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23 #CampFire Cats Transferred from Paradise to Reno

On Monday, February 11, <u>Nevada Humane Society</u> will be picking up 23 cats from the FieldHaven Feline Center in Lincoln and the Alley Cat Allies Recovery Center in Marysville, then returning to Reno later that day.

Nearly two months after beginning to rescue cats from the rubble of the Camp Fire and opening the Alley Cat Allies Recovery Center, <u>FieldHaven Feline Center</u> has reunited dozens of cats with their families. There are still hundreds of cats waiting to be rescued in the fire zone.

"Like the humans affected by the fire, these little fire victims also need to start rebuilding their lives," said Joy Smith, President and Executive Director for FieldHaven Feline Center. "We have been working hard for the last two months to reunite people with their beloved pets. In addition to following official protocol a nationwide team of volunteers have used social media, radio and TV, flyers, even going door to door to make this happen. The efforts have led to extraordinary reunions, many with people who had given up hope of ever finding their pets alive. Now it's time to look at letting the cats rebuild, and for some, that means finding a new family to love them and give them a warm, loving home."

"We understand that sometimes it takes longer than expected for people to find their pets, especially after a tragedy like the Camp Fire. Cats that are being transferred to our shelter in Reno, many having been at FieldHaven Feline Center for nearly two months," said Arthur Westbrook, COO for Nevada Humane Society. "We will temporarily hold the cats for another 10 days in Reno, allowing even more efforts to reunite families, then we will place them up for adoption. As a team, we recognize that it is time to put the best interest of the cats first which is why we will be working to find them wonderful homes after the hold period is over."

The partnership between these groups is only beginning, as rescue efforts and reuniting the cats with their families will continue, as well as giving the cats the opportunity to find the loving new homes they deserve.

For media who wishes to film the cat transport and receive an interview in California, please contact Joy Smith at 916-300-8166. For media who wishes to film the cats arriving at Nevada Humane Society in Reno, please contact Greg Hall, 775-544-3805.

About FieldHaven Feline Center: Using a multi-faceted approach to helping cats and people in need, FieldHaven Feline Center saves and enhances the lives of 1,000s of cat each year. From bottle babies to ferals to end-of-life care we have programs to offer solutions to many of the challenges facing cats in our society. Our motto is for all cats in need, a solution. Our Federal Tax is 30-0240427.

About Nevada Humane Society: Nevada Humane Society is a non-profit, charitable, animal shelter whose work is made possible by donations. The **mission** is to care for pets, find them homes and save lives. The **vision** is that all pets should have a healthy, happy life. The **guiding principles** are to promote humane treatment, relieve suffering, operate no-kill shelters and educate and engage the community. Our Federal Tax ID is 88-0072720.