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January Adoptions

Cat/Kitten: [62](#)

Dog/Puppy: [59](#)

Guinea Pig: [3](#)

Returned to Owner: [34](#)

Total Adoptions: [124](#)

From Our Adoption Counselor

[Ken Hibbard, Education & Adoption Counselor](#)

Looking to add a shelter dog to your family? Sometimes it's easy! You just come in, look around, see your new pet, and it's love at first sight. Unfortunately, for most folks, it's not that simple matching the right dog to the right individual or family to a family dog. It can take some time and not necessarily be accomplished in one day.

Most everyone who comes into the shelter wants the "ready-made", "easy-peasy" dog. This perfect canine is not too big, not too small, great with kids, cats, other dogs, house-trained, doesn't pull on the leash and is crate-trained. The dogs needs to sit, stay and come on command, as well as not bark, chew, dig, destroy furniture, or shed. Oh, and it would be really great if it didn't need to be walked much and is happy being alone.



Ken & Rolo
Rolo is available for adoption!

There are a couple key factors in finding the right dog. One is being sure to match the compatible energies of human, shelter dog, and the family dog. An example of this would be

a more sedentary human steering away from an active dog who demands lots of exercise. The same is true between the owner's pet and the shelter dog. Another factor is clarifying what the human needs and expects in a pet. For example, if the adopter wants a hiking buddy, choosing a tiny, cuddly, chihuahua may not be the human's best bet. [Read more...](#)

The Bachelor

[Tux](#)

9-year-old Tux is dressed to the nines and is ready to celebrate this year's 40th celebration of Snowdown. All he needs needs now is his +1.

This sweet senior has been a resident of ours for far too long and we would like to see him live out his golden years in comfort and style. A lover of laps, naps and 90's raps! (Just kidding, well maybe, we don't know for sure.) We do know that this guy will make a wonderful companion! Carefree, gentle and a master cuddler, he has got it all. He is friendly with other cats and dogs, and would do just fine in a multi-pet family. Kids, you ask? He loves the kiddos. His one preference would be to stay indoors, as he has done the "outdoor" thing in is youth and now enjoys the warm and comforting surroundings of an indoor environment.



Tux is available for adoption!

If your family would enjoy the company of an older and wiser gentleman who loves to snuggle, you might be a perfect match for Tux.

Are you 60 years or older? Our Senior-for-Senior Program is designed to match individuals 60 years of age and older and pets that are at least 7 years old. You may qualify for waived adoption fees (pending application approval) and your free adoption includes all the regular benefits - health check, spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip implant with free registration. For more information, call (970) 259-2847.

February Clinics

[Spay & Neuter](#)

February 6th - Canine

February 13th - Feline

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

[Vaccine, License & Microchip](#)

February 20th 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[View vaccines and other services offered](#)



[Dental](#)

February 27th is **FULL**, call to make an appointment for our March Clinic

[View clinic details](#)

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (970) 259-2847

Employee Spotlight

[Fede Carbone, Kennel Supervisor](#)

Before joining the LPCHS family, Federico or "Fede" as he is known to his friends, was in search of his place and his passion. Fede and his family came to the United States in 2010 from Argentina and settled in Oklahoma. Naturally, Fede wanted to explore the wide open spaces of the country and left Oklahoma, landed in Durango, and found his career with LPCHS in 2012.

He had experienced the traditional cubicle based office job, but was not happy either mentally or physically. He thought he would try something new and different and walked into LPCHS to apply for a Kennel Technician position. He was hired and quickly discovered a love for helping animals.

He showed great work ethic as a Kennel Technician and quickly advanced in the organization first as a Play Yard Monitor, and now as Kennel Supervisor. In this position, Fede monitors the daily operations of the kennel and it's staff. From training new employees and performing animal behavior assessments to monitoring the play yard and teaching humane animal practices to the next generation, Fede's passion for the animal welfare field shines in his work. "I am working for a good cause and not just working to make someone else money. It makes me very happy knowing that I am using my time to help the animals have a positive experience while they are here. That to me is very rewarding." He comes to work everyday not just for the money, but because he loves what he does.



