

**FROM ALL OF US AT LPCHS,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE LIGHTNER  
CREEK FIRE!**

We truly appreciate each and every one of you who donated to our care of community animals in this emergency situation. Whether it was supplies and/or your time, we cannot thank you enough for your endless support of our organization and its mission.

**Thank you!**

**June Adoptions**

Cat/Kitten: **92**   Dog/Puppy: **76**   Guinea Pig: **2**   Returned to Owner: **41**

Total Adoptions: **170**

Join us for the  
**BOW WOW  
FILM FESTIVAL!**

**BOW WOW  
film festival**  
Short Films For The Love Of Dog!

at the  
**DURANGO ARTS CENTER**

**July 27th**  
Doors Open at 6 pm  
Movie starts at 7 pm

**LPCHS**  
La Plata County Humane Society

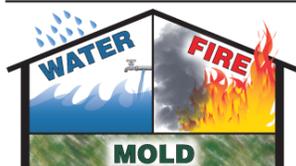


Get your tickets at [www.bowwowfilmfest.com](http://www.bowwowfilmfest.com) before they sell out!

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## Tip of the Month

### Cat Play

A cat's play is all based on the hunting instinct, so give them plenty of toys to stalk, chase pounce and kill. They don't have to be fancy; a ball of aluminum foil and a paper bag will delight many cats.

## *From the Director*

Chris Nelson, Director of Animal Services

Dogs have owners, and cats have staff. Have you ever heard that saying? I see it from time to time on the internet, and it always makes me chuckle. I think it's true, and I know of one cat who proves it.

We have a shelter mascot named Turbo. She is around 10 years old and declawed. She was an owner surrender, and the staff fell in love with her, so she stayed. She lives in our boardroom, and has several sleeping spots for her comfort. She even has a bed on top of the fridge. Where she likes to sleep the most is on someone's keyboard when you need to finish a report, or an article for the newsletter. If you ask her nicely to leave, she ignores you. If you gently put her on the floor she returns. She is in charge. [Read more...](#)



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## *The Bachlorette*

Candy

Candy was transferred to LPCHS on May 23rd with her kittens. All her kittens have been adopted and now it is her turn to find a forever home. She is a sweet 7 year old short hair Calico with a loving and soft soul. She enjoys the slow life and would be a perfect lap kitty or quilting companion. Cuddles, hugs and giving love are only a few of the things she's good at. If you are looking for a cat companion with a sweet disposition, Candy is your girl. Come by, fall in love, and adopt Candy!



Are you 60 years old or older? You are eligible for our Seniors-for-Seniors Program. Pets 7 years and older, people 60 years and older are provided waived adoption fees (pending adoption approval). Another reason to come by, fall in love and adopt your companion.

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## *Employee Spotlight*

Carolyn Bollinger

If you are a current volunteer or have inquired about becoming one, you have probably met our amazing Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn. If not, let me introduce you to her... Carolyn moved to Durango with her husband Larry in 2010, so they could be closer to their children and grand children. The retired preschool teacher of 20 years was in search for volunteer opportunities in the community when she came across an article in the Durango Herald written by our Education Coordinator, Ken Hibbard about our Read-to-a-Dog Program. She thought, "Hey, I can do that!", came down to the shelter, became a volunteer and thus



began her volunteer career with LPCHS. In early September of last year, our Volunteer Coordinator position became vacant and we were actively looking for a current volunteer who would be interested in the position. A light bulb went off (metaphorically) and we asked Carolyn if she would be interested in the position. She was thrilled to be asked, happily accepted and became our first volunteer to become our Volunteer Coordinator. What is it about LPCHS that makes you come to come in each day? "The animals, I love the animals. In fact, I love everybody who works here, everyone here is great! We are all here for the same reason, and that is to help the animals." Carolyn kindly stated. Besides being a fantastic Coordinator, Carolyn likes to spend her free time hiking, working in the yard, walking their dogs and getting out into nature. We are so lucky to have such wonderful, dedicated and passionate person volunteer her time and skills to the homeless animals of La Plata County. From all of us at LPCHS, thank you, Carolyn.

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## Upcoming Clinics

### Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinics

July 11th - Dogs

July 25th - Cats

### Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

July 15th: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



**ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Please call and make your appointment for one of our monthly clinics!  
970.259.2847

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## Wacky Wednesday

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
from June - September

(one extra Wacky each month - until the end of summer!)

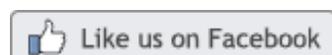
**50 % off Entire Store**

Come and shop at our newly renovated, beautiful Thrift Store. Be sure to check out the children's room!

Thrift Store Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Remember, when you shop at the Thrift Store you're helping save lives!

Don't forget to like and follow the Thrift Store!



