



March Adoptions

36 - Kitten/Cats
Owner

86 - Puppy/Dogs

2- Rats

42 - Returned to

124 - Total adoptions!

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE!](#)

The image is a promotional graphic for the Animal Planet Pet Nation Renovation. It features the LPCGS logo on the left. To the right is a yellow oval with a checkmark and the text "VOTE FOR US!!!". Below this, it says "We are proud to have been selected as a TOP 5 FINALIST for:". The Animal Planet logo is prominently displayed in the center, with "ANIMAL PLANET" in green and "PET NATION RENOVATION" in blue. At the bottom, it provides the voting website "www.animalplanet.com/petnation" and the voting schedule: "Voting begins March 19th at 9am EST through April 2 at 11:59pm EST".

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Employee Spotlight

Please give a warm welcome to the newest member of our



Ann Morse, Thrift Store
Director

family, and Director of the Thrift Store, Ann Morse. Ann moved to Durango 14 years ago. She owned and operated Lost Dog Bar & Lounge, located on Main Avenue for 11 years. After Lost Dog closed in 2015, Ann spent time some traveling and visiting family. When Ann is not running Durango's #1 Thrift Store, she can be found mountain biking, practicing yoga and/or spending time with her dogs Meisha, Maddie and cat, Maybelle. When asked what she was most looking forward to, Ann happily replied, " I'm excited to be here, everyone has been so welcoming. I am getting involved in the community again, as well as working for an organization with such a great mission! The animals give so much to us, why can't we give back? They enrich our lives. This is a great job, and I get to work with a great team." We are thrilled to

have Ann onboard. Be sure to say "hi" the next time you come to shop or drop at the Thrift Store.



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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:

Dog Reactivity - April 15th

Leash Manners - May 2nd

Rapid Recall - May 28th

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

This Months Happy Tail

Whitney & Taz

Taz, was surrendered to us back in September 2016. A strong, but gentle soul, was being overlooked and did not seem to show well in the kennel. Whitney Lucas, a wonderful volunteer, first met Taz when she took him for a walk one day. A connection sparked, soon Taz and Whitney were taking walks weekly, then daily. They formed an strong bond during those months. Whitney, who at the time was living in a home that did not allow Pit Bulls, spoke to our Director of

Animal Services, Chris Nelson about putting Taz on "hold" for a couple of month until she was able to relocate to Pit Bull friendly home. Chris agreed and soon the months passed by, and Whitney moved into her new place. Being so committed and loyal to dear Taz, Whitney came in almost daily to spend time with him. The happiest moment of both their lives came on March 4th 2017 when Whitney officially adopted Taz. A new chapter full of love and adventure has only just begun for these two. Thank you for adopting!



Whitney & Taz

Education Corner: LPCHS Interns

From the desk of Ken Hibbard, Education Coordinator



During the later months of 2012, two young girls and I became connected through our passion for animals. One wrote me a letter asking if she could become a volunteer, and the other I met while involved with a LPCHS project at Park Elementary School. Both were 10 years old. Wyllow and Morgan quickly became very special to me and with Chris Nelson's blessings, the LPCHS Intern program began.

If you have spent any time at the shelter at all, especially during the summer or on Saturdays, you've most likely seen not only Wyllow and Morgan, but Stella, Mia, Maddy, Abby, Shelby and/or Ella. Our interns' ages range from 12 to 15 years old, and I must say that each one of them brings such a positive energy to the shelter, not only to the animals, but to our staff and customers as well. [Read More...](#)

The More You Know....

How to Introduce Cats & Dogs

Many dogs and cats can live harmoniously together if introduced properly and supervised appropriately. Whether you're adding a new cat or a new dog to your household, the top priority is always safety. A cat might be able to live safely and happily with some dogs, but not others, so even if your



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cat has lived with dogs before, use caution and proceed slowly when introducing your cat to a new dog.

When introducing your cat to a dog, it's best to introduce her to only one dog at a time. It is also important to have at least two people present, one to handle the dog's leash and the other to tend to the cat. In the initial introduction, make sure that the two animals first clearly see and become aware of the presence of each other. If one of the animals hasn't seen the other before the other gets too near, fear and panic may result. Even if the two animals appear to be exhibiting playful behavior, slow down any approaches until it's clear that neither pet is anxious or frightened. [Read More...](#)

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Fraulein & Smokey

[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 for the weather and bring water.

[Our next hike will take place, Saturday May 13th \(No hike in April\)](#)
[We look forward to you joining us!](#)



[Wacky Wednesday!](#)

[April 5th](#) 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!

[Top 10 Reasons to Become A](#) [Member](#)

- 1.) Support the work of the shelter that serves over 2,500 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 and put 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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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!](#)

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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 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



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

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