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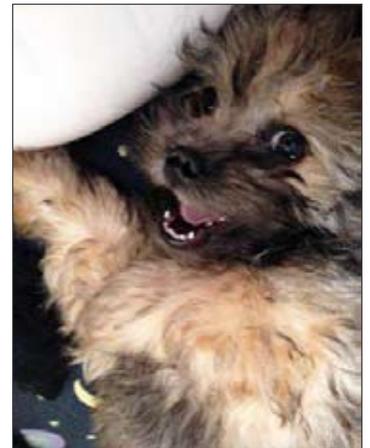
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## It's Fall and Time for Corporate Giving Programs

This is the time of year when many companies work with United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign to support their employees in designating donations to non-profit organizations like Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico. Many of these companies and government organizations allow payroll deductions for their employee gifts and some will even offer a matching donation program. A BIG THANKS to all of our donors including our current United Way supporters. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico is eligible to receive your designated donation. Please keep Lap Dog Rescue of NM in mind when you are designating your gifts this year.



Attention Sandians! Sandia's ECP kickoff is Monday, October 7th and LDRNM will be there! We hope you'll stop by and say hello.

If you work for a company and would like a representative to talk with your employees about Lap Dog Rescue, please let us know. We'd be delighted for the opportunity!

## Adoption Count

We are thrilled to say we've accomplished **196** successful adoptions so far in 2013! We again would like to take a moment to thank our donors, fosters, rescue partners, fosters, adopters, volunteers, business partners, and everyone who helps us to spread the word about Lap Dog Rescue and our mission. We couldn't do this without all of your help. GO TEAM LAP DOG!!!!

Please help. Give now.

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

**September 7th, 11 – 3 pm** PUPPIES! Adoption Clinic at Three Dog Bakery at 9821 Montgomery Blvd NE, Suite B, Albuquerque NM 87111



**September 28th, 11 – 3 pm** Adoption Clinic at One Stop Pet Depot at 7401 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110



**October 19th, 1 – 3 pm** Pet Portraits at Mariposa Gallery at 3500 Central. For a donation of \$15, bring your dog or a photo of your dog to be painted by one of three artists: Isaac Alarid Pease, Jean Sloane, or Eric McCollon. Also, for a \$10 raffle ticket, enter to win a gorgeous glass vessel by Tom Philabaum valued at \$450. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased as early as September 1st at Mariposa Gallery. This is a great event where all proceeds go to Lap Dog Rescue!



**MARIPOSA GALLERY**  
3500 Central Avenue, SE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106  
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**November 23rd, 11 – 3pm** Adoption Clinic at Three Dog Bakery at 9821 Montgomery Blvd NE, Suite B, Albuquerque, NM 87111



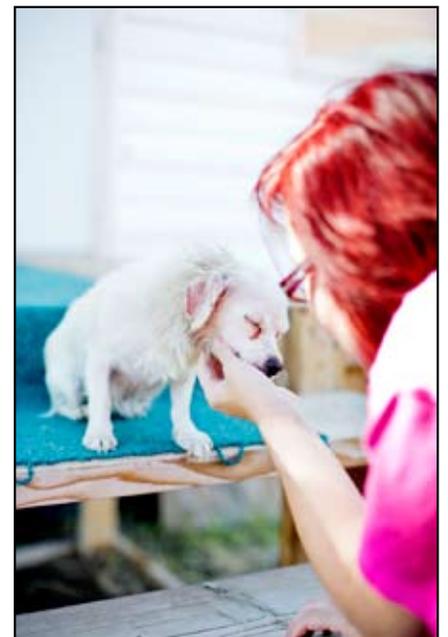
*Please note the First Annual ABQ Pet Expo previously scheduled for September 14 has been cancelled by event coordinators.*

## The Difference Between LDR and Shelters

We frequently get calls from people asking us to take stray dogs that they've found. Although we appreciate them taking the time to rescue the dog and thinking of us to help, we are NOT a shelter and thus we cannot take these dogs. Should you or someone you know find a stray, take these steps:

- 1** If you decide to care for the dog in the interim, try to find the owner by first taking the dog to a local vet so that he/she may be scanned for a microchip;
- 2** Contact Animal Humane and Animal Control and let them know you have the dog. They will lead you through the process;
- 3** Run an ad in the local newspaper about the found dog – many newspapers have a free lost and found classified section (leaving critical information out like special identifying marks so that the true owner might be identified);
- 4** Leave signage in the neighborhood in which the dog was found;
- 5** If you use social media, you might post the dog there as “found.”

If within 10 days, the dog's owner has not reclaimed their pet, LDR can consider taking him/her if appropriate. If you are not able to care for the dog in the interim, then contact your local Animal Humane or shelter.



