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## September Adoptions

Cat/Kitten: 80 Dog/Puppy: 68 Rabbit: 3 Returned to Owner: 41

**Total Adoptions: 151**

# BARK & WINE

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GALA  
SATURDAY, OCT 28TH, 2017  
6-9PM  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
DURANGO

TICKETS  
\$35

A Night of 2nd Chances

[\*\*Click Here to Purchase Your Tickets!\*\*](#)  
or purchase tickets at the shelter

*From The Executive Director*

[You Made Us #1!](#)

The news is out! The "Durango Herald Best of Durango" results are in and LPCHS was named the "Best Non-Profit in Durango" and the "Best Thrift Store in Durango" and we won third place as "Best Place to Shop for Toys." Make no mistake that we are thankful every day for the fabulous staff we have in the Thrift Store, in Animal Protection Services, in our Medical Dept, and certainly in the Shelter. We have the most dedicated volunteers on the planet. Our donors help to keep us sustainable year-to-year.



We love what we do day-in and day-out in our region, to serve and protect the animals in need, adding thousands of new four-legged furry family members every year, educate endlessly about the humane treatment of animals, partner with other non-profits to also help our community's under served citizens, and turn one person's Thrift Store donations into another person's perfect find. It's a lot of work, but you better believe that every wiggly butt leaving through the front door makes us smile every day.

And then there's you, the fabulous people of Durango and La Plata County, who are our biggest cheerleaders and supporters. We appreciate you and everything you do on our behalf - some big and some small, from voting for us on Animal Planet's Pet Nation Renovation, to supporting our efforts in the recent Lightner Creek Fire, to voting for us in the recent "Best of Durango," and most importantly, supporting all of our mission-driven efforts every day. It is truly you who make us number one. And, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Michelle Featheringill, Executive Director

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## Low Cost Clinics

### [Spay & Neuter Clinic](#)

October 10th - Dog Clinic

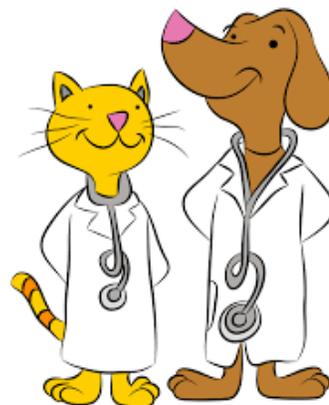
October 17th - Cat Clinic

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

### [Vaccine Clinic](#)

October 24th - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

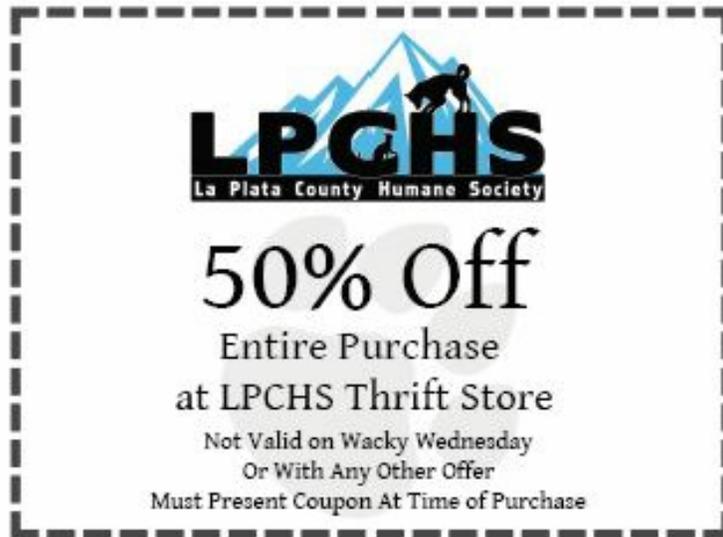
[View list of vaccines & services](#)



**ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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

**970.259.2847**



\*Please present or show digital coupon to sales associate at time of check out.  
**Not valid on Wacky Wednesday or with any other offer.**

## Tip of the Month

### Disaster Preparedness Kit

Make sure yourself, and your pets are ready for any kind of an emergency with a disaster preparedness kit.

#### **Items to include are:**

- Food & water for at least 5 days
- Medications & Medical records
- Litter box, scoop & garbage bags
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses & carriers
- Current photos & descriptions of your pets
- Written information, including feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior issues, and phone number of your veterinarian.



"Pet Disaster - Preparedness Kits". The Humane Society of the United States,  
[www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal\\_rescue/tips/pet\\_disaster\\_preparedness\\_kit.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pet_disaster_preparedness_kit.html)credit=web\_id354243830

# *The Bachelorette*

## Happy, Outgoing Girl Looking for her Companion

**Name:** Diamond

**Age:** 5 years old (but has the energy of a 2 year old!)

**Breed:** Pit bull (but very loving, not the mean kind)

If you're looking for a companion who will love you unquestionably, join you on the trails, and make you laugh like you did when you were a kid, then I'm your gal!

I'm looking for a person or family who wants to have endless fun, laugh out loud, and get out and play!

