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### Puppy with Heart Murmur Asking for a Christmas Miracle

**[Durango, CO, December 21, 2021]** — La Plata County Humane Society (LPCHS) recently received an 11-week-old puppy named Ebert, who after an initial veterinary exam was diagnosed with a significant heart murmur. A specialist veterinarian will conduct an ultrasound called an echocardiogram. With the information gathered from this specific exam, the medical team will be able to better determine the impact the murmur will have on his life. Ebert is one of multiple pets receiving extensive medical and post-op care. This includes a cat named Richard, who was found with a gopher trap attached to his paw. Richard required an emergency leg amputation which was performed at Riverview Animal Hospital. He has since recovered and is currently available for adoption. Rascal, a staff favorite, is currently receiving weekly hydrotherapy at Durango Animal Hospital. Rascal's treatment plan includes costly joint supplements to aid his hip dysplasia and an old knee injury. With the ever-growing medical cases, LPCHS is kindly asking for donations to help offset the costs for pets like Ebert, Richard and Rascal.

"We have a very high standard of veterinary medical care at LPCHS that is fulfilled by myself assisted by almost every other shelter staff member. For my part, I examine every dog and cat when they arrive and address any concerns that negatively impact their quality of life. For example, I treat dental disease, surgically correct inverted lower eyelids, treat a variety of bacterial and viral diseases, and diagnose diseases such as diabetes through blood work. Every effort is made to treat a diagnosed condition. If a condition arises during an animal's stay at the shelter, the kennel staff alerts me to the situation and it is treated to the best of my ability which may involve seeking help from our veterinary community, as is the case with Rascal. In addition to examining and treating shelter animals, I also provide care to recently adopted animals. If an owner has a concern within a week of an adoption, they can schedule an appointment for me to examine the animal and address their concerns. The diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions can be expensive but I feel that it's a win for the animal and a win for the adopters when they are addressed.", stated Victoria Robinson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at LPCHS.

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. The shelter is committed to enhancing and protecting the lives of companion animals by ensuring the provision of sustenance, safety and shelter, educating the community regarding humane treatment of animals, and preventing pet overpopulation. To give a gift, visit [lpchumanesociety.org](http://lpchumanesociety.org).

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