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Clark County Animal Protection
Services

July 7, 2026

Shelter Diversion

Clark County Animal Protection Services (CCAPS) is committed to continually adapting new shelter diversion methods to keep pets out of the shelter. When safe and appropriate, CCAPS will utilize goal driven policies to keep pets in their homes.

Recent initiatives have helped reduce overcrowding, preserve shelter resources for animals in need, and promote positive outcomes for both pets and their families.



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Reduce Time Spent in the Shelter

Mandatory hold periods determine how long a pet must remain at the shelter unless reclaimed.

July 2025

In collaboration with our regional animal protection services jurisdiction partners and The Animal Foundation, the following hold times were reduced:

Owner Surrender

24-hrs to No Hold

Abandonments

10 days to 5 days

Warrant Confiscations

10 days to 5 days



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Bite Investigations

New improved quarantine process to keep pets in their homes.

February 2025 – Present (15 months following CCC change)
739 Pets completed quarantine at home.

November 2023 – February 2025 (15 months preceding CCC change)
450 Pets completed quarantine at home.

➤ 289 fewer pets entering the shelter.



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Mandatory Microchipping

CCC 10.08.070(b)

As of August 4, 2025, all dogs and cats over four months must be microchipped under Clark County Code.

Fix-it Ticket Program

Misdemeanor citation with a five-week grace period to correct.

August 4, 2025 - Present

1,220 Fix-It violations 364 Misdemeanor citations

Since February 2025, Animal Control Officers have returned 248 pets to their owners. 204 of those reunions were due to a microchip.



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Low-Cost Microchip Program

CCAPS has partnered with Heaven Can Wait, Hearts Alive Village and the NSPCA to provide microchips for \$5.00 to unincorporated Clark County Residents.

Heaven
Can Wait
893

Hearts
Alive Village
918

Nevada
SPCA
313



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Mandatory Microchipping

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- Installation of 15 microchip scanning stations in unincorporated Clark County to assist residents in returning stray pets to their owners.
- Creating community awareness of the importance and effectiveness of microchipping their pets.



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Illegal Breeding

Continued efforts to reduce illegal breeding, lower shelter intake and improve animal welfare.

Departmental focus on illegal Breeding complaints.

February 2025 – Present

365 Illegal breeding complaints

Increased violation fees

Minimum fine of \$500 per advertised animal or up to the advertised sale price.

\$153,950 fined since February 2025

Previous violations and outstanding fines restrict the issuance of new breeding permits.



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Medical Voucher Program

In March 2024, CCAPS partnered with Hearts Alive Village to launch a medical voucher program supporting shelter diversion and helping pets remain with their owners.

Benefits

- Supporting pet owners with necessary medical care.
- Failure to provide medical treatment could lead to criminal charges.
- Reducing County costs tied to prosecution.
- Strengthening community trust between CCAPS and pet owners.
- Prevents owners from having to surrender their pet due to medical costs.

➤ 163 vouchers have been issued since start of the program



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Animal Welfare Focused Funding

Per Clark County Code 10.04.040 - Fees and fines collected shall be held by the County in a special fund for the purpose of providing services/programs to reduce overpopulation of animals in the community and shelter, including but not limited to, sterilization, microchipping and microchip scanning equipment.

- Administrative citation fees
- Permit/inspection fees
- Shelter/boarding fees



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Supplemental Shelter

Overcrowded shelters create

- High stress environment
- Barriers to adoption
- Logistical bottleneck of staff, resources, and time.
- Increased risk of disease outbreak



Supplemental Shelter

Relieve pressure on the existing shelter while focusing on the use of proactive methods of shelter diversion.

- Increased access to services
 - Accessible shelter service (adoptions, volunteer, food pantry, reclaim of lost pets)
 - Faster access to CCAPS field services
- Increased response capability to natural disasters and large-scale impoundments.



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Questions?