If you think we would make a good match, come visit and we'll make a date of it. If we find out there is a connection, then adopt me and find out what true companionship is all about.

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



## *Employee Spotlight*

### Tabatha Lansing, Veterinary Assistant

Whether you have adopted an animal, attended one of our monthly clinics, or frequent our Shelter, you probably recognize this friendly face. Tabatha or "Tabbi" as she is best known, is Dr. Heather Perkins Lead Assistant and State Certified Veterinary Assistant.

Tabbi began her career with LPCHS more than six years ago, in June 2011 as a Kennel Technician. Tabbi was already pursuing her career when she was hired, and graduated from San Juan College in 2013. Tabbi assists Dr. Perkins with all aspects of the Medical Department, including spay/neuter surgeries, orthopedic surgeries, health examinations, blood work, vaccinations, dental cleaning and daily management. She's driving force within the Shelter, her passion and determination shine brightly throughout her work. Whether it is back-to-back surgeries, or working long hours to assist families in need during the Lightner Creek Fire, Tabbi is always there to help delegate and assist the needs of the individuals and families. "I truly enjoy working for a non-profit. My job has purpose, I feel I have purpose, and that I am accomplishing something every single day. Whether it's bandaging up an animal, or providing a dog a bowl of food, I have purpose."



When she is not wearing her stethoscope, you can find her spending time with her family, Husband Quanah, and 2 year old son Evan. Watching the Broncos, attending a rock concert or just enjoying a quiet night at home; family time is the best time. Thank you, Tabbi for your hard

work, passion and dedicated service these past 6 years. You are an asset to the organization and we look forward to you continuing your career with LPCHS!

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## *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 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.

### [Saturday Class Schedule](#)

Level 1 - 11:00 am (beginners)

Level 2 - 1:00 pm (advanced)

1st class is always FREE!

To learn more, please visit [pranaDOGS.com](http://pranaDOGS.com)



Marcy & Dozer

## *Mutts In The Mountains*

### [Saturday, October 21st](#)

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 forget where they live and get to 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.



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## The More You Know

### Is Your Dog Ready For An Emergency?

With the fires in the west and the flooding in the south it's hard not to consider what you would do if something similar happened to you and yours. And lately, it seems like more people than ever have a go-bag ready, including one for the pets. But beyond the stuff, what can you do to get your dog ready?

Whether your dog is fearful, reactionary or in some other way un-balanced, consider that it's these dogs - more than any others - who will stress in times of emergency. I've met many people where only one person in the household could handle a particular dog or cat; but what happens when that person gets laid up or the family is affected by an emergency? I think one of the best things we can do for our own pets is to set them up to succeed, even if we can't be by their side. Here are some way you can help you pet get ready for an emergency. [Read More](#)

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



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## Wacky Wednesday

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

**50 % off Entire Store**

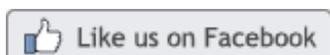
Our donation drop off center is now open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day! With someone on staff from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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](http://lpchumanesociety.org)



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



# Happy Tails

## Montero

Montero came into our care on June 1st, and we knew there was more to him than his good looks and wagging tail. He was very strong willed, confident and dominant, which made it a challenge to pair him in the kennel. LPCHS trainer Marcy Eckhardt, worked with Montero to help solve some of the behavior problems.



There were potential adopters that found an interest, but they were not the perfect fit. That was, until Erica Thrasher, an Ignacio resident, walked through our doors in early September. Erica already lived with an LPCHS alumni, a Pitbull named Diego, and was looking for a companion for him. After meeting many of our other dogs, Adoption Counselor Ken Hibbard introduced Diego to Montero. From the start, it was obvious it was going to be a perfect fit! The two have the same play styles and energy levels.

Montero now spends his days running with Diego on their 3-fenced acres in Ignacio. He's loving life and doing fantastic! So great we were able to take the time needed to rehabilitate some problem behaviors, and hold onto him until the perfect home came looking. Thank you for adopting both Diego, and now Montero, and providing a happy and loving home!

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## Amazonsmile

### Shop and Support

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](#)

OR

[Shelter Donation Wishlist](#)

Thank you!

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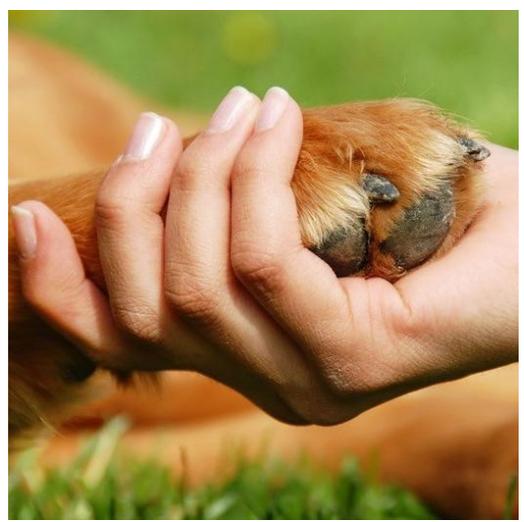
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# Give a Helping Hand

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 2015, 2016 & 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](http://lpchumanesociety.org)

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