

Pet owners can learn CPR

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The American Red Cross is offering in November certified animal cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes for dog and cat owners.

The cat class will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. The dog class will be held at 7 p.m. the same day. Both courses will be taught at the University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Building, 111 Sheckler Road in Fallon.

Each two-hour course is \$30 and participants will receive certification in animal CPR.

"It is nice to have these skills when something happens to a pet," said Peggy Rew, class instructor.

"People rush their pets to the

emergency veterinarian when they don't need to," Rew said.

These visits, she said, can be expensive and will be easily avoided by being certified to handle a pet emergency.

The class, Rew said, will teach pet owners how to stabilize and stop bleeding and the treatment of wounds.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, pet CPR will make a person "more valuable for babysitting, pet sitting, grooming clients, family reunions, camping trips, or just at home."

"Pet owners don't even realize this is available," Rew said.

She added that recent natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the California wildfires have shown the need for people

to be prepared to handle their pet in an emergency.

Advanced registration is required. Anyone interested in this service can contact Peggy Rew at 775-626-0982 or rewcrew@charter.net

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