

November Adoptions

Cat/Kitten: **100** Dog/Puppy: **75** Returned to Owner: **58**

Total Adoptions: 175

Thank You for a Wonderful Year!
Michelle Featheringill, Executive Director

During this time of year, we are all reminded of the gift of giving and how impactful that can be in our own lives and our community, as well. It was so evident to us, over the course of this past year, just how lucky we are to have such an amazingly supportive community. From the huge amount of donations and shopping at our Thrift Store, to unbelievable support for all the relocated, lost or otherwise impacted animals of La Plata County during the Lightner Creek Fire. From tremendous sponsorship, donations and ticket sales for the Bark & Wine event, to unbelievable support of our Animal Planet efforts to win a \$50k renovation. The recent seizure of 115 animals in a lengthy cruelty investigation brought out new offers to help in many, many ways.



And, what a wonderful and unexpected surprise that LPCHS was named the Durango Herald's 2017 Best Nonprofit Organization! Thank you to everyone who voted for us; we are truly honored.

With our year-end appeal in full-swing, I want to thank you all in advance, for your generosity

and support of LPCHS. We say this often, because it is very true; without the ongoing commitment of our donors, sponsors, members, volunteers, staff, community partners and countless others, we would not be able to do what we do. It is because of the boundless energy and unyielding commitment of our community, that we are able to do everything we do for the animals of La Plata County. They count on us, we count on you. Thank you so much.

On behalf of the Staff at LPCHS and the Board of Directors, we wish you all the happiest of holidays to you and yours,

Michelle

The Bachelorette

[Affectionate Lap Lover Looking For Her #1](#)

Name: Shadow

Age: 3 years old

Are you looking for a cat companion with lots of fur and a sassy attitude? Well, if you are, consider adopting Shadow. This beauty is very sweet and quite the talker, who will purr her way into your heart. She loves attention, affection and anything that keeps your on her. She'll rub at your leg when she is ready for a treat, or curl up on your lap while you're watching a favorite movie. When she is not lounging around, she becomes a great mouser and will help keep your outside critters from becoming inside critters. She can be picky with friends, especially those of the same species, so it's best if she was the only pet in the house. Shadow is not only beautiful, but she is a love bug that will help make you heart full.



Health checked, spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and available for adoption

Tip of the Month

[Pumpkin, a Fun & Healthy Treat](#)

Pumpkin, both raw and canned is safe, provided your pet is not suffering from a chronic condition such as kidney disease or diabetes. As far as healthy pets go, the seeds and flesh of fresh or cooked pumpkins is safe. Fresh pumpkin is more nutritious than canned, but if you choose to go with canned, make sure it doesn't have added sugar or sweeteners. For a fun treat, oven roasting the seeds is a easy way to have them on hand.

To learn more,



visit www.embracepetinsurance.com/waterbowl/article/autumn-health-tips

From the Medical Department

Dr. Heather Perkins, DVM

Hello from the Medical Department of LPCHS! Since this is the first time I have had the chance to write an article for the newsletter, I would like to introduce everyone to our daily routine and discuss some of our newer programs.

A normal day for us starts by examining and prepping any animals that need surgery. We are generally spaying and neutering these animals, but we also do many other types of surgeries. For example, any pet that is found to have dental tartar or dental disease is put on our list for a dental cleaning. If that animal is adopted before having their teeth cleaned, we work with the adopter, to schedule a day, where they come back for this procedure at no extra cost. There may also be some pets who needs a mass removed or wound repairs. These are just some examples of other procedures that we will do on a case by case basis. There are even some days that we schedule an orthopedic surgeon to come in and repair fractures or repair joint injuries, such as cruciate ligament tears. [Read More...](#)



December Clinics

[Spay & Neuter](#)

December 12th - Cat Clinic

[Sign up to spay/neuter your pet](#)

[Rabies & Vaccine](#)

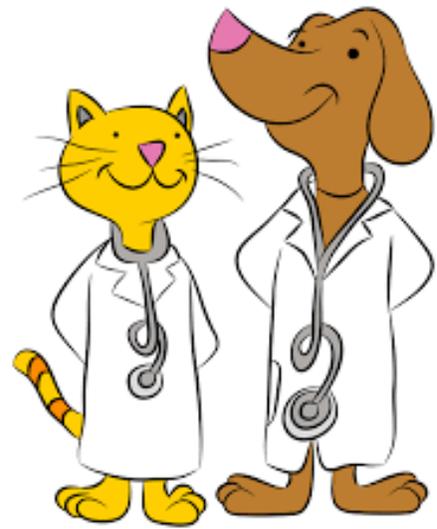
December 11th - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[View list of vaccines & services](#)

[Dental](#)

December 18th - Cats & Dogs

[View dental procedure & cost](#)



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

Employee Spotlight [2017 Employees of the Year](#)

Animal Protection Officer Reid Brubaker and Certified Veterinary Assistant, Tabatha Lansing were both named LPCHS Employee of the Year for 2017.

Reid has been an Officer with Animal Protection for over two years. Not only does he work the field, but has been the lead investigator in many recent animal cruelty cases. His passion to protect the animals of La Plata County, shows through his dedication and commitment as an Animal Protection Officer.



Tabatha "Tabbi" has been with LPCHS for over 6 years. As Certified Veterinary Assistant and Lead Assistant to our Veterinarian, Dr. Heather Perkins, Tabbi provides medical care, assists on surgeries, leads monthly clinics and trains staff.

