



Lap-Letter

Ways to Support LDRNM

Including Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico in your will can leave a lasting impact on our organization. This act reflects a desire to create a positive legacy beyond one's lifetime, and bequests supporting LDRNM will ensure our work continues into the future. LDRNM is committed to recovering, rehabilitating and permanently rehoming New Mexico's small companion dogs who find themselves living in shelters, unsuitable homes or navigating other harsh conditions. For more information on bequests, please contact us at lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org.

Lap Dog Rescue Hosts Training for Fosters

Lap Dog Rescue recently hosted a special CPR and First Aid for Dogs training session for its Fosters. This training provided valuable information and skills learning for the team of volunteers that accept dogs into their homes and prepare them for their forever homes.

"This was a great opportunity for Lap Dog Rescue to provide advanced training for our volunteers and support our most high-risk dogs," Brian Spence, Board President for Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico, said. "A number of the dogs that we take in have significant medical needs, so this

training ensures that our foster volunteers feel more comfortable accepting these dogs into their homes while they are healing."

Spence added that about 25 Lap Dog Rescue foster volunteers participated in the training. The training was facilitated by The Front Line Coalition (thefrontlinecoalition.com).



Lap Dog Rescue fosters practice CPR on stuffed animal dogs.

What to Know About First Aid for Small Dogs



First aid for small dogs is essential knowledge for any pet owner, as it can make a crucial difference in emergency situations. These compact companions are susceptible to various injuries and illnesses, so being prepared to provide immediate care can prevent further harm and save their lives.

Start by ensuring your own safety and calming the dog, as fear can exacerbate their distress. Begin with a quick but gentle assessment, checking for breathing difficulties, bleeding, fractures, or signs of poisoning. Keep a pet first aid kit on hand containing items like gauze, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes, and tweezers.

For wounds, clean the area with mild antiseptic and apply sterile gauze, securing it with a bandage. In cases of bleeding, use gentle pressure and elevate the wound if possible. If a dog chokes or

collapses, perform modified Heimlich maneuvers by placing your hands on their ribcage and giving short, sharp compressions.

Heatstroke is a concern for small dogs due to their size. Move them to a cooler area, offer water, and wet their paws and ears with cool (not cold) water. Seek veterinary help promptly.

If a dog ingests something toxic, immediately call a veterinarian or poison control center. Do not induce vomiting without professional advice.

Transporting an injured dog carefully is crucial. Use a flat surface like a board as a makeshift stretcher to prevent worsening any fractures.

Remember, while these tips offer guidance, professional veterinary care is crucial. Taking a pet first aid course can empower you with practical skills and knowledge to handle emergencies effectively. Being proactive and well-prepared ensures that your small dog receives the timely care they deserve in critical moments.

In Other News...

AmazonSmile is no more but Goodshop is a simple, automatic no-cost way for you to support LDRNM. Go to Goodshop.com and select Lap Dog Rescue of NM as your charitable organization. LDRNM receives a nice percentage of your eligible purchases at dozens of stores!

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Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico recently placed in the TOP 3 for Animal Rescues and Nonprofits in the *Albuquerque Journal*. Thank you to everyone who voted!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster with or making a donation to LDRNM, please visit us at www.lapdogrescue.org.