



# Lap-Letter

## Lap Dog Rescue Opens First Location, Plans for Spay & Neuter Clinic in 2024

Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico (LDRNM) is pleased to announce its first permanent location to provide a 'home base' for organization activities. The space is located in the Express Vet building at 3924 Carlisle Blvd NE in Albuquerque.

LDRNM Board President Brian Spence said, "Dr. Pfiefer and Express Vet have been a great community collaborator for Lap Dog Rescue for several years, and we are excited to see this collaboration grow." Spence added that Express Vet provides spay/neuter services, as well as has a groomer on staff, so it is a win-win-win for LDRNM.

LDRNM plans to host adoption events at its new location, with additional plans in the



*Lap Dog Rescue's new space allows the organization to have a 'home base' to store supplies for volunteer fosters.*

works in 2024. "Our group of fosters and volunteers do amazing work in saving more than 300 dogs each year," Spence said, "but the core of the pet population issue is ensuring all dogs in our communities are spayed and neutered." LDRNM is currently seeking grant funding to support community spay/neuter clinics which Express Vet and Dr. Pfiefer will perform.

Spence added that, "there are TONS of possibilities for us to do things now that we have a place of our own." Follow LDRNM at [www.facebook.com/LDRNM](https://www.facebook.com/LDRNM) for the latest news!

# Lap Dog Rescue 2023 Giving Guide

Thank you to all of our donors and supporters who have given this year! 2023 continued to be a challenging year for dog rescue organizations, and more dogs than ever have needed our help. As we look towards 2024, please consider how your financial contribution can support Lap Dog Rescue and help us do more. For more information about how you can help, or to donate, please visit us at [www.lapdogrescue.org](http://www.lapdogrescue.org).

**\$1,500** - Ensures 12 dogs are spayed or neutered, and microchipped.

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

**\$750** - Provides food for 15 foster dogs for two months.

**\$500** - Provides 15 dogs with grooming, including bathing, tangle/knot trimming, and flea/tick dips.

**\$250** - Provides flea/tick preventative for 30 dogs for one month.

**\$100** - Provides a new collar/harness and ID tag for four of our pups (which goes with them to their new homes!)



*Because of generous donations, Lap Dog Rescue was recently able to purchase a Pet Tag system so each of our adopted dogs goes to their new homes with an ID tag!*

## More Ways to Give to LDRNM



Organizing a third-party fundraising event for Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico is a powerful way to support our mission of rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing small companion dogs. Whether you're planning a physical event or leveraging the reach of social media, here are some key steps to ensure a successful fundraising initiative.

For physical events, consider hosting activities like charity runs, bake sales, or community gatherings. You may need to think about securing a venue, your registration process, or permitting. Collaborating with local businesses for sponsorships or in-kind donations to minimize costs and maximize funds raised is also a great opportunity.

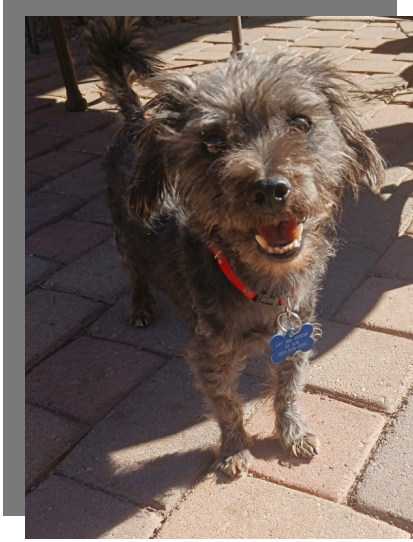
Social media has also become a powerful tool for fundraising. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and X/Twitter offer features specifically designed for online fundraising campaigns. Set up a dedicated fundraising page, share your personal story for supporting LDRNM, and encourage your network to donate and share the campaign.

Ultimately, a successful third-party fundraising event involves effective planning, collaboration, and leveraging the digital landscape to maximize impact and support for our organization. If you would like guidance on planning your own third-party fundraiser for Lap Dog Rescue of New Mexico, please email us at [lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org](mailto:lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org).



# Lap Dogs on Parade!

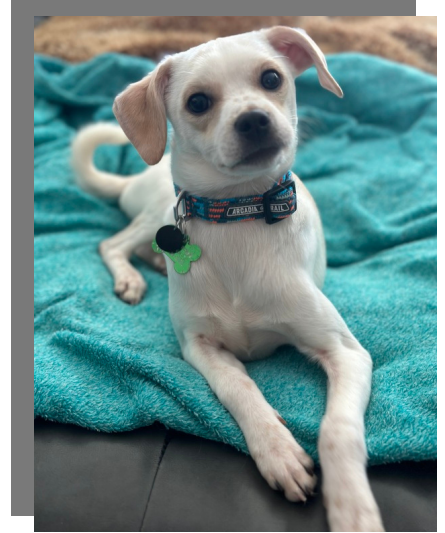
Here are a few of our current adoptable dogs (at press time) showing off their new Pet Tags!



