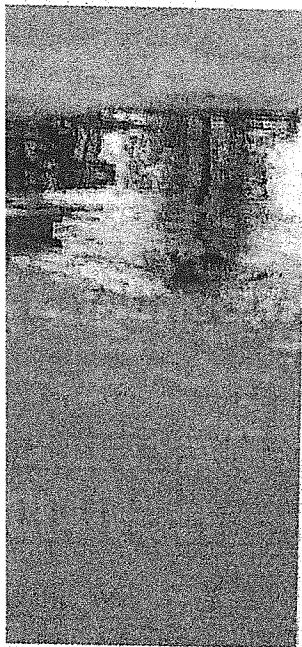


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spokesman Matthew  
Brown said.  
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Photos and video from  
the two dog cases men-  
tioned by Taylor show  
the animals with their  
heads above the water at  
the ice edge.

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# Less-expensive pet euthanasia options?

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What are low-cost ways to euthanize a pet through a veterinarian in Reno-Sparks?

» **Short answer:** Some low-cost options may be available through Nevada Humane Society and Washoe County Regional Animal Services, but they are not automatic. And for those in need, Shakespeare Animal Fund may help defray some of the cost at a regular veterinarian.

### Full question

A Reno woman was arrested recently on an animal cruelty charge, among others, in a case where the sheriff's office said evidence may point to a botched home euthanasia of a dog.

This caused Amy E. Crowe to comment on Facebook, "It would be helpful to know the resources available to help a pet owner who cannot afford the cost of euthanasia. I know a low-income individual who was unable to find any organization willing to assist with the euthanasia when he could not afford the cost himself. Neither the Nevada Humane Society nor Washoe County Animal Services was willing to help. The dog sadly died a long, painful death from cancer."

### Full response

Despite the experience mentioned by Crowe, Nevada Humane Society is an organization that can provide help in such cases. In fact, it's required to be because of contractual obligations with the county.

Operations director Denise Stevens said by email, "Any Washoe County resident can choose to surrender their pet to NHS and our veterinarians can make a determination regarding medical prognosis. We also have a help desk that offers referrals to resources for euthanasia services."

The cost to surrender is \$25 for adult cats or dogs who have been spayed or neutered, and \$50 for those who are intact.

Surrendering a pet is considered a last-resort option. This requires the owner to give up ownership. As Stevens mentioned, Nevada Humane Society's vets will assess the animal. If they feel euthanasia is not warranted, the animal may be treated and put back up for adoption.

Washoe County Regional Animal Services is also a possible resource. It, too though, should be considered a last resort and only accepts animals for a \$25 euthanasia fee in what a spokesman described as "dire, emergency circumstances."

Another option is Shakespeare Animal Fund. It is a charity established to help people facing veterinary bills they cannot afford.

Founder Jennifer Webb said by email that the organization typically will help pay \$50 toward euthanasia.

"When people contact us, we always respond within 24 hours, usually much sooner," she said.

If anyone has other suggestions for lowering the cost of veterinarian-assisted euthanasia in Reno-Sparks, please email mrobison@rgj.com.