



Lap-Letter

Lap Dog Rescue Update

Springtime is here, and Lap Dog Rescue has already adopted out more than 80 dogs this year!

**Coming Soon -
the Lap Dog Rescue
Art Auction!**

Check out our Facebook page for our online auction featuring original art by Katy Widger.

[www.facebook.com/
LDRNM](http://www.facebook.com/LDRNM)

Our most recent quarterly donation from Amazon Smile was \$709! To select us as your charity of choice, just visit Smile.Amazon.com and select Lap Dog Rescue of NM as your charitable organization.



Libby, available for adoption (at presstime) at www.lapdogrescue.org.

Lap Dog Rescue Foster FAQs

The success of Lap Dog Rescue lies with our amazing dog fosters who open their homes and lives to treat our rescued pups as family pets. This helps ensure dogs are socialized and well-mannered and ready to be adopted! In this issue, we begin answering some of our frequently asked questions about becoming a Lap Dog foster!

How do I become a foster for Lap Dog Rescue?

Applications to become a foster are available at www.lapdogrescue.org. We will interview you - much like we do our adopters - and provide you with training and supplies, as well as access to our online systems for foster dog parents.

(FAQs cont.)

Healthy Dog, Happy Dog

According to vcahospitals.com, obesity is the most common preventable disease in dogs, effecting 25 - 30% of the general canine population. Obesity in dogs can contribute to arthritis, bladder issues, increased incidence of cancer, and shorter expected lifespans for our furry companions.

Here are a few tips to help keep your pup at a healthy weight:

Food & Diet - Feed your dog a food that is low in fat, low in carbohydrates, and high in protein. And using a measuring cup can help make sure your dog is getting the portion for their size. And keep an eye on giving too many treats or human food as treats.

Exercise - Walking is great for dogs and their humans, but there are other options, too! Playing fetch or tug-of-war can also be fun activities to do together!

See Your Vet - There could be underlying issues for a dog who is overweight. Visit your vet annually to get an overall picture of your dog's health.



**Billy, available for adoption
(at press time) at
www.lapdogrescue.org.**

Lap Dog Rescue Foster FAQs (cont.)

What is the time commitment to foster a dog?

Lap Dog Rescue has a constant flow of dogs in need from all over New Mexico and other areas of the country. Fosters not only provide a temporary safe and loving home, but also coordinate and manage transportation to and from vetting and grooming appointments. Fosters are also responsible for screening potential applicants for their forever homes and completing the adoption process with guidance from Lap Dog Rescue Admins and our online Facebook Foster Network. The time commitment varies by dog, but fosters should understand the time involved in caring for and placing our rescued dogs.

How much of my own money should I expect to spend as a foster?

NONE! Lap Dog Rescue covers all veterinarian costs, and provides our fosters with dog food, collars/leashes, and supplies. We also work with groomers who donate their time to pups in need.

I foster because I was so grateful for the fosters that brought my first dogs into my life. After seeing all the foster family did to get my dogs ready for adoption, I always wanted to give back and give other dogs the opportunity my dogs had. It's such a privilege to be part of a dog's journey, even for a little while.

-- Jessica, LDRNM Foster

More FAQs will be posted in our next newsletter. If you have specific questions you would like answered, or an adoption story that you would like to share, please email us at lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org.