## Thank You to Our Partners in Rescue

Petco on Lomas for hosting our June 23rd adoption clinic!



Petland for hosting our July 27th adoption clinic!



The Town of Edgewood for hosting the 3rd Annual Woofstock and Pet Expo and letting us participate in this great event to raise money for the Edgewood, NM Animal Shelter Fund.



## Facebook and Website

Our fan base on Facebook continues to grow significantly. As we reported in our Spring Newsletter, we had more than 1700 Facebook fans. We expect to have over 2300 fans as of the printing of this newsletter. Our goal is to have 2500 fans by year-end. Why is this important? More fans, mean more people spreading the mission of LDR, more potential donors, more potential fosters and most important, more adoptions, thus more lives saved! How can you help? Please encourage your Facebook friends to like LDR's Facebook page. Thank you!

You'll also note that we've added an app called FundRazr, to help us raise money for special dogs in need, like little Denali, who desperately needed a special heart surgery due to a serious illness known as PDA, or Patent Ductus Arteriosus. Through FundRazr, we were able to raise over \$1000 to help pay for his successful surgery. Thanks to all who so generously donated. He'll make someone a great little lapdog!



The new website is up and running and absolutely FABULOUS! Thanks to Marie Steele for designing, creating and working the little bugs out! If you haven't seen it check it out at [www.lapdogrescue.org](http://www.lapdogrescue.org). We are currently working to add an e-commerce component to the site so that t-shirts and other potential retail items may be conveniently purchased online.

## How to Truly Show Love to Your Newly Rescued Pet

*by Joy Ahiers certified dog counselor and trainer*

Adopting a rescued pet is such a special event not only for the new owners, but for the pet. It is really important to start out on the right path for a successful relationship. The first three months is very important. Why? You are in the honeymoon period, where the pet is testing boundaries, and trying to understand what his or her role is in the family pack. During this time it is critical to begin a positive training program that consists of, boundaries, rules, and a clear reward system. Giving too much attention, treats, rewards, and affection for free can actually be detrimental to your new pet; they need structure, clear boundaries, and earned rewards so that they are not guessing what their job is. When our pets don't know what is expected of them, and do not have structure this can increase separation anxiety,

general anxiety, aggression, and many other unwanted issues. Teach your dog to sit for affection, treats, walks, coming in and out of the house, for his or her dinner, and more. The more you give your pet a "job", by earning rewards the happier your pet will be. Whatever you pay attention to, and reinforce is what your dog will continue to do. Make sure you are rewarding the behaviors you want repeated. Having a lifelong positive relationship with your new pet takes work through training, but it is worth it!

*For more insight from Joy Ahiers, contact her at 505-352-4736 or go to her website at [www.joyahiers.com](http://www.joyahiers.com)*

# Dog Safety Alert

There has been a lot of hubbub on the news and on the internet lately about parvo. Here are a few facts from Dr. Vickie J. Averhoff, DVM with Vista Larga Animal Hospital:

Puppies need to be vaccinated starting at about 8 weeks old, every 3 weeks until they are about 16 weeks old. Puppies less than 16 weeks of age should not be allowed to go to dog parks, etc. where they could be exposed to parvo. Generally, adult dogs only need to be vaccinated for parvo every 3 years. As far as the current outbreak, we have not seen any parvo in well vaccinated dogs. Dogs with parvo have very characteristic symptoms. First they stop eating, then they vomit, then they get diarrhea, usually after several days of being sick. If the first symptom is bloody diarrhea, it probably is not parvo. Please keep your puppies safe, and if your pet is showing signs of illness, bring them to the vet!

For more information about this subject, please go to: [www.lapdogrescue.org](http://www.lapdogrescue.org).

## IF YOU SEE A DOG IN A HOT CAR

- 👉 Record information about the vehicle  
(make, model, color, and license plate number)
- 👤 Alert the management of the business
- ☎ Call the police or animal control
- 🕒 Stay with the dog until help arrives

## Heat Stroke

Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you suspect heat stroke in your pet, seek veterinary attention immediately.

**Signs of heat stroke include** (but are not limited to):

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- Body temperatures of 104-110F degrees
  - Excessive panting
  - Dark or bright red tongue and gums
  - Sticky or dry tongue and gums
  - Staggering
  - Stupor
  - Seizures
  - Bloody diarrhea or vomiting
  - Rapid heartbeat

**Note:** Short-nosed breeds such as Bulldogs, Pugs, etc., large heavy-coated breeds, and dogs with heart or respiratory problems are more at risk for heat stroke.

## Cooling Your Pet

- Find some shade. Get your pet out of the heat.
- Use cool water, not ice water, to cool your pet (very cold water will constrict the blood vessels and impede cooling).
- Place cool wet cloths on feet and around head.
- Offer ice cubes for the animal to lick.
- Contact your your veterinarian.