



# Lap-Letter

## LDR Success: Stella Adopted After 2-Years as a Lap Dog Foster, Thriving Today with Her "Right Person"

Tim Osking and his wife Nicky became unexpected fosters with Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico when someone abandoned a very matted and starving dog in their yard one day six years ago.

Tim and Nicky had previously volunteered for another animal organization, but were on a 'foster break' when the pup was dropped in their yard. "We reached out to Lap Dog's president, Brian Spence, who, without hesitation, agreed to take the dog into his organization," Tim said. He added that he and Nicky agreed to foster the dog until it was adopted out, and ended up being so impressed with Lap Dog Rescue that they decided to continue serving as fosters for the organization.



Tim Osking

While Tim and Nicky haven't kept track of the number of dogs they have fostered, the ultimate reward in fostering, Tim said, is seeing dogs go from sometimes fearful, anxious, timid, sick, and starving animals to socialized, happy dogs that can be adopted out to wonderful homes. He said that one of the most important lessons they have learned as fosters came from Lap Dog Rescue's Intake Coordinator Julie King. "(She) always says there is a person out there for every dog," Tim said. "Many dogs are not socialized when they come into our organization," he added. "It's important to remember that the right person is out there for every dog, it just may take a bit more time for that union to take place."

Stella's ready-to-be-adopted photo, 2018

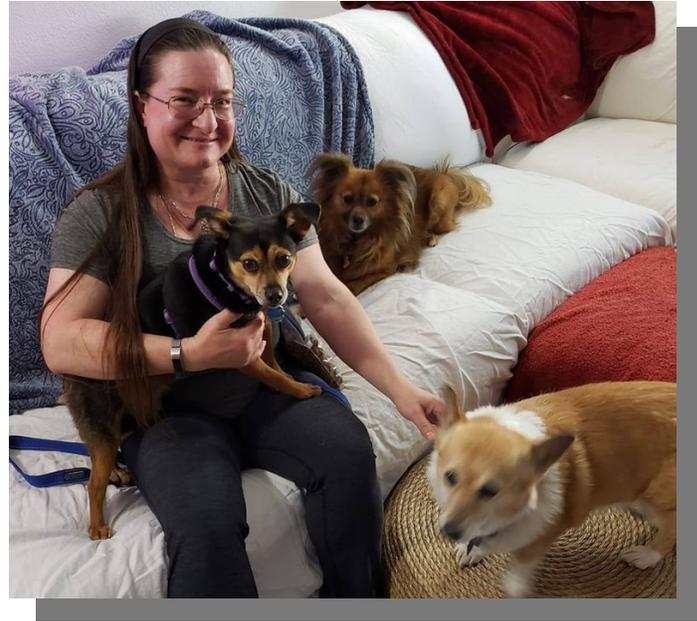
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# LDR Success, cont.

Two of Tim and Nicky's most memorable foster dogs were examples of a lack of socialization. "Stella and her brother, Hogan, were dogs from a hoarding situation in Hagerman, NM. Both were very timid and would not allow people to touch them. When these dogs came into Lap Dog, we fostered Hogan for approximately one year before he got adopted out and somebody else fostered Stella," Tim said. While Hogan was enjoying his new life as an adopted Lap Dog, Stella continued to struggle as she spent time with three different fosters, including about 6-months with Tim and Nicky, as well as time with a trainer. Stella ultimately came back to Tim and Nicky to foster. "After a few months, we were able to put a harness on her and we began walking her with our dogs," Tim said. "After a couple of weeks, she loved walking and looked forward to it."

Then, an amazing thing happened! "There was a young lady who reached out to Lap Dog and wanted to adopt Stella," Tim said. He and Nicky explained to the Stella's potential adopter the struggles that the dog was continuing to deal with and work through, and the adopter still wanted to make her part of her family. "And now, two years later," Tim said, "Stella is still with her (adopter) in a loving home with her brothers and sisters, and they are inseparable." Tim added that Stella is a different dog now – friendly, socialized, and begging to be petted – all because this one loving person was willing to take a chance with her.

