



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



8. Tibitha, Rusty & Ruby

While most of the animals in need are dogs and cats, there are also rabbits, birds, reptiles and other furry little creatures who come to us in need of help—in fact, this year we will have cared for over 200 small animals.

Tibitha, a little white ferret, was one of them. She arrived last week so weak from two weeks without food or water that she was unable to even stand. Someone had abandoned her in an empty apartment—just moved out and left Tibitha behind. The person who found her saw that she was sick and brought her to our shelter.



In our clinic, Dr. Jackson gave Tibitha immediate attention since her condition was so serious. She was put on IV fluids, given Nutri-Cal (a dietary supplement for debilitated pets), and placed in an incubator to help warm her body. The next day Tibitha was doing much better. She was up and moving around in the incubator. Her recovery continued and a few days later Tibitha was ready for foster care.

Unfortunately, Tibitha seems to be blind—whether from her ordeal or not, we do not know. Regardless, she is affectionate and adapting well

in her foster home. Her foster dad is giving her lots of TLC while she continues her recovery and with any luck, she will be ready for adoption soon.



When **Rusty and Ruby**, two Guinea Pigs, arrived at NHS, they were nearly bald from a nasty infestation of mites. Mites are microscopic and they do not affect humans, but they create a very painful skin condition for Guinea Pigs. Their effects are not just cosmetic; the mites can cause dehydration which can kill small animals. These poor little guys looked very uncomfortable, but they were sweet nonetheless.

Our veterinarians prescribed medication and Rusty and Ruby went off with a volunteer foster-caregiver who provided them with care and treatment for three months. At last, their coats began to grow back and they are now healthy and happy little guys, as you can see in their photos. Rusty and Ruby are both hoping for homes in time for the holidays.



The strength of the will to live in even the smallest animal is truly an amazing thing. Albert Schweitzer once wrote: “The man who has become a thinking being feels a compulsion to give to every will-to-live the same reverence for life that he gives to his own.” It is one of the gifts that we humans have the power to bestow on animals—to honor that will-to-live, whenever we are able.

Tibitha, Rusty and Ruby thank you for your support of Nevada Humane Society that makes it possible for us to be here for them.

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