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DOG WITH ARROW IN NASAL CAVITY RISKS SURGERY

La Plata County Humane Society Works to Save "Champ's" Life

Durango, CO – La Plata County Humane Society (LPCHS) is working against the clock to save the life of a one-year old dog named "Champ". Unable to diagnose his medical condition, Champ was transferred to LPCHS from another shelter on July 11, 2019. After an initial medical exam and treatment of what was thought to be possible kennel cough, Champ's health continued to decline. Wanting answers, LPCHS's medical team sent Champ to a local veterinarian to have a chest x-ray performed, and then were informed of Champ's diagnosis: an arrow is lodged in his nasal cavity and skull. The only possible option to save Champ's life is a high risk surgery. The cost, including post-op care, is estimated to surpass \$5,000 and the surgery is due to be performed later this week. Champ is an LPCHS staff favorite; his fun, playful and energetic personality shines through the kennel doors and his smile has touched the entire LPCHS team.

"At only one-year-old, Champ has so much life to live and love to give a future family. This surgery will not only save his life, but will enhance his quality of life. We have to do whatever means necessary to help Champ live his best life.", stated Chris Nelson, Director of Animal Services.

LPCHS is kindly asking for donations for the estimated cost of the surgery and continued care of sweet Champ. To give a gift and to make a difference in Champ's life, visit lpchumanesociety.org to donate in honor of "Team **CHAMP**ion."

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 on La Plata County Humane Society and how they are helping to make a difference in the lives of so many animals in our community, visit lpchumanesociety.org

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