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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Humane Society Spends Thousands to Rehabilitate Dogs**

La Plata County Humane Society Emergency Services Fund to Run Out

**Durango, CO** – La Plata County Humane Society (LPCHS) has recently medically and behaviorally rehabilitated a French Bulldog named Aspen. 3-year-old Aspen arrived in the shelter's care on July 20, 2020. After an initial exam and routine treatment, shelter team members noticed Aspen's health was declining and her behavior was erratic. Wanting to know the root cause, LPCHS medical team ran several tests and sent Aspen to a local veterinarian to have an x-ray performed. They were then informed of Aspen's diagnosis: multiple substantial stones in her bladder. Immediate medical attention was required and emergency surgery was performed. The cost, including post-op care and behavioral rehabilitation has since surpassed \$3,000. Aspen, is just one of multiple dogs that LPCHS has performed emergency surgery on in 2020. This includes Cona, who arrived at LPCHS nursing nine puppies and required hip surgery. Cona is now in need of knee surgery.

"We see many dogs like Aspen every year, who need serious medical procedures done or long term behavioral rehabilitation. Currently, we have a nursing mother named Zoey who needs a hip procedure. Without replenishing our emergency services fund, these procedures may not be able to continue.", stated Chris Nelson, Director of Animal Services.

With shelter revenue down due to COVID-19 and medical procedures increasing, LPCHS is asking for donations to help continue their emergency services program that treats pets like Aspen, Cona and Zoey. To give a gift and make an impact in an animals life, visit [lpchumanesociety.org](http://lpchumanesociety.org) to donate.

La Plata County Humane Society (LPCHS) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization based in Durango, CO. LPCHS is an open-admission shelter that has been helping animals since 1971. LPCHS was created to provide shelter and find forever homes for homeless animals, rescue animals in distress, assist in the investigation and prosecution of reported cruelty or abuse and encourage kindness and responsibility toward all living things through humane education. For more information about La Plata County Humane Society and how they are helping to make a difference in the lives of so many animals in the community, visit [lpchumanesociety.org](http://lpchumanesociety.org).

***Interested in adopting Aspen or Cona? Start the process at [lpchumanesociety.org](http://lpchumanesociety.org) by submitting an online adoption application. Zoey is not currently available for adoption.***

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