



Lap-Letter

Paw Care for Your Pups!

The weather is hot, hot, hot, so that means making sure our pups have plenty of fresh water, plenty of shade, and that we watch the temperature of the sidewalks, roads and even artificial grass when we take them out for walks.

When the air temperature is just 85 degrees, asphalt can reach 135 degrees.

Here's a quick test if you think it may be too hot for your dog - hold your hand on the ground for 10 seconds; if it is too hot for your hand, it is too hot for your dog's paws.



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

More Fosters = More Saved Dogs; Foster FAQs Continued

If you follow Lap Dog Rescue, you know that we often talk about the need for fosters for our dogs. The fact is that the more fosters we have, the more dogs we can save. Last issue, we started a Fosters FAQ, and we are continuing the FAQs again this month. If you are interested in learning more about joining us as a foster, please contact us at lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org.

What if the dog I foster doesn't get along with my dog?

Our fosters should have the capacity and home structure to provide a safe environment for all of their pets. Some of our foster pups have special needs or need crate training and work on socializing with other dogs. This is something that our seasoned Lap Dog Rescue volunteers can help with.

(FAQs cont.)

Cool Treats to Help Your Dog Beat the Heat!

Here are a few quick and easy recipes to help you fuzzy friend stay cool this summer:

Chicken Stock & Parsley Ice Cubes

These are a great low-calorie option that can also help keep your pup's breath fresh for these summer days!

What you need:

Low-salt chicken broth or stock
Finely chopped parsley
Ice tray

Fill an ice tray with chicken broth. Sprinkle with chopped parsley, and freeze!



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

Greek Yogurt-Dipped Fruit Pops

These are a sweet treat for pups who like fruit!

What you need:

Plain Greek yogurt
Bite-size fruit (like strawberries or apples)

Dip the fruit in the plain Greek Yogurt. Freeze, and once frozen through, dip again for a second coat. Freeze for an hour (minimum), then give to your dog to enjoy outside!

Lap Dog Rescue Foster FAQs (cont.)

How is a Lap Dog that is being fostered get adopted?

Once the foster dog parent thinks the Lap Dog is ready to be adopted into its forever home, the foster dog parent creates a description and takes a clear photo of the pup. This information is provided to our Lap Dog Rescue Facebook admins, who then post the available dogs on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Applications from potential adopters are submitted electronically, and our fosters should spend time reviewing the applications and selecting and interviewing the applicant(s) they feel most closely matches the needs of the dog. Our goal is to place our rescue dogs in loving, forever homes, and we do this through a rigorous screening and adoption process.

How long should I expect to foster a dog?

This really varies. Our fosters should take the time to understand the temperament and needs of their foster dog, as well as ensure the dog has received veterinarian care, and grooming if needed. Our fosters select who their Lap Dog will be placed with, and sometimes dogs are ready and adopted out within just a couple of weeks, while other may take several months.

I love seeing hopeless turning into hope for the dogs who rely on humans to make that happen.

-- Karen, 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.