

## Fostering is loving a dog as your own, to give them a second chance

In 2020, we adopted almost 500 small dogs into loving homes. This year brought a new set of challenges to us, namely, owners surrendering their dogs to us. During the coronavirus lockdowns, a lot of people found themselves with extra time at home — leading many to welcome a new pet into their family. With lockdown restrictions now lifting, many are surrendering and rehoming their “pandemic pets.” Not a week goes by that we aren’t asked to take dogs that are no longer wanted or can no longer be cared for in their homes. It is, frankly, overwhelming.

The challenge is to do what we can to help these animals who need new homes. To meet this challenge, we need more dedicated fosters who are willing to take a dog (or two!) and care for that dog throughout the adoption process. If you would like to be a Lap Dog Rescue foster, please go to our website, <http://www.LapDogRescue.org>, and click on the “Fostering” button for more information.

We appreciate our supporters. Our fosters, veterinarians, suppliers, groomers and volunteers work tirelessly to help find safe havens for our little rescued dogs. Our donors enable us to get the care and supplies that we need to make this happen. And, of course, we appreciate our adopters who have given our dogs loving permanent homes.

Would you like to help us rescue and adopt little dogs? Here are a few ways:

- Consider fostering. The more help, the more lap dogs we can save.
- Talk to your friends and family about adopting from LDRNM and share photos and stories of our adoptable dogs on social media.
- Sponsor a fundraiser for us. If you’re a Facebook user, consider having a birthday or special event fundraiser.
- Use Amazon Smile when shopping on Amazon. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose Lap Dog Rescue as your organization to sponsor.
- Donate to us through a recurring or a one-time donation using the Donate button below or on our [website](http://www.LapDogRescue.org). We appreciate your checks too!

Thank you, again, and have a wonderful summer!

*Brian*

Brian Spence, President Lap Dog Rescue of NM

