

From: [protecting orphaned cats and dogs](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Concerns about Riverside Animal Shelters "ACCIDENTALLY" dumping 2 cats in the desert.
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Michelle:

I'm so sorry this image/PDF did not attach to my previous email.

I was hoping it could be included, it is with regards to the two cats that were driven from the shelter and abandoned in the 100+ degree weather immediately after being spayed ~ although the two cats rescue to pick them up. This was done under the supervision of Mary Martin and Kristen Hassen at Riverside Shelter, they claimed it was a "mistake".

Christine Haslet

TWO CATS WITH A RESCUER DUMPED IN THE DESERT IN 100+DEGREE WEATHER.

Mary Martin claims it was an ACCIDENT? HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN?



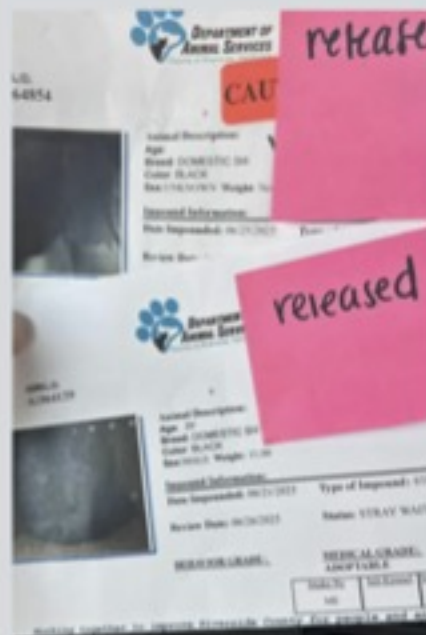
An independent rescuer brought in 2 stray cats to RCDAS. She went back 5 days later after their stray hold was lifted only to find out they were "released" into the Desert.

You can see on the bottom card that one of the cats was labeled adoptable.

To the right is an apology and admission of a "mistake" from Mary Martin. Also Martin openly states they will not intake cats for evaluation, at least for the summer...

Here is proof of releasing and rejecting.

HOW MANY OTHER KITTENS AND CATS HAVE BEEN 'ACCIDENTALLY' DUMPED?



Im so sorry Sarrah. It was a mistake and it wont happen again but we cannot accept cats for evaluation at this time. All cats in traps must come in on Friday and picked up same day. If you have a truly friendly cat you can handle we will accept but only if truly friendly. I hope you understand. This is at least for the summer.

From Mary Martin