



January Adoption Stats

52 Kitten/Cat

53 Puppy/Dog

30 Animals returned to their owner

105 Total adoptions!

Welcome to 2017 at LPCHS!

We can certainly tell by the weather that it is January and the beginning of a New Year!

First, and foremost, I want to thank everyone who supported LPCHS in our most successful year-end appeal ever. We are thrilled and so very appreciative to every person who so generously honored us, and the work that we do, by financially contributing to this annual fundraiser. You helped us raise over \$26,000 for animals in need, here in our community!



Michelle Featheringill, Executive
Director

We are very excited about this new year and all of the things we have going on. Here are just a few of the things we are anticipating in 2017:

- Reconvening the New Building Committee to take a new look and in-depth evaluation at our proposed new Adoption Center, conducting a Capital Campaign, as well as the necessary remodel to our existing Shelter
- Enacting our new 3-year LPCHS organizational Strategic Plan
- Membership Drive, conducted by our Board of Directors, in February
- Snake Avoidance Training in late Spring
- "Adopt-a-thon" - First weekend in June

Wacky Wednesday!

February 1st will be 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!



Laura Eisner, Foster Coordinator

Employee Spotlight

Meet Laura Eisner, Foster Coordinator with LPCHS. Laura attended Veterinary Technology school in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. After graduating, Laura, her husband, and two dogs, Maybe & Fenway, moved to Durango in May of 2015. Looking to pursue her career at one of the local veterinary clinics, she found herself at LPCHS and was hired as an Animal Care Technician in November of 2015. After a few months of working in the kennel and learning the ropes, Dr. Heather Perkins asked Laura join the medical department as a Veterinary Technician. She recently was offered and accepted the position of Foster Coordinator. "I have really enjoyed my time

working at at LPCHS, and look forward to stepping into this new position. I hope that with my medical background and experience, along with the established relationship I have with the medical staff, will be reassuring to our fosters." Please give Laura a warm welcome as she dives into her new role.

If you are interested in learning more about our foster program, you can come by the and fill out an application, call (970) 259-2847 x.109 or email [Laura Eisner](#).

Education Corner

We enjoy the opportunity to host groups of children at the shelter to learn, participate and work with our animals. So when Escalante Middle School contacted us and asked to work with their Navigator Program, we said "Yes!". The program was created by Erik Nordstrom, an Affective Ed teacher at Escalante Middle School. It focuses on a small group of 7th and 8th graders, who through community outreach and education opportunities work on building trust, relationships and goals.

Working along side Federico Carbone, our Behavior & Education Coordinator, the students are taught the correlation between human and dog behavior. Through behavior assessment tests, play yard monitoring and animal training, they are able to understand the importance of animal owner responsibility. " I like meeting all the dogs! I was scared of dogs, but now I like them a lot.", said Conner a 7th grade student. Connor has a cat name Coco, that he loves to play with. Nicoli, an 8th grader, enjoys coming and video taping and playing with the dogs. Nicoli has 2 cats, a dog, turtle & fish that he enjoys.



We look forward to hosting the Navigator Program & others alike throughout 2017 and would like to thank them for allowing us teach and work with their students. If you are interested in learning about our Education Programs, please contact [Ken Hibbard](#) or [Federico Carbone](#) at (970) 259-2847 x. 120



Stella Botha, LPCHS Intern & Alexis

The More You Know....

Interested in adopting a senior pet? Here are some wonderful reasons why you should...

- Your shoes, curtains and carpets will thank you. Most seniors are already house trained.
- Value your sleep? Senior pets are calmer and less likely to want to party at 3am.
- Have a crazy schedule? Their laid-back personality can be a calming influence.
- Senior pets are great couch companions when you want to binge watch your favorite TV shows.
- Slow moving is a good thing. They aren't going to dart beneath your feet when you come home.
- Don't have the time or energy for long walks or play sessions? Neither do they. They've long since hung up their hiking boots, but will enjoy being your outdoor companion.
- It's in their eyes. Many people who adopt a senior pet say they swear their animals know they're getting a second chance and their gratitude is evident in their eyes.
- Just add love. All you have to do is provide a safe and caring home.

("What Your Adopters Should Know About Adopting Older Pets".*Animalsheltering.org*,2016 pg. 27.)

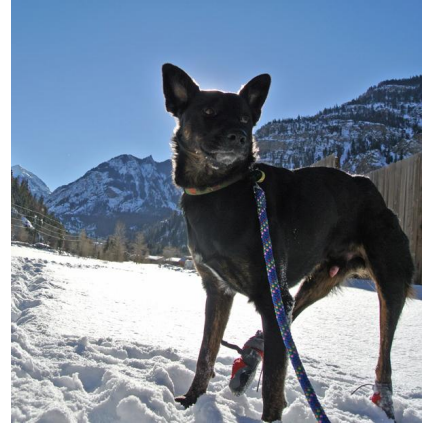
Mutts in the Mountains

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 to learn more, please contact [Carolyn Bollinger](#) by email or call (970) 259-2847 x,109. Don't forget to dress appropriately for the weather and bring water.



We look forward to you joining us on Saturday, February 18th, 2016 at 8:30am

Attention Online Shoppers



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!](#)

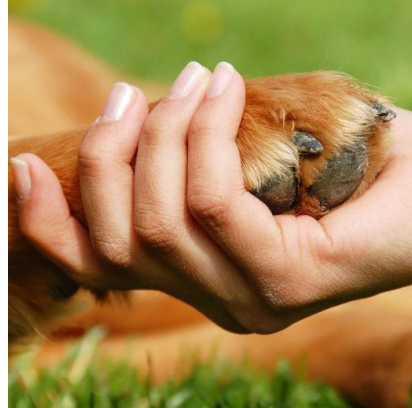
Thank you!

Give a Helping Hand

Many people think that making a donation is the only way to support LPCHS. There are a number of ways in the New Year 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.
- You can donate online.



To learn more, please visit our website at www.lpchumanesociety.org

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