



# Operation Pawpositive Change



## Key Achievements and Updated Statistics

- *Total Citations Issued:* 35 across 6 operational days (October 25, October 26, November 1, November 16, December 14 and December 20).
- *Total arrests:* 2 across the 6 operational days.
- *Puppies Rescued and Surrendered:* 16 (9 surrendered on December 14) (including high-value breeds such as or to include French Bulldogs, Dachshund, Exotic Bullies, and Yorkies).
- *Firearms Recovered:* 4 guns seized, including an AR-15 rifle (identified as stolen in Florida).
- *Violations Addressed:* - Selling without a license - Breeding without a permit - Selling dogs younger than 8 weeks old - Conducting business without a license.
- *Locations Covered:* Rotary Park, Justice Leavitt, East Las Vegas Family Park, Bob Baskin Park, and Freedom Park.
- *Reduction in Online Listings:* A sharp decline in puppy advertisements, with only 3 remaining listings from out-of-state sellers by the end of the operation.

















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*Lieutenant Tim Mullins*

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*Chief Jason Potts*

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WHEREAS; THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHIEF JASON POTTS, HAS DEMONSTRATED UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS AND ENFORCING LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL BREEDING OPERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS; THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FLEX TEAM, INCLUDING LT. TIM MULLINS, SGT. JEFF BELCHER, OFFICER JOHN WRIGHT, OFFICER CARLOS GARCIA, OFFICER JORGE CALOCA, AND OFFICER LUIS UVALDE, CONDUCTED A DEDICATED SIX-DAY OPERATION, RESULTING IN 35 CITATIONS, 2 ARRESTS, AND THE RESCUE OF 16 PUPPIES, INCLUDING HIGH-VALUE BREEDS; AND

WHEREAS; OPERATION PAWSITIVE CHANGE SUCCESSFULLY DISRUPTED ILLEGAL BREEDING ACTIVITIES BY ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS SUCH AS SELLING WITHOUT A LICENSE, BREEDING WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND SELLING UNDERAGE PUPPIES, LEADING TO A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN ONLINE LISTINGS FOR UNLAWFULLY SOLD ANIMALS; AND







WHEREAS; THE OPERATION RESCUED NOT ONLY VULNERABLE ANIMALS BUT ALSO ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY BY SEIZING FOUR FIREARMS, INCLUDING A STOLEN AR-15 RIFLE, UNDERSCORING THE BROADER IMPACT OF ILLEGAL BREEDING ON COMMUNITY SAFETY; AND

WHEREAS; WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE APS TEAM—RUDY TOVAR, SGT. KRISTIN WATKINS, AND BRANDI FUSCH—FOR THEIR INVALUABLE EXPERTISE, AS WELL AS CARLY HELBERT AND THE CAO TEAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MAKING THIS OPERATION A SUCCESS; AND NOW

THEREFORE; WE, THE MAYOR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, HEREBY PROUDLY PROCLAIM MARCH 19, 2025, AS:

## Operation Pawsitive Change Day

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, AND WE ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING OPERATION PAWSITIVE CHANGE AND THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL THAT IT HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO FOR THE LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY.

 Mayor Pro Tem Brian Knudsen	 Mayor Shelley Berkley	 Councilwoman Olivia Diaz
 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske	 Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune	 Councilwoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong