

# Lap-Letter

WINTER 2016  
LAP DOG RESCUE OF NEW MEXICO



**🐾 We saved over 450 Small Dogs so far in 2016! 🐾**

## *Letter from the President*

Seems like only yesterday we started the New Year and here we are closing out 2016. It's been a year of both ups and downs, but mostly ups. To date, we've rescued over 450 dogs from bad situations across our state. Thanks to our fabulous crew of fosters, transporters, vets, and volunteers, we have already surpassed our goal of "Save a Dog a Day" with 404 dogs adopted through October. And we still have a month to go and we haven't yet finalized our count for November!

For the third year in a row we've been recognized as one of the Top 5 Best in City for Places to Adopt a Pet by Albuquerque, The Magazine. We've also been recognized as a Top Non-Profit by Great Non-Profits for the fourth year in the row.

But, we've had a few downs as well. The shelters are still teeming with unwanted and frequently hurt little dogs. We've had increased numbers of owners who need to surrender their pets and we try hard to help when we can. Our hearts

just break whenever we have to leave a dog in the shelter or can't take one into our rescue due to lack of space with our current dedicated fosters. **So, what we need most in 2017 are more fosters. If you can open your heart and your home to fostering little dogs, please contact us. We are desperate to hear from you.**

Fundraising has been difficult but we always pay our bills. Our wonderful vets at Vista Larga Animal Hospital, VCA on Montgomery and VCA Town and Country work tirelessly to help our dogs heal from their wounds and get them prepared for their adoptions into loving homes.

Thank you, everyone, for your support and your kindness. Happy holidays to you, your family and friends, and your furkids.

**Brian Spence**  
President



## How you can help in 2017...

**Now is the time to make your 2016 charitable donation. We are an IRS non-profit so you may be able to lower your tax bill and help us out at the same time. Just be sure to send your check or go to our website and donate using our "Donate" button before December 31.**

### **Here are some other ways to help:**

- Gift cards to businesses that sell dog supplies and foods
- Forever postage stamps
- Register and use your Smith's/Kroger card. Just go to [www.smithscommunityrewards.com](http://www.smithscommunityrewards.com) and follow the steps to choose Lap Dog Rescue as your organization to sponsor. Doesn't cost anything! If you shop online at Amazon, be sure to use Amazon Smile. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose Lap Dog Rescue as your organization to sponsor.
- Purchase an interchangeable fashion front harness from Charlie & Spike. These are just the coolest and most sturdy harnesses we've ever seen plus they feature a removable fashion front so you can change the look of the harness as you please. A portion of the sales from all LDRNM harness sales come right back to LDRNM to help us save NM Shelter dogs. Just go to [www.charlieandspike.com](http://www.charlieandspike.com) and look for our harness set.

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