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## April Adoptions

26 - Kitten/Cats      54 - Puppy/Dogs      2 - Rats      39 - Returned to Owner

**82 - Total adoptions!**

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## Tip of the Month: Training

Do you know a dog that flinches? If so, try reaching toward them and dropping a treat over and over again. Don't try to pet them, just reach and treat. You'll find that your dog that the dog will stop flinching and even approach.

*Tip provided by: Marcy Eckhardt, Owner and Trainer of pranaDOGS and trainer for LPCHS*

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## From the Director



**Michelle Featheringill, Executive Director**

Anyone who has worked, volunteered, been a member, donor or recipient of services, of a not-for-profit organization, knows that life is not always the easiest in this environment. Things that break don't always get fixed right away (or ever); if you need new equipment or office supplies - get in line behind the other folks who have been waiting six months; lucky enough to have an office - be happy it's the postage stamp size or you would be sharing it with 3 other staff! So, why are we gluttons for this less-than-glamorous professional life? In the case of the staff at LPCHS, that's an easy answer as

of late.....While I seldom feel like I can answer on behalf of all the fabulous and diverse

individuals who make up our staff, I feel like right now there is one reason that we all share.... **Thank you, Durango, for your support!** [Read More](#)

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## Employee Spotlight

This warm smile belongs to one of our long time Supervisors, Elisabeth "Liz" Schenk. Liz who has worked at LPCSH for over 5 years, started in the kennel as a Tech, assisted our Vet Tech and then promoted to Shelter Supervisor. Liz moved to Durango 12 years ago from Forts Collins to attend Fort Lewis College. She met her husband Aaron there, they married and have a beautiful 7 month year old daughter named Emma Jean. If Liz is not Supervising the Shelter, you can find her rafting the rivers, hiking with her dogs Earl and June or reading. When asked what drives her passion, and why she chooses to stay with LPCHS, Liz happily stated, " Why have I stayed for 5 years? It is the joy the dogs bring, the success stories. That one success story makes it all worth it. The Shelter is moving into positive times and you can see those effects on our dogs. It's all worth it." We are very fortunate to have Liz on our team. Her kind, caring and dedicated spirit positively impact every animal, and what makes us thankful for her choosing to stay with LPCHS.



**Elisabeth Schenk, Supervisor**

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## Happy Tails



**Carrie & Lotus**

Lotus was found in January on Purgatory Drive and brought to LPCHS. After waiting over 90 days, she finally left for her forever home with a wonderful woman named Carrie King and new brother, a Pit Bull named Noodles. Carrie's Wired-haired Pointer passed a few months ago and both she and Noodles were devastated. She knew that Noodles needed a companion, as that animal bond is all he has ever known. When Carrie arrived at the shelter, she was introduced to Ken, our adoption counselor and Education Coordinator. Ken allowed Carrie to bring Noodles to the play yard. Ken rotated different dogs, to see which one Noodles would potentially bond with. That is when Noodles fell for Lotus, now known as Hogan. Noodles and Hogan got along great, and you might say it was "love at first sight". Carrie took this relationship as a sign and adopted Hogan that

afternoon. Hogan is settling in well at home and loves her new family. Thank you for adopting Hogan and providing her a safe and gentle home.

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## Social Hour for Dogs

Every Tuesday & Thursday

May - October

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

\*weather permitting

Starts Tuesday, May 2nd

- First social hour is **FREE**
- Great for those dogs who love to play!
- Dogs learn to be great play partners
- 100% Supervised so NO Bullying!
- Intimidating dogs will be asked to exit
- Great for dogs to build confidence
- Great chance to meet other dog people
- All dogs MUST be altered and up to date on vaccinations
- \$5.00 per dog each evening
- \$25 one-time play yard use fee for the season



CoCo and Belle

\* no children (human) under 6 years old allowed in play yard.

To learn more or to become a member, please visit [www.lpchumanesociety.org](http://www.lpchumanesociety.org)

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## Kids Kamp 2017



Summer fun at the La Plata County Humane Society just for kids!

We will be accepting 36 kids, between the ages of 10-15 years old to come learn, participate and have a great time this summer!

Three camps will run through the summer:

- June 26th - 29th

- July 17th - 20th

- July 31st - August 3rd

**Kamp cost is \$100.00 per child**

Kamp starts promptly at 10:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

**\*Please arrive at 9:30 am on the first day.**

**\*Arrange for your child to be picked up promptly at 2:00 pm each day.**

Curriculum will consist of dog grooming, dog training, spending time with our Veterinarian in the Surgery Suite, education in spaying/neutering, presentation by an Animal Protection Officer, and a field trip to Wolfwood Refuge on the last day!

**Please be sure your child brings:**

- His or her own lunch & water bottle
- Wears ONLY closed toed shoes
- Jacket in case the of weather

**\* Kids Kamp Sign-up is a first come, first serve basis. The first 12 kids to sign up for each kamp will be accepted.**

To sign up, please visit our website [www.lpchumanesociety.org](http://www.lpchumanesociety.org)

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## The More You Know...

