



Lap-Letter

Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico

Summer/Fall
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Letter from the President

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and there is still much work ahead of us. We are seeing record numbers of owner surrenders and shelters are overflowing. So far we have rescued approximately 240 dogs and successfully re-homed 193 of these little ones. We still have a way to go to meet our goal of 300 placements by year-end. However, while we strive to meet our goal with our very small organization of volunteers, our focus will always be quality placements first.

We have reached another milestone of over **5000 fans** on our **Facebook** page. We're very excited that we continue to grow in this important area of social media that helps spread the word about us, drive adoptions, encourage fostering, and grow our volunteer base. LDRNM has also been named a **Top Non Profit for 2014 by GreatNonProfits.org**, our second year in a row! We've also recently updated our website to accept **online submittals** for foster and adoption applications to help us expedite these processes.

Looks can be deceiving. Although Lap Dog Rescue's visibility has grown substantially, and many perceive us as a large rescue operation, nothing could be "fur-thur" from the truth. We are a very small rescue organization that relies completely on the generosity of others. Your individual donations are extremely important and greatly appreciated. Please go to our website at www.lapdogrescue.org and donate today, or complete the form below and donate by mail. Your donation goes directly to the care of these rescued dogs.

Thank you and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Brian Spence
President

PS - You can also help us by registering your **Smith's Rewards Card** at www.smithscommunityrewards.com and then follow the steps to choose Lap Dog Rescue as your organization to sponsor. Doesn't cost you anything! Or, if you're an **Albertson's** shopper, you can support us by showing a key tag upon check out and 1% of your purchase goes back to LDRNM! If you need a **key tag** just private message us with your mailing information on Facebook or email us at lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org and we'll send one out to you straightaway. Finally, if you are an Amazon.com shopper, we are registered with **Amazon Smile**. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose Lap Dog Rescue as your organization to sponsor. It doesn't cost you anything!

-----Detach here and include with your check please. Thank you!-----

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Donated Amount _____



Help us meet our goal of
300
Adoptions
this year!

Thanks to Everyone!

Adoption Clinics Petco on Lomas and on the Westside in Albuquerque, ABQ Dogtown on Rio Grande in Los Ranchos (recently moved to 4th Street), Three Dog Bakery in Albuquerque and for providing a box of dog goodies for our participation in the Wilcox Estate Planning Seminar.

Long Leash on Life for including us in their To the Rescue! Massive Yard Sale & Pet Adoption Event. Thank you also to all our volunteers, people who donated and those who shopped till they dropped! The \$3000 allocated to Lap Dog Rescue was greatly appreciated and went a long way to help with veterinary expenses and care of our little furkids waiting for their forever homes.

Animal Humane New Mexico for inviting us to speak at their Kids Camp, the **East Mountain Library** for including us in the summer education series, and the **Wilcox Estate Planning** seminar, all to give LDRNM the opportunity to share information with our community about who we are and what we do.

A BIG thank you goes to **Pepe Le Paws**. This great doggie boutique and grooming salon on Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, supports LDRNM by providing premium dog food at or below cost so that our little ones may be well nourished with the very best in canine kibble. And, of course, they also host many of our adoption events. Be sure to stop by and see their amazing selection of pet food, treats, toys and other fun stuff.

A very special thank you to **Tim Neugebauer**, who has helped us this past year with our graphic art needs and doing an exceptional job doing the layout and graphic work for our newsletter!





Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Various Dates this Fall United Way of NM begins their annual campaign for charitable giving in the fall. Please remember Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico when your employer kicks off their own United Way campaign. Since we are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, you can donate your contributions directly to LDRNM simply by designating us as your charity of choice. Thank you!

August 23, 11-3 Adoption Clinic at Pepe Le Paws on 7401 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque.



September 6, 10-3 Pooch Plunge Challenge hosted by Pet Food Gone Wild at Haynes Park in Rio Rancho. This should be a fun family summer concert and adoption event benefitting New Mexico's animal rescue groups and LDRNM will be there!



