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FIRST 'CAMPAGNI CARES' RECIPIENT ASSISTS LOCAL ANIMALS

Douglas Animal Welfare Group selected for inaugural donation program

Last month, the Campagni Auto Group and Carson City Toyota announced a new program in an effort to learn more about the great nonprofits that serve Northern Nevada.

As a part of "Campagni Cares," the public is invited to nominate charities and nonprofits that mean something to them. Each and every month throughout 2021, the group at Carson City Toyota will select a nominated charity to donate money to and feature in a community spotlight.

"Everyone felt the impacts of 2020 in one way or another," says Jeff Campagni, General Manager of Carson City Toyota, "So this new program gave us an opportunity to not only provide for community, but to also learn more about each other in the process."

The Campagni Auto Group has a long history of philanthropy, donating to a diverse range of local nonprofits, programs, events and charities each year. This time however, the Group wants to hear from the community about what matters to them

One such local charity with tremendous support is the Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG), receiving over two dozen nominations in the first week alone. DAWG has been actively serving Douglas County since 2000 and serves Douglas County residents and animals alike. While DAWG does partner with the Douglas County Animal Shelter, they actually are their very own nonprofit organization, separate from any sort of county or city budgets.

"People do tend to get us confused a lot, which can be difficult," says Lori Paxson, current DAWG President. "We work closely with the shelter, providing volunteers daily and cover the majority of their medical bills for the animals there. However, as we are funded with private donations and only have one major fundraiser every other year, community support makes all the difference to us."

In addition to their partnership with the local animal shelter, DAWG facilitates several programs on their own. The existence of these makes a huge difference to the lives of those in Douglas County. Some of the programs include:

- Community Assist helps cover the cost of animal medical care for low-income families who otherwise couldn't afford it.
- Douglas County active military and veterans qualify for community programs where DAWG covers the cost of spay/neutering for their animals that are adopted from Douglas County Animal Care and Services.

- Fix-a-Family Pet helps cover the cost of spay/neutering for low-income families.
- Supplying pet food to a local Friends In Service Helping food pantry for pick up.
- And so much more!

With dozens of nominations, it was clear there are countless volunteers and community members supporting DAWG behind the scenes, earning them the inaugural nomination for the program. To learn more about the Douglas Animal Welfare Group or make your own donation, visit <https://www.dawgrescue.com/>.

For more information on Campagni Cares or to nominate a charity or nonprofit program that you care about, visit www.carsoncitytoyota.com/cares.

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IMAGE: Jeff Campagni, General Manager of Carson City Toyota, presents a check to Lori Paxson, current DAWG President.