### When you see an orange collar on dogs in our kennel

Over the last three years, we've seen an increase in the number of dogs coming into the shelter who are nervous, shy, fearful, and sometimes downright feral. As an organization dedicated to every animal who comes to us, we need to work with these dogs, evaluate them, and determine the amount of training, time and assistance needed to help them recover from whatever trauma they experienced.

We identify these dogs by using orange martingale collars. These collars are specifically made to not slip over a dogs head no matter the circumstances. They let the volunteers and staff know that these dogs are more fearful than others. Some of them are still so traumatized that if we were to drop their leashes, they would often run. Therefore, only a handful of volunteers are allowed to handle these dogs.

In many cases, these dogs don't need to be walked, but instead experience the world in trusting arms. Just sitting outside with them, where they can watch the world, but do not have to be scared, can be very therapeutic.



**Hayden, Sporting his Orange Collar**

*Marcy Eckhardt, Owner and Trainer of pranaDOGS & trainer for LPCHS. Marcy has been working with dogs for over 20 years, providing choice-based training and problem solving.*



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## LPCHS & pranaDOGS Present:

### **FREE Dog Behavior Workshops**

In order to help solve everyday behavior problems with your dogs, LPCHS and pranaDOGS have teamed up to provide workshops & training classes to help with some of the most common dog challenges.

#### **Upcoming FREE Workshops:**

Leash Manners - May 2nd

Rapid Recall - May 24th

Dog Reactivity - June 27th

To View a full list of dates & times, please visit: [Workshop Class Schedule](#)

Sign up is **REQUIRED** for our FREE workshops, come by the shelter or visit, [pranaDOGS.com](http://pranaDOGS.com)

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**Fraulein & Smokey**

for the weather and bring water.

## Mutts in the Mountains

Did you know that a group of volunteers take our dogs for a scenic mountain hike once a month? Sounds fun, right? Well, you can be a part of it and join in!

The Mutts in the Mountains group goes hiking on different trails within the Durango area, each month, for about 3 hours. They meet at the shelter the second or third Saturday of every month, at 8:30am. An email blast is sent out each month with the date & time of the next Mutts in the Mountains event. The only requirement is that you need to be a LPCHS volunteer to join.

If you're interested and want to learn more, please contact [Carolyn Bollinger](#) by email or call (970) 259-2847 x,109. Don't forget to dress appropriately

**Our next hike will take place, [Saturday May 13th](#)**

**We look forward to you joining us!**

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## Wacky Wednesday!

*Come shop at our newly renovated, beautiful Thrift Store (Check out the new children's room)!*

**May 3rd** is Wacky Wednesday at the LPCHS Thrift Store! That means everything will be **50% OFF!**

The Thrift Store will be open from **9:00am - 5:30pm**.

Stop by and get some wacky savings! Remember, when you shop at the Thrift Store you're helping the Humane Society save lives! Thank you!

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# Top 10 Reasons to Become A Member



- 1.) Support the work of the shelter that serves over 3,000 animals a year.
- 2.) Supporting the behavior & medical rehabilitation program that allows our animals to become their best selves.
- 3.) Supporting a 98% live release rate.
- 4.) Supporting the Medical Department that offers: low-cost spay/neuter, micro-chipping & vaccination clinics; open to the public.
- 5.) Supporting the work of our Foster program, that cares for temporarily unadoptable animals; putting them in an environment where they can thrive.
- 6.) Wonderful Volunteer opportunities: Dog walking, Play yard, Read-to-a Dog program & more!
- 7.) Your vote counts! Help create the future path of our organization.
- 8.) Stay current with new programs, developments & monthly e-newsletter.
- 9.) 10% discount at the #1 Thrift Store in Durango.
- 10.) Receive LPCHS gear with sign -up!

**Sign up in person or online!**

[Click here to sign up](#)

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## Attention Online Shoppers

**amazon**smile

**You shop. Amazon gives.**

**Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to La Plata County Humane Society when you designate us as your preferred charity through the AmazonSmile program. It's easy. It's Free for you.**

**Click here for easy directions on how to join!**

Designate us as your preferred charity through AmazonSmile and they will donate 0.5% to the La Plata County Humane Society.

**Be sure to check out the**

[La Plata County Humane Society Wishlist!](#)

**Thank you!**

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[Give a Helping Hand](#)

Many people think that making a donation is the only way to support LPCHS. There are a number of ways to support our humane society:

- Become a member
- Apply to become a foster parent
- Volunteer
- Give a dog or cat a second chance through adoption
- Shop at the LPCHS Thrift Store - Voted #1 "Best of Durango" for 2016
- Choose LPCHS as your preferred charity when purchasing through AmazonSmile
- Like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram and Twitter
- Donate online
- Tell a friend about us



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