



Each day we will share one of the 12 most heartwarming animal rescues of 2011. Each happy ending is made possible through your generosity!

6. Ashley (the Chimney Kitten)



Curiosity got the best of this tiny kitten as she climbed into a chimney and spent three days trying to get out before being rescued.

Animal Services received a call from a landlord who heard Ashley meowing from somewhere in his rental home. Officers determined the cries were coming from the chimney, but were unable to rescue the trapped kitten. The Fire Department was called and broke into the chimney wall to reach her. Fire officials said there was an abundance of ash holding the kitten in place—hence the name Ashley. But once she was freed, Ashley took off and hid under the house. A humane trap was set overnight to catch her, and she was successfully brought into the shelter the next morning.



When Ashley first arrived, we all assumed she was a little black kitten, but Animal Services staff gave her a warm bath and several washings revealed gray tabby with white markings. After her bath, she got a meal and perked right up. No one ever came to reclaim Ashley, so she came over to Nevada Humane Society.

“Ashley was a bit timid, but loved to cuddle,” recalled NHS Cat Care Manager, Vonice Reed. “Staff members worked with Ashley to help her

overcome her shyness and get her ready for adoption.”

After being spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped, Ashley was ready for a new home. A wonderful family came by the shelter to look for a cat to adopt, met her and fell in love. As you can see from the photos, Ashley is a regular Cinderella. She shares her new home with a doggy friend and her people dote on her.



It made our day when Ashley found the love she deserved. I hope you find it as gratifying as we do, because YOU made it possible! Thank you for your generous support for Ashley and the other 9,500 animals we will save this year!

-Bonney Brown

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