

## *December Adoptions*

Cat/Kitten: 66    Dog/Puppy: 65    Returned to Owner: 42

**Total Adoptions: 131**

### *A Word From the Director*

*Chris Nelson, Director of Animal Services*

The holidays are over and the New Year has begun, but here at the shelter it's business as usual. This means dogs and cats living together in mass hysteria. Ok, maybe not mass hysteria, that's just a quote from Ghostbusters I like to use once in a while. While we are unusually full for this time of year, which can create a little craziness, overall it's been fairly mellow. Before we move on to 2018, let's look at some of our numbers from last year.



In 2017, we received roughly 2,500 dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits and various other small fuzzy critters. Over 100 of those were farm animals that came to us all at one time. Over 370 cats and dogs were transferred from other shelters with overcrowding issues, where they may have faced euthanasia. We were able to adopt out 1775 of those animals. Over 550 animals were returned to their owners through our lost and found program and hundreds more were returned through the La Plata County lost and found Facebook page. Lastly, over two dozen animals were transferred to other shelters.

I am especially proud of our efforts with the feral cat population in our county. This year, our medical team performed over 100 trap/neuter/return (TNR) procedures here at the shelter.

These cats are unadoptable, so we spay and neuter them for free and send them back to their caretakers where they can live out their lives. We also provided these services for another 150+ cats offsite. This work is done by our cat trapper and volunteer Wendy Haugen, and one of our vets Dr. Goddard. This valuable service helps reduce the number of litters coming to our shelter and reduces suffering.

None of this work could be accomplished without our members, volunteers and staff. Thanks to all of you, I look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

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## *The Bachelor & Bachelorette*

### [Amazing Pups Looking for Amazing Families](#)

Callie and Yoda are best friends, play yard partners and are the sweetest pups! These two have been patiently waiting to hear their names called over the intercom and finally go home.

Callie is a 6-year-old Terrier/Pit Bull mix who loves people, kids and other dogs. She enjoys being outdoors and would enjoy an active family or individual to take her out and explore the trails.

Yoda is a 1-year-old Shepard mix and is a strong, but gentle giant. He needs an experienced owner who has plenty of time. He loves the outdoors, and after a busy day he'll melt away in your lap for the evening.

Both have been residents at LPCHS for far too long and we would like to kick off the New Year by getting them adopted.

If you're interested in adopting Callie or Yoda, come by and meet with one of our experienced adoption counselors.

*\*All pets adopted are health checked, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.*



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## *Tip of the Month*

### [If You Can't Beat Them, Join Them](#)

Do you have a dog who is over-the-top to see you when you get home? Have you tried ignoring the dog or turning your back but still haven't had success stopping the behavior?

If so, consider the "if you can't beat them, join them" motto. Before walking in, set yourself up to be as thrilled to see your dog as he/she is to see you. Walk in, drop your stuff and celebrate. Then give them 3 minutes of your attention. Often this simple act is enough for many dogs, and they are then content to go outside or relax while you get yourself settled.

Tip provided by Marcy Eckhardt, 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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## January Clinics

### Spay & Neuter

January 9th - K-9

January 16th - Feline

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

### Rabies & Vaccine

January 23rd - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[View clinic details](#)

### Dental

January 23rd is **FULL**, call to make an appointment for our February 27th clinic

[View clinic details](#)



Call to make your appointment for one of our monthly clinics!

**970.259.2847**

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# Purchase a Be Local Coupon Book

## Supporting Made Easy

The 2018 Be Local Coupon Book by Local First is on sale, and the best part is that you can support LPCHS just by filling out a coupon.

All you have to do is purchase a Be Local Coupon Book, turn to page 137, mark LPCHS as the non-profit of choice and submit your donation coupon to one of these designated drop off locations: The Payroll Department, Maria's Bookshop, the Local First Office or LPCHS.

Each coupon represents a \$5.00 donation made on your behalf to the non-profit you choose. Your donations directly support the mission of LPCHS and will help us continue to provide life-saving efforts to all the animals that come into our care.

Books cost \$25.00/each, visit [local-first.org](http://local-first.org) to find a local retailer.

