Fountains Going to the Dogs - and Cats and Horses too!
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With much fanfare Carson City dedicated the Hermon Lee Ensign National Humane Alliance fountain on

The five-ton, six-foot plus high fountain, which includes a light fixture at the top, is composed of a six-foo

The story goes that each state received one fountain, making a total of forty-eight in 1912. People occa

Wrong on all counts!

While no definitive list of fountains is known to exist, there appear to have been as many as twenty-three. Carson City has been the recipient of two hundre

Notably, benefactor Hermon Lee Ensign died in New York City in 1899 before any fountains were manuf

The Humane Alliance under the direction of President Harrison Grey Fiske, a New York City journalist a

The Fiske collection came to my attention through the pet project of Norman and Virginia "Bird" White of

Norm and Bird spent the next ten years periodically travelling around the country in their classic 1955 Po

Tragically, the Whites died in an automobile accident south of Minden on May 23, 2008. I paid tribute to

Photo credit: Top: The Carson City Herman Lee Ensign National Humane Alliance fountain in the inters

Bottom: A photo, ca 1982, of the National Humane Alliance fountain on the grounds of the Nevada Sup

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