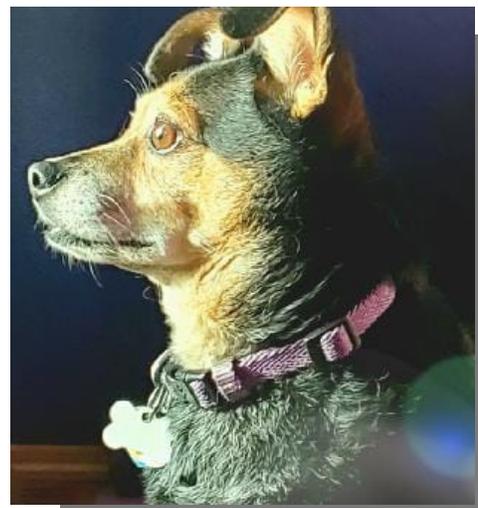
Tim acknowledges that fosters for Lap Dog Rescue do sacrifice some of their time to foster, but the rewards are amazing. "Seeing dogs blossom from sometimes terrible situations to happy,



*Stella (being held) adopted and ready for her new life, 2019*

socialized dogs ready for their forever homes is a remarkable thing," Tim said. He added that it is important to remember that Lap Dog Rescue pays for all of a dog's medical costs as well as its food, so fosters are not using their own money for these items.

Tim said that there are many wonderful people who, "go above and beyond every single day to help the doggies," and added, "I'm privileged to be a member of this group who opens their hearts to these animals."



*Stella two years after her adoption, 2021*

## Designate Lap Dog Rescue on Amazon Smile

A simple and automatic way to support LDR this holiday season is to designate Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico as your charity of choice with Amazon! Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases direct to Lap Dog Rescue!

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3. Select Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico to support.

Then, just shop as you normally would on the site, at no extra cost to you, with no need to make a separate account! LDR receives donations from Amazon quarterly, and thanks to those of you who have already designated us, this year we have already received more than \$1,000 from AmazonSmile purchases!

For more information, please email us at [lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org](mailto:lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org).

## Holiday Safety Tips for Our Doggos



As we gather with family and friends again this holiday season, it's important to remember to keep an extra eye out for our pups! Here are a few easy tips to help make the holidays a safe and stress-free time for our pets:

- If you do have visitors during the holidays, make sure your guests know ahead of time that you have pets, and provide your pets with an indoor quiet space or crate away from the festivities.
- Make sure your trash is tightly sealed or hidden away from your pets to prevent them from accidentally eating foods (or bones) that could be harmful to them.
- Decorations and seasonal plants can be very harmful if chewed on or nibbled. Please keep out of reach of your pets.

# Lap Dog Rescue 2021 Giving Guide

Thank you to all of our donor and supporters who have given this year! 2021 has been a year like no other for dog rescue organizations, and we at Lap Dog Rescue could not have saved the dogs we have without your help. There is more to be done though as we look towards 2022.

**\$1,000** - Ensures 10 dogs receive their pre-adoption veterinary check-ups, tests, and shots.

**\$750** - Ensures six dogs are spayed or neutered, and microchipped.

**\$500** - Provides food for 10 foster dogs for two months.

**\$100** - Provides three dogs with grooming, including bathing, tangle/knot trimming, and flea/tick dips.

**\$50** - Provides flea/tick preventative for six dogs for one month.

**\$25** - Provides a new collar/harness and ID tag for each of our pups (which goes with them to their new homes!

For more information about how you can help, or to donate, please visit us at [www.lapdogrescue.org](http://www.lapdogrescue.org).



## Lap Dog Giving Tree Now Available

Each year, Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico relies on donations of food and supplies from a variety of partners throughout the state. During this holiday season, we are excited to partner with Simply Diego's in Albuquerque as they host the Lap Dog Giving Tree featuring ornaments of LDR's adorable adoptable dogs!

It's easy to donate with the Giving Tree. Simply select a pre-priced package of much needed items from Simply Diego's. The packages are available for \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100, and will go directly to Lap Dog Rescue to support and care for our pups throughout the year.

You can visit Simply Diego's at 3301 Menaul NE, Suite 10 (near Menaul and Carlisle) in Albuquerque, or online at [www.simplydiegos.com](http://www.simplydiegos.com).

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