse adoption to anyone who we feel is not going to provide a lifelong commitment to a kitten that we have spent so much time raising to be a healthy, happy and well-adjusted family member. The slightest possibility that any one of our kittens should ever have to struggle for survival at any time in their life is simply not acceptable.



## *A Tale of Two Kitties*

Initial cost	“Free” Kitten \$0	Adopted Kitten \$60 (ARGONN)
Kitten “core” vaccine	\$25	Included
Kitten 2 x Booster “core” vaccine	\$50	Included
Rabies vaccine (Age appropriate)	\$45	Included
1st & 2nd Deworming	\$20	Included
Spay/Neuter Surgery	\$120—\$200	Included
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260—\$340</b>	<b>\$60</b>

Amounts are market average, and could be higher or lower depending on the provider.