Fede & Murtaugh
Murtaugh is available for adoption!

Outside of work, Fede enjoys spending time with his partner Andrea, who is a Manger at the LPCHS Thrift Store, their 3-year-old son Luca and their 2 dogs Baba and Louie. He is also a very skilled artist. Next time you are in the thrift store, check out the wonderful mural he designed and painted last year in the children's room! Fede is also a lover of cooking, music and watching his favorite soccer team.

Fede wishes to work in the animal welfare field for the entirety of his career and as he has said: "You need to love your job. You do this job because you love what you do and not just for the money." Thank you Fede for your dedication and passion! You help make the shelter a place filled with kindness, humor and compassion.

Tip of the Month

Winter Cat Care - Housing

For outdoor cats, special care must be taken to protect them from seasonal elements. It's important to provide a safe and comfortable place for your cat to rest. A small cat house equipped with an easy escape is recommended.

The floor of the cat house can be covered in straw or a blanket to help the cat stay warm during the winter. If straw bedding is used, it will need to be changed periodically as the straw can become moldy, creating a variety of skin and respiratory problems.



"Winter Cat Care" Pet Place, IHC Group, Web. 19 Dec. 2014.

Trouble With Your Pup?

Basic Manners Classes

LPCHS hosts weekly classes to assist you with animal communication 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 basic impulse control, communication and cue's. This is a great place for dogs to have to focus on their family....with other dogs extremely close to them. Kids are always welcome!

Level 2: Practices basic behaviors in an advanced format. Work on staying and coming from 20' away with other dogs present, leash manners and advanced impulse control. Level 2 provides



everything needed for a good mannered dog and often the class alumni return to when they want to do a little extra training with their pup.

1st class is always free, then \$25/per class or \$120 for 6 weeks.

[Saturday Class Schedule](#)

Level 1 - 11:00 a.m. (beginners)

Level 2 - 1:00 p.m. (advanced)

To learn more, visit pranaDOGS.com

The More You Know [Deadly Dangers of Homemade Slime](#)

Homemade slime is all the rage with the elementary and middle school crowds (and some older ones as well). Dogs also love it and seem to find it particularly yummy - and therein lies the problem.

In fact, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reports it had a recent case where a dog died after ingesting homemade slime. Here's what you need to know if this issue presents itself to you:

Homemade slime can present a variety of different concerns for small animals. Most inconsistencies in clinical signs shown are because there are many different recipes with a wide array of ingredients.

Some ingredients (like white glue, glitter, shaving cream and starch) are generally considered to be non-toxic but can cause mild GI upset. However, there are other ingredients that can cause more severe signs.

Laundry detergent: This is often the most dangerous ingredient in homemade slime. If a pet vomits after ingesting the slime, it can cause aspiration pneumonitis, which can be life-threatening.

Salt: This is less common, but still quite a dangerous ingredient in homemade slime. It's more commonly found in salt dough ornaments and homemade play dough. Excessive intake of salt can cause hypernatremia, which results in lethargy, polydipsia, GI upset, ataxia, tremors, seizures and death.

Borax: Borax generally causes GI upset and mild GI irritation, but in high doses it can cause acute kidney injury as well.

If you suspect that one of your furry friends may have ingested homemade slime, you should not hesitate to contact your veterinarian. Appropriate treatment for slime cases will depend on the formulation of the slime and the clinical signs being shown.



Wacky Wednesday

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

50% off Entire Store

Our donation drop off center is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Attended to daily by a staff member from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

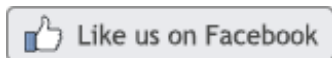
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We pick up and deliver 5 days a week.

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



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For more information and to sign up, email chandra@lpchumanesociety.org or call (970) 317-1469

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Upper East Side Liquors is located on the famous and historic Elmore's Corner in Durango, CO. Here you'll find an establishment that is a favorite among locals, with a large selection of wine, beer and liquor. There is even an entire wall dedicated to talented Colorado spirit craftsmen! From everyday discounts to weekly

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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 pet a second chance through adoption
- Shop at our Thrift Store - Voted #1 "Best of Durango" for 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



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