These two individuals not only go above and beyond their call of duty, but selflessly give their time and expertise to the staff and animals that come into our care. From working long hours, assisting families displaced by the Lightner Creek Fire, to providing food, shelter and a gentle hand to an animal in need. Both exhibit immense compassion and dedication in their positions. Thank you, Reid and Tabbi, for your years of service. It is truly an honor to have these two amazing individuals on our staff.

AmazonSmile

Support Us When You Shop

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7274035 and Amazon donates to La Plata County Humane Society.



**Support us when you shop
this holiday season**

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at
smile.amazon.com. You shop. Amazon donates.

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The graphic features the AmazonSmile logo, a starburst icon, and a gingerbread man icon.

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](#)

Trouble With Your Pup?

[Basic Manners](#)

LPCHS hosts weekly classes for you to communicate and excel with your dog. pranaDOGS manners classes are set up as drop-in classes, so you can come anytime your schedule permits....or when your dogs behavior demands it.

Level 1: Covers associations; sit; down; hand signals and release words.

Level 2: Takes what we learned in Level 1 and incorporates it with additional behaviors such as heel, leave it, drop it, stay and come.

1st class is always **FREE!**

[Saturday Class Schedule](#)

Level 1 - 11:00 am (beginners)

Level 2 - 1:00 pm (advanced)



Marcy & Dozer

1 week left until holiday break! Classes will resume mid-

The More You Know

Top 5 Holiday Toxins Your Pets Should Avoid

The holidays are here and so are plants, parties and appetizer platters. Here's list of the top 5 toxins your pets should avoid this holiday season.



1. Chocolate -Is a tasty treat accounts for the vast majority of holiday calls to Animal Poison Control Center. Why? Often it's because of wrapped chocolate gifts left under the tree. And with the popularity of higher cocoa content, it takes even less candy to get our four-legged friends into a world of trouble.

2. Tree Preservatives - What is generally seen as a mild gastrointestinal upset, can become more significant if there is bacterial contamination. [Read More & Grab a Copy](#)

"Top 5 Holiday Toxins" - ASPCA, December 2017,
www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/ASPCA-APCC-HolidayToxinsPoster.pdf

Mutts In The Mountains

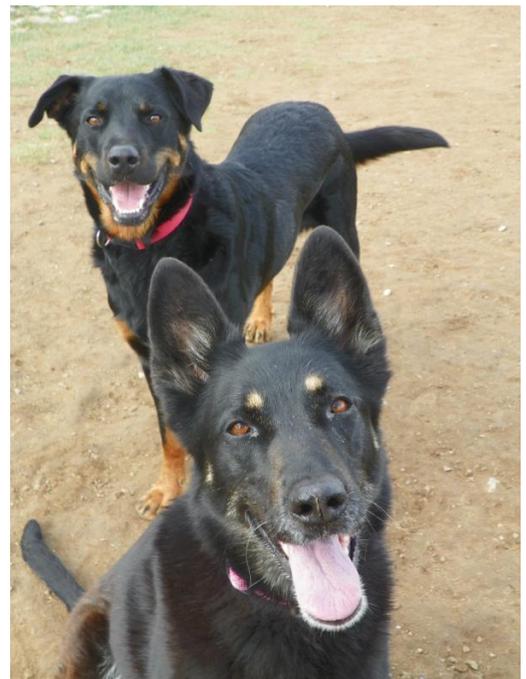
Saturday, December 16

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

For 3 hours every month, our dogs enjoy a hike with a volunteer on the beautiful trails surrounding Durango.

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

Dress appropriately for weather, bring plenty of water, and a collapsible dog bowl for you furry walking companion.



Wacky Wednesday

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

50 % off Entire Store

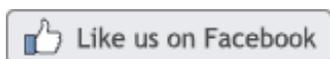
Our donation drop off center is now open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. With someone on staff from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Donating or purchasing furniture?
We pick up and deliver 5 days a week!

To view delivery costs, or submit online pick up request, visit lpchumanesociety.org



Don't forget to follow the Thrift Store on Facebook and Instagram!



Thank you to our friends at



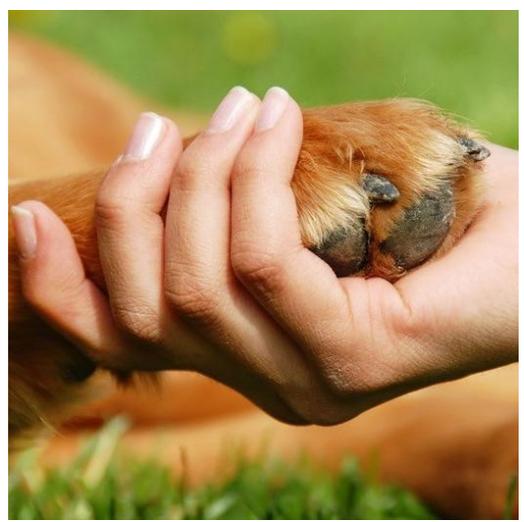
for always supporting the animals of La Plata County.

For fair prices on quality food (including raw and organic diets), as well as a unique selection of toys, treats and locally made products, check out Pet Haus, located on 1444 Main Ave.

Give a Helping Hand

There Are a Number of Ways to Support Our Mission

- 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 2017
- Choose LPCHS as your preferred charity when purchasing through AmazonSmile
- Donate online
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Tell a friend about our organization



To learn more, please visit our website lpchumanesociety.org

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