**Donation coupons must be submitted before January 31, 2018.**

*Thank you for supporting Local First and LPCHS*

**SUBMIT YOUR DONATION COUPON ON PAGE 137 BEFORE 1.31.18 AND HELP RAISE OVER \$24K FOR THESE LOCAL NON-PROFITS!**

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## Employee Spotlight

**Guthrie Hardesty, Thrift Store Manager**

If you have shopped at our Thrift Store, then you may recognize this gentleman busily working on the floor or attending to customers at the check out counter. Guthrie is one of two managers at the Thrift Store and "wears" many different hats. From stocking shelves, pricing products, designing displays to providing great customer service, Guthrie does it all.

Born in Denver and raised in Detroit, he made his way to Durango in 1995, where he attended Fort Lewis College. After graduating with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and earning his teaching license, Guthrie headed back to Denver and taught for 4 years. Soon after, he left teaching and returned to Durango to be closer to his family and begin a new career.

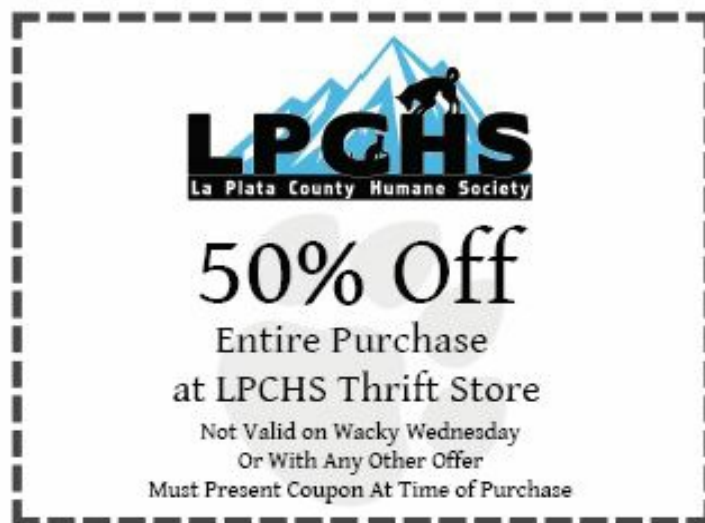


After returning home, Guthrie was wanting to work for a small and local organization that had

strong connection to the community. So when the position at the Thrift Store came up, he applied, interviewed and was hired. When asked what he enjoys most, Guthrie genuinely replied, "The interaction with real people, I work for a cause I really care about. Everyday is different. It truly is an adventure, and just straight up fun!" We all feel the same way and are lucky to have you on the team. Thank you Guthrie for your dedication, passion and hard work that helps continue our mission serving animals in need.

## *Thrift and Save*

Enjoy a 50% off Coupon



*Present coupon or digital ad to sales associate upon check out.  
Not valid on Wacky Wednesday or with any other offer.*

## *Trouble With Your Pup?*

### [Basic Manners](#)

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 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](#)



Marcy & Dozer

Level 1 - 11:00 am (beginners)

Level 2 - 1:00 pm (advanced)

## Classes resume Saturday, January 13th!

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

### *The More You Know*

#### Licensing Your Pet

Did you know that all dogs in La Plata County are required by law to be licensed?

#### BENEFITS TO LICENSING

- Licensing fees support La Plata County Humane Society.
- Reunites lost pets with their families.
- Reduced fees if your pet is ever impounded.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Show proof of current rabies vaccination.
- If your pet is not current on their rabies vaccine, call (970) 259-2847 and make an appointment for our monthly vaccine clinic.

#### LICENSE COSTS

- \$10/year for pets spayed or neutered.
- \$25/year for intact pets within **county limits**.
- \$55/year for intact pets within **city limits**. (*License and permit required*)

#### LICENSE LOCATION

La Plata County Humane Society  
1111 S. Camino del Rio  
Durango, CO  
(970) 259-2874  
[lpchumanesociety.org](http://lpchumanesociety.org)



We're open 7 days a week and provide licensing services during normal business hours. Please call (970) 259-2847 if you have questions about licensing your pet.

## Mutts in the Mountains

Saturday, January 20th

Did you know that a group of volunteers take our dogs for a monthly 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 our [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 your furry walking companion.



## Wacky Wednesday

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

**50 % off Entire Store**

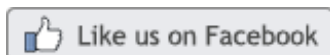
Our donation drop off center is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Attended daily by a staff member from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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!



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## *Leave a Lasting Legacy*



*For more information on making a lasting contribution that benefits the animals in our care, please contact Michelle Featheringill, Executive Director at (970) 385-4764 or by [email](#).*

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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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