

February Adoptions

Cat/Kitten: 58 Dog/Puppy: 70 Guinea Pig: 2 Rabbit: 1 Returned to Owner: 41

Total Adoptions: 131

From the Thrift Store

[Guthrie Hardesty, Manager](#)

Hello Friends! First and foremost, a sincere **THANK YOU!** We couldn't do what we do without you! Our ability to fund the needs of the animals next door is indebted to your support of our wonderful Thrift Store. We have been working tirelessly to make our Thrift Store more organized, more shop-able, more affordable, more unique, more fun, and quite simply the best. Your kind donations, faithful patronage, ongoing interest, positive critiques, and unwavering love for our organization continue to fulfill the dreams of the critters visiting the Shelter.

Our incredible staff has made significant changes and improvements over the past year. Beyond our in-store changes, we have expanded our web of support to more fully integrate and impact our amazing community. We offer vouchers for humans in need through our partner organizations. We have teamed with local schools, artists, and performers to wardrobe their productions. The Shelter takes in animals during emergency events like the Lightner Creek Fire, and here at the Thrift Store, we assist with clothing, supplies, appliances, and friendly help to get their human



counterparts back on their feet.

The day-to-day goings on in the Thrift Store are being analyzed with a fine-toothed comb. We have increased our foot traffic while attempting to minimize wait times for check out. We have standardized pricing and are more competitive with other local options. Every day we have a different special sale in the store, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays are Wacky and are 50% off the entire store, and Sundays are 20% off everything.

We have rearranged our receiving dock to accommodate donations and improve the flow of traffic. Our warehouse team has re-worked their stations to maximize efficiency as well as to pamper our true warehouse manager, Tigger the cat. Our display space has increased ten-fold, allowing us to quickly move our awesome donations to the floor for your viewing pleasure. Our product selection has diversified and is carefully curated and displayed. Please remember ALL of our profits go directly to the animals at the Shelter next door. We hope you will come experience the best Thrift Shop in Durango, we thank you for your support and kind donations, see you soon!

The Bachelorette

[Mature Female Seeks Outdoorsy Companion](#)

6-year-old Lucy is a Heeler mix and is happiest when she is romping around the play yard, sun bathing, or catching snow flakes on her tongue.

Sweet, energetic and confident, Lucy loves all things outdoors. Whether it is hiking, biking or skiing, she'll be the first one in and out of the car and a great co-pilot. She adores kids, other dogs and is a great play partner. Though she is reactive to cats, she would do well in a multi-dog family.

If you and your family enjoy the outdoors and is looking to share it with a loyal and loving canine companion, Lucy may be the perfect fit!



Lucy is available for adoption!

If you're interested in learning more about Lucy, come in and meet with our Adoption Counselor, Ken Hibbard. Got other pups? Bring them with you and we'll perform a "meet n' greet" to see how they get along.

March Clinics

[Spay & Neuter](#)

March 6th - Canine

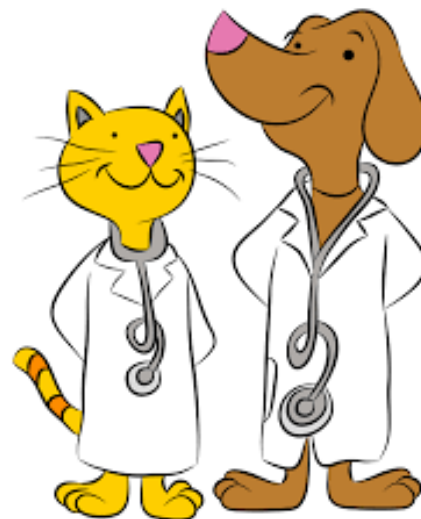
March 13th - Feline

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

[Vaccine, License & Microchip](#)

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

[View vaccines and other services offered](#)



[Dental](#)

March 20th is **FULL**, call to make an appointment for our April 24th clinic

[View clinic details](#)

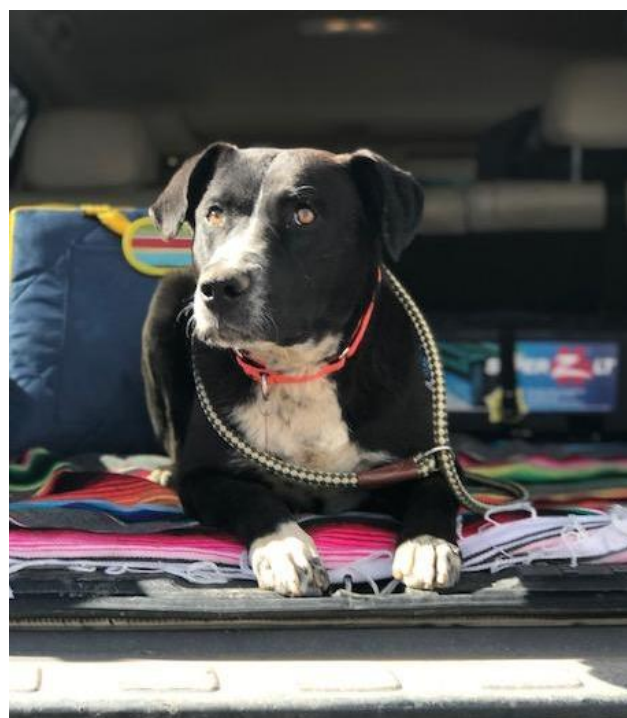
For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (970) 259-2847

Tip of the Month

[Managing Your Dogs Environment](#)

Management is what we do constantly when we have an unbalanced dog or a dog that is nervous, scared or otherwise less than confident when approaching the world. Management is a great tool to use while your dog is learning new behaviors and something that you will use throughout their lifetimes whenever a new or scary situation presents itself.