**Richie, a five-year-old Yorkshire Terrier mix.**



**Bailey, a four-year-old Chihuahua.**



**Sneaker, a one-year-old Chihuahua mix.**

## Lap Dog Rescue Awards and Accolades

Lap Dog Rescue is pleased to be recognized for the outstanding work of our volunteers and adopters!

We have once again been named a 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits! Great Nonprofits awards its Top-Rated Nonprofits designation to those organizations who are endorsed by clients, volunteers, and their community.



Thank you for your continued support of our organization and mission!

## *LDRNM Foster Corner*

**How does 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 admins, who then post the available dogs on Facebook and on our website under Adoptables on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Applications from potential adopters are submitted electronically, and our fosters 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.

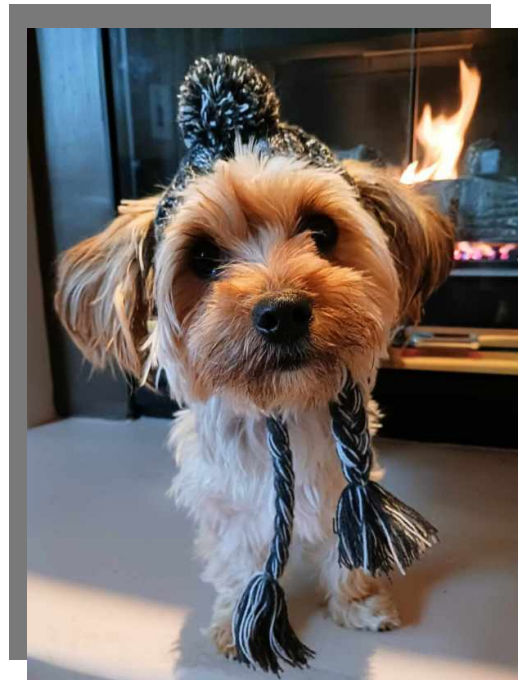
For more information about becoming a foster, please email us at [lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org](mailto:lapdogrescue@lapdogrescue.org)

# New Year Resolutions for Your Lap Dog!

Embarking on the new year with your lap dog can set the tone for a year filled with joy, health, and companionship! And even Lap Dogs sometimes need New Year Resolutions!

Start the year off right by scheduling a wellness checkup with your veterinarian to ensure your furry friend starts 2024 in optimal health. Regular vet visits are essential for preventive care and early detection of any potential issues.

As the new year unfolds, consider reassessing your dog's diet and exercise routine. Evaluate their nutritional needs based on factors like age, size, and activity level, adjusting their diet accordingly. Commit to daily walks and interactive play sessions to keep your small dog physically active and mentally stimulated. This not only supports their overall well-being but also strengthens the bond between you and your canine companion. Incorporate mental enrichment into your dog's routine with puzzle toys, new tricks, or obedience training. Mental stimulation is just as crucial as physical exercise for a happy and balanced pup.



**Honey, a nine-month-old Yorkshire Terrier, available for adoption with Tootsie.**

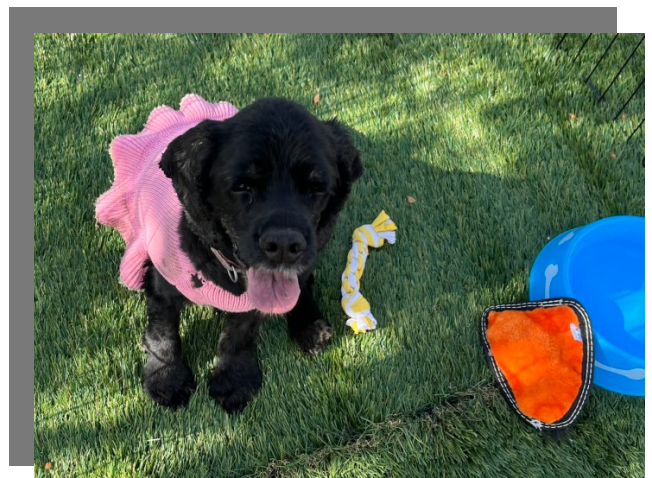


**Snoop, a one-year-old Australian Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler mix.**

Creating a positive and structured environment contributes to your small dog's happiness and behavior. Ultimately, starting the new year right with your small dog involves a combination of health-conscious choices, mental stimulation, and shared activities