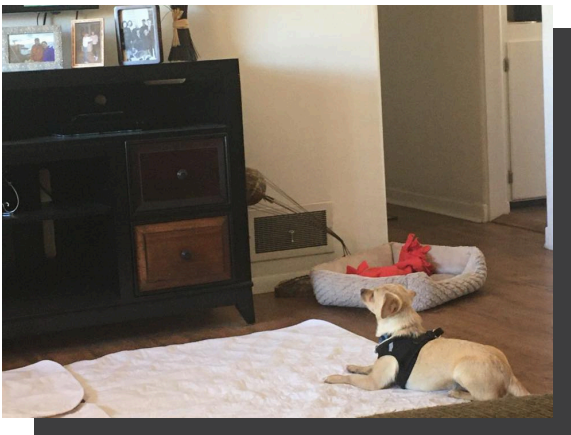




Lap-Letter

The Quirky Side of Rescue: Why We Love Our Unique Pups

If you've ever shared your home with a rescue dog, you already know that they don't just bring love into your life—they bring a whole lot of personality. Here at LapDog Rescue of New Mexico, we celebrate our dogs' unique histories, but we also love celebrating their hilarious, unexplainable, and deeply endearing quirks.



Lap Dog Foster Amy said Midas (pictured left) developed a hyper-fixation on the show *Pitbulls and Parolees*. “He didn’t care about other shows, just that one” added Amy.

And Foster Stephanie said that her Lap Dog had strong feelings for a specific television show theme song. “Tony would howl and get VERY animated whenever the theme song from *Big Bang Theory* came on,” she said.

Other pups focus their eccentricities on everyday

household routines. Lap Dog Rescue Adopter Suzanne said their dog expects a strict household dress code. “Our Lap Dog absolutely hates bare feet!” she said. “While we have an idea of how this developed prior to Indy joining our family, we just try to wear shoes or houseshoes to protect ourselves.”

And Jake, a recent 5-pound Pomeranian being fostered by Debra, would take action when it comes to the hose. Debra said, “(Jake) goes crazy when I get out the hose to water. Barking and trying to bite the water.

Our dogs’ quirks are a beautiful reminder of their resilience, their humor, and the joy they bring into our lives. They might come to us with a little bit of baggage or a few strange habits, but learning to love them exactly as they are is the best part of the rescue journey.

Paws & Pixels: How AI is Helping Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico Save Lives

At Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico, (LDRNM) our mission is deeply rooted in the human touch—the open arms of a foster parent and the joyful tears of an adopter. But behind the scenes, a new volunteer has joined our pack: Artificial Intelligence (AI).

While a computer can never replace a belly rub, smart technology is becoming a powerful tool in modern animal rescue. From helping our busy foster families quickly write personality-filled biographies to creating eye-catching graphics to showcase our adoptable dogs, AI allows our volunteer-run organization to work faster and smarter.

“As a non-profit, our most valuable and limited resource is volunteer time,” said Brian Spence, Board President of LDRNM. “Every minute a volunteer spends staring at a blank screen trying to draft an email is a minute taken away from hands-on animal care. By utilizing AI tools to handle heavy lifting behind the scenes, we are essentially multiplying our workforce.”

Spence added that the AI tools being used by Lap Dog Rescue really help maintain the authentic human connection that the organization is known for. “By handling some of the behind-the-scenes administrative work, our use of AI serves as just another practical tool in our kit - much like email, Facebook, or our foster tracking system - all working together to help more dogs find their forever homes.”



This graphic shared on the Lap Dog Rescue Facebook page was created using AI tools.

Help LDRNM Win *Best of the City & Readers' Choice!*

It is officially voting season in Albuquerque, and we need your pack to help us bring home the gold! A vote for Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico can help us gain the visibility we need to rescue even more small dogs this year.

Head over to the *Albuquerque the Magazine* **Best of the City** ballot and write in Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico for your favorite local charity/rescue category. www.abqthemag.com

Then cast your daily vote on the official *Albuquerque Journal* **Readers' Choice** ballot to help us rank number one. (Note: The Journal's voting closes on June 15th!) www.abqjournal.com

Thank you for standing with us, sharing our mission, and helping us show all of New Mexico how much our community loves our lap dogs!