Management is ensuring your dog (and his/her environment) is safe. It's managing the environment to be sure your dog has a safe place to go or a safe zone. For example, I am often around a lot of dogs. I have one dog who doesn't do well with a lot of dogs around. So anytime that happens and we're close to my truck, I open my truck, she jumps right in and is comfortable and happy that she has a safe place to go. That's managing the situation.



Magpie is available for adoption!

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.

Employee Spotlight

Aisha Groose, Receptionist

"Hello, how may I help you?" is the warm welcome you are greeted with when first entering our Shelter. For the past two years Aisha has answered your questions and helped you to adopt your new best friends.

Born and raised in Laramie, Wyoming, Aisha grew up surrounded by open skies and aspen trees nestled in between beautiful mountain ranges.

After graduating from University of Wyoming in 2013 with a degree in Microbiology, she set off to begin her career and passion, which is working with animals.

After moving to Durango in December 2015, Aisha was looking to gain experience and applied for the the Receptionist position in January 2016. She was hired and began her journey with

LPCHS. Attending to the front desk is not an easy job, and it comes with a lot of responsibility. From greeting customers, scheduling appointments and filing lost/found reports to accepting animal surrenders and facilitating adoptions, Aisha is the conductor of the services that help meet the needs of both the customers and the staff.

When she is not helping customers, Aisha enjoys going hiking, relaxing on her patio with a good book, cooking and spending time with her furry four legged family members, Chloe, Aspen and Salem.

This next week will be her last, as she is continuing on her journey and moving to Denver to be closer to her family and friends. We are very sad to see her go, but excited for her new adventure! She has been an intricate part of the LPCHS family and is woven herself into the hearts of many. "I love and will miss the people, my co-workers and the animals. It's a family environment and we have become family." she says with nervous excitement. Thank you Aisha for two years filled with laughter, tears, dedication, hard work, compassion and the commitment to this organization. We will miss you, and wish you safe travels and the best of luck on your new adventure!



Aisha & Sarah
Sarah found her forever home!

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)



Marcy & Dozer

To learn more, visit pranaDOGS.com

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 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

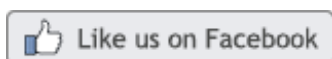
Donating or purchasing furniture?
We pick up and deliver 5 days a week.

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



*Each donation and purchase helps save the lives of
homeless pets in La Plata County!*

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Mutts in the Mountains

Saturday, March 17th

Did you know that a group of volunteers take our dogs for a 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 volunteers 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 companion.



Bell is available for adoption!

The More You Know

Are Essential Oils Dangerous to Pets?

Essential oils have long been used for maladies such as nasal congestion, anxiety, sore muscles and more. And with the popularity of oil diffusers - an easy way to release oils into the air - there is more alarm about how oils may affect animals. Here's what you need to know, straight from the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#), to give your clients the straight scoop and debunk any misinformation.



Q: What are essential oils and how are they often used?

Essential oils are the natural aromatic compounds that give plants their individual scents. The oils are extracted from plants and distilled, and their potential uses and touted health benefits are wide-ranging. They can be used to make your house smell better, repel mosquitoes, improve sleep, boost moods or even help alleviate nausea. For pets, they are most commonly used for repelling fleas and helping with separation anxiety. Due to their hydrophobic nature, essential oils are absorbed well both through mucous membranes and the skin. There are either excreted unchanged or may be metabolized by the liver prior to excretion.

Q: Are essential oils toxic?

The answer, as we so often see, is slightly more complicated than a simple "yes" or "no" since there are various factors that come into play. First, there is variability with the toxicities of different oil types. Second, the oils can be found in a wide range of concentrations. Products containing essential oils-such as fragrances, shampoos and medicinal products-often contain from 1-20% essential oils. However, there has been an increase in popularity of more

concentrated essential oils, some going as high as 100%.

An important third factor is species sensitivity. For example:

- Cats may be more sensitive with dermal exposure due to their increased risk of oral exposure from grooming
- The same concerns apply to pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters
- Birds are more likely to suffer respiratory affects than other animals to a diffuser due to their specialized respiratory system

Of course, animals with underlying health issues may also be at higher risk if they are unable to metabolize the oil, have respiratory disorders, or have broken skin which can allow increased absorption of dermally applied essential oils. [Learn More...](#)

"Trending Now: Are Essential Oils Dangerous to Pets?" ASPCApro, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 2018

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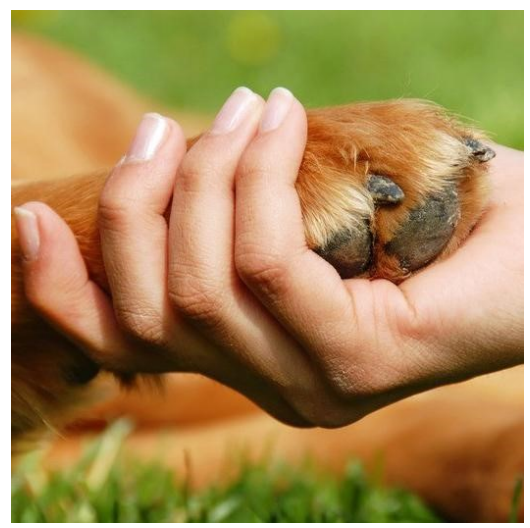
3x the impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates to La Plata County Humane Society.

A promotional graphic for Amazon Smile. It features a teal background with several faint white hearts. On the left, there is a large white heart containing the text "3x" in orange. To the right of this heart, the text "Now your support goes 3 times as far" is written in white. Below this, in a smaller white font, it says "From Mar 12 – 31, Amazon will triple the donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible purchase at smile.amazon.com." At the bottom of the graphic, the "amazon smile" logo is displayed in white, with the Amazon smile arrow under the word "amazon".

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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