Now through September 18th Paws on the Patio at Yanni's & Lemoni Lounge at 3109 Central NE, Albuquerque. Yanni's will donate 15% of their proceeds to LDRNM when guests bring Fido in to eat with them or when this promotion is mentioned. This promotion is available for brunch, lunch, & dinner. Thank you so much Yanni's & Lemoni Lounge. A wonderful community partner!



October 6, 11:00 – 1:00 in the Steve Schiff Auditorium - Sandia National Laboratories ECP Campaign Kickoff Event for Sandia employees and on-site contractors.

October 18, 11-3 Adoption Clinic. Location yet to be determined.*

November 8, 11-3 Adoption Clinic. Location yet to be determined.*

**Please look on our website at www.lapdogrescue.org for more information on locations for these upcoming events.*

Fall Pruning

It's time to trim our mailing lists. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know via Facebook or email us at lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org. If you prefer not to receive our newsletter, please let us know as well, although we will miss you!

Dog Heatstroke Survival Guide

Take Immediate Action:

- Get into the shade
- Apply cool water to the inner thighs, stomach and foot pads
- Use running water
- Never submerge your dog in water, this could cool the dog too rapidly, leading to further complications
- Use cool – not cold water, cold water cause the blood vessels to constrict, which slows the cooling process
- Don't cover the dog
- Keep the dog slowly moving
- Offer small amounts of cool water to drink
- GET TO YOUR VET



Special Spotlights



Look at this beauty! This is Emma, a Corgi Shepherd cross. Not to make this sound like a beauty pageant or anything, but Emma weighs about 33lbs, is 2-3yrs old, smart, calm, and just wants world peace! She loves to take walks, has the stamina for hikes, and is also content to be a couch potato with her people. Emma needs a fence at least 6' to keep her contained or someone to supervise her when she's outside as she does have springs on her little legs. She does well with other dogs, kids, and is ok with cats. Not only does Emma know how to ring a bell when she needs to go outside, she's taught her foster's deaf puppy to do the same! She is shy when meeting new people, so she needs someone who will be patient with her transition to a new home. She's been betrayed before so she's more careful with her affections now but once she adjusts and begins to trust, you couldn't find a sweeter, more loyal gal. To make Emma a part of your home, start with an application found at www.lapdogrescue.org. You can even fill it out and submit it online!

Just look at this little girl, waiting to find her forever home soon! Roxy is a blonde and cream Pekinese mix who came to LDRNM with a badly broken leg. Her leg was repaired and she's hoping for a home of her own now that she is off of medical leave and good as new. She is about 1 1/2 years old and weighs around 12 pounds. Roxy is girl who likes to stay busy, walks well on a leash, uses a doggy door, does well in a crate and gets along well with other dogs, cats and even birds. Roxy loves stuffed animals and chew toys and sits quietly for her treats. She is a little hesitant when she first meets new people but very loving once she gets to know you. Roxy would probably do best in a home with another dog, and where she has a lot of opportunity to interact with her human. To make Roxy a part of your home, start with an application found at www.lapdogrescue.org. You can fill it out and submit it online!



Meet the Ifversens!

Jennifer, Jody, Morgan and Zackary are a "foster family" for LDRNM. This busy family has fostered over 100 dogs for LDRNM over the last 8 years. How did they get started fostering? A close family friend who passed away from cancer was a foster for cats. As Jen is allergic to cats, they thought they'd foster dogs to honor their friend's memory. Morgan (19) and Zack (14) are instrumental in the fostering process. Says Jen, "they help pick up the pieces of the life that others didn't respect." Why do they foster? Zack says "we want to save dogs." It's that simple. The Ifversens say the best thing about fostering are puppy kisses, seeing how a newly rescued dog reacts to their first experience on grass (they dance on it!) and seeing a dog begin to play with squeaky toys and begin to trust humans again. Why do they like to foster for LDRNM? "Because we have input in the decision making process about to whom the dog is adopted to ensure the best match for the dog and the adopting family." Thanks so much to the Ifversens for being such an amazing foster family! We appreciate all you do! If you would like to consider becoming a foster, start with an application found at www.lapdogrescue.org. You can fill it out and submit it online.