## *The More You Know*

### Feline House Soiling (Inappropriate Urination)

House-soiling is the number one behavioral problem in household cats. Unfortunately, many of these cats are given away to other homes, sent outside to live, or euthanized due to this issue. It is important to distinguish between a medical problem and a behavioral problem.



Several medical conditions can lead to inappropriate urination and should be ruled out before deciding to treat the issue as a behavioral problem. Examples of medical conditions include bladder infections, bladder stones, medical conditions that lead to increased water consumption, arthritis, or bladder tumors. Feline idiopathic cystitis is another complex condition that can cause a cat to urinate inappropriately and also strain painfully in the litter box, sometimes producing bloody urine. This can lead to a blockage in the urinary tract leading to a medical emergency. These symptoms should prompt an immediate visit to your veterinarian. Generally, a urinalysis and a blood chemistry are the minimum amount of testing for any of these cases. [Read More...](#)

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## *Happy Tails*

### Fritz finds a home

On December 2, 2016 a white and beige Pit Bull Mix came into our care. We named him Fritz and so began his journey through LPCHS. When Fritz first arrived, he was food aggressive, extremely picky with friends and had bad leash manners. You could say he was quite a handful. Marcy Eckhardt, our LPCHS trainer on staff and owner of pranaDOGS, was the only person who felt remotely comfortable handling him. He was very nervous and extremely cautious around people. With work, Fritz begin to slowly build trust and confidence, became less food aggressive; in short, he was relearning how to be a dog. On February 16th, Fritz passed his Canine Good Citizen test and earned his blue ribbon that hung proudly on his kennel door. A couple more months passed and no one was seemed interested in adopting our boy. The staff worked hard to keep his spirits up, yet they were worried that he may revert to his old ways if his stay continued. Friday, June 2nd marked 6 months residency for Fritz, and all throughout Adopt-A-Thon, we promoted him and hoped that the perfect adopter would come racing through our doors and take Fritz home. The weekend passed and Fritz remained in our care. On June 20th, a gentleman by the name of Mark Wayman walked into our shelter, spoke to our staff about the recent passing of his Pit Bull and how he was looking to adopt. He walked by Fritz's kennel and from that moment, he knew he had found his new dog! Mark worked with Shelter and Behavior Staff for 3 days to assure that he and Fritz were a good fit. Finally, on the 3rd day Mark was approved to adopt Fritz and the rest is history. Mark recently sent us an update and said Fritz was doing great, having a good time and they are both happy. We are so thrilled for Fritz, as he now gets to live the life he deserves. Thank you for adopting!



## AmazonSmile

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!

Be sure to check out

[La Plata County Humane Society Wishlist](#)

Thank you!



## Social Hour For Dogs

Every Tuesday & Thursday

May - October

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\*weather permitting

- First social hour is FREE
- Great for dogs who love to play!
- Dogs learn to be play partners
- Builds dog's confidence
- Meet other dog people
- 100 % supervised, NO Bullying!
- Intimidating dogs will be ask to leave
- All dogs MUST be altered and up to date on their vaccinations



\$5.00/ per dog each social hour, or purchase a play yard punch pass for \$40.00 for 9 social hours!

To learn more, please visit [www.lpchumanesociety.org](http://www.lpchumanesociety.org)

## LPCHS & pranaDOGS Present FREE Dog Behavior Workshops

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

### Upcoming FREE Workshops:

Coming When Called - Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Dog Reactivity - Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Leash Manners - Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up is required for our FREE workshops.



To view a full list of dates and times, please visit [pranaDOGS.com](http://pranaDOGS.com)

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## *Mutts In The Mountains*

[Saturday, July 22nd](#)

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 on the second or third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. An email blast is sent out to our volunteers each month with the date & time of the next hike. The only requirement is that you need to be a LPCHS volunteer.



If you're interested and want to learn more, please contact our [Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn Bollinger](#) by email or phone at 970.259.2847 x.108

Don't forget to dress appropriately for the weather, bring plenty of water and a collapsible dog bowl for you furry walking companion.

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## *Become a Member*

### [Top 10 Reasons](#)

1. Supports our 98% live release rate!
2. Supports the work of a shelter that serves over 3,000 animals per year.
3. Supports the behavior and medical rehabilitation program that allows our animals to become their best selves.
4. Supports our low-cost spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping clinics; always open to the public.
5. Support the work of our Foster program, that cares for temporarily unadoptable animals; putting them into an environment where they can thrive.
6. Volunteer opportunities: Dog walking, play yard, read-to-a-dog program, Thrift Store & 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. New members receive LPCHS apparel at time of sign-up!



# Give a Helping Hand

There are a number of ways to support LPCHS

- Become a member
- Become a foster parent
- Volunteer
- Give a dog or cat a second chance through adoption
- Shop at our 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 our organization



To learn more, please visit our website at [www.lpchumanesociety.org](http://www.lpchumanesociety.org)

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