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April Adoptions

Cat/Kitten: [27](#) Dog/Puppy: [43](#) Guinea Pig: [5](#) Returned to Owner: [38](#)

Total Adoptions: [75](#)

The La Plata County Humane Society 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Shelter.

If you are a member, please attend to hear annual reports from the Board and Directors. There will be three vacancies on the Board of Directors to be filled at the Annual meeting.

Candidates for these positions are:

Andie Schlenk
Ann Morse
Heather Bendele
Keith Dunning

The appointments of Susan Riches and Wendy Ludgewart are to be confirmed. In addition, minor amendments to the Bylaws (numbers and dates related to Society Annual and Special Meetings) are being proposed.

[LPCHS 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda](#)

[LPCHS Bylaws Amendments Proposed](#)

From the Executive Director
[Michelle Featheringill](#)

SENSATIONAL SUMMER 2018 AT LPCHS!

As everyone who lives in La Plata County knows, Summer is the busiest time of our year. The long, sun-drenched days and abundance of things to see and do (both inside and out) lend to a truly wonderful, whirlwind of activities, and before we know it, the leaves are turning, yet again. LPCHS also has a wide array of Summer activities going on every day, from dog-walking and play-yard time, to special events, to Kids Kamps; our four-legged furry residents have very busy calendars during the Summer. In addition, the staff and volunteers at LPCHS want to let you know about some awesome activities geared toward participation from the two-legged folks in your home:



You asked.... we listened. Over the years we heard from many of our supporters that they would love to have an additional Thrift Store option...one with higher-end product and yet, still exceptionally affordable. While we are honored and thrilled to consistently have the #1 Thrift Store in Durango, we recognize that some folks want designer-name

apparel, handbags and shoes, unique gifts and jewelry for special occasions, professional accessories, and much, much more. All in a boutique atmosphere where you can shop til you drop on any of the days and hours designed with the busy professional in mind. So, plan to be there from the beginning... May 9th, any Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 7 pm, at 450 S. Camino del Rio #202 (above High-Country Optical). You are not going to believe this store.... Premium Donations - Upscale Shopping. [Learn More](#)

The Bachelorette

[Retiree Seeks Loving Companion](#)

10-year-old Jasmine was sadly surrendered to us three weeks ago, due to a death in the family. Her partner in crime, Dee Dee, was adopted and Jasmine is still on the prowl for her forever family. She may be an older gal, but that doesn't stop her from playing like a young teenager.

Her Likes: Naps, treats, belly rubs and making biscuits.

Her Dislikes: "You're so fluffy" jokes and baths



Jasmine is available for adoption!

Jasmine is an all-around wonderful gal, who enjoys the youth of children, the company of dogs and anyone who loves the poetry of Walt Whitman. If you are wanting to provide a loving home to Jasmine, come by the shelter and spend some time with her.

Summer Kids Kamp

[Only a Few Spots Left!](#)

Does your child love animals? Do they want to learn more about our shelter and the important work of caring for homeless animals?

Each summer La Plata County Humane Society offers kids ages 11-15 a fun and educational opportunity to work with animals. Kampers have hands-on learning opportunities with a variety of pets and learn the importance of how to care for animals, be responsible pet owners, and help to make our community a safer place for all animals.



2018 Summer Kamp Dates (Cost is \$150/per kamp)

*12 kids are accepted in each camp on a first come, first serve basis. We will add your name to our wait list if camps are full.

- June 11-14 ([3 spots left](#))
- July 23-26 ([4 spots left](#))
- August 6-9 ([2 spots left](#))

Kamp activities include:

- Dog socializing
- Cat socializing
- Dog training
- Grooming
- Dog anatomy & chiropractic care
- Presentation by one of our Animal Protection Officers
- Field trip to Wolfwood Refuge or Durango Dog Ranch

Kampers also get to observe our Veterinarian and medical staff in the shelter's clinic. Here they get to learn about the important life-saving programs that help animals in need.

For more information and to sign-up, visit lpchumanesociety.org

City Market Community Rewards

[Support Us Every Time You Shop](#)

Do you shop at City Market and use your City Market Value Card? Now you can support LPCHS every time you shop!

It's fast, free and easy to sign-up! Just follow the steps below to register your value card. Don't have a value card? No problem, cards are available at the Customer Service Desk in any City Market Store.

Existing Online Account Customers:

- Visit citymarket.com
- Click "Enroll Now" and login.
- Enter our organization name or organization number **12182**.
- Select our organization and click "Enroll".
- To verify that you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organizations name on the right side of the page.

New Online Customers:

- Simply register your card online at citymarket.com
- Click "New to City Market? [Create an account](#)". Enter your information (have your card handy!) and create your account.
- You'll receive an email confirming your account - click on the link included and proceed to your account.
- Click "Edit City Market Rewards Information". Enter your value card number, our organization name or organization number **12182**.
- Click to submit, you are now enrolled!
- To verify that you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organization's name on the right side of the page.

For more information and to register you value card, visit citymarket.com



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May Clinics

Spay & Neuter

May 8th - Canine

May 15th - Feline

Vaccine, License & Microchip

May 22nd - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[View vaccines and other services offered](#)



Tip of the Month

Food Puzzles

Food puzzles, or enrichment toys, come in many shapes, sizes, and prices. You can even make your own. What they all have in common is that they require an animal to exercise his mind and body before being rewarded with a small bit of food. This cuts into the time he could be getting into trouble and helps him maintain a healthy weight.



Becker, Marty (2011) "Want Happier, Healthier Cats and Dogs? Use Food Puzzles". www.vetstreet.com

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 cues. 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!



Marcy & Lady

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 well-mannered dog and often the class alumni return 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)

***NO CLASSES MAY 5th**

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.

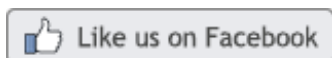
Donating or purchasing furniture?
We pick up and deliver 5 days a week.

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!*

Don't forget to follow the Thrift Store on Facebook and Instagram



The More You Know

Trainer Tips - Get Your Dog to Listen to You Faster

Working with dogs is like working with anything else, to do it well you need to overlap a number of subtle, but crucial elements. And in order to do that you need to work through the behaviors hundreds and hundreds of times to form the muscle memory and to make these behaviors so comfortable and fluent that you don't even think about them.

We all know professional athletes practice the basics over and over again. Basketball players tout the importance of dribbling and free-throw practice. Military and police do so much with their weapons, that it feels odd for them to do anything without them. Dog trainers aren't any different. We've run so many dogs through manners training that many elements have become second nature to us.



Pepper is available for adoption!

Once the basics happen without thinking, then the magic can happen. Remember, it wasn't until after we figured out all the nuances of driving before we were able to listen to the radio or hold a conversation with a passenger, while we drove. Until then, we were busy trying to remember when to signal, what the speed limit was and where the car next to us was located. With dog training, getting to this level frees us up to add additional items that make communication (and the dogs responses) faster - and easier. There are virtually hundreds of different strategies but we've settled on five. [Learn More](#)

Marcy Eckhardt is LPCHS's Trainer and the owner/trainer of [pranaDOGS](#), a company focused on individualized training for shelter and rescue dogs training@pranadogs.com.

Mutts in the Mountains

[Saturday, May 26th](#)

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 Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn Bollinger by [email](#) or phone at (970) 259-2847 x108

Dress appropriately for weather, bring plenty of water, and a collapsible dog bowl for your furry companion.



Cole is available for adoption!

Kitten & Puppy Baby Shower

[May 1st - May 31st](#)



Kitten and puppy season has begun and we are expecting over 800 kittens and puppies this season! Wowzer! In honor of this occasion, we are asking for your HELP! We are in desperate need of supplies to help care for all the fur babies that come through our doors.

If you would like to donate, please visit our [Amazon Wish List](#). Just [click](#) and it ships directly to us. Prefer to shop local? Visit [Pet Haus](#) for donation supplies. They are located at 1444 Main, Durango CO.

**Donate during our baby shower event and we will let you name a kitten or puppy!*

Thank you, we truly appreciate your support and donations during this busy season!

Thank you to our friends at



for always the animals of La Plata County.

Experience the healing powers of our mineral-rich, naturally-heated waters! At [Trimble Hot Springs](#), we

have two therapy pools, with temperatures varying from 100-110 degrees. Temperatures are controlled by the volume of water pumped in, and are clarified by ozonation and sand filters. No chemicals are added to the therapy pools. Trimble Hot Springs also has a 250,000 gallon Olympic pool, heated to about 80-82 degrees.

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](#)
- Link your [City Market Card](#)
- Add us as your favorite charity on [eBay](#)
- Donate [online](#)
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Tell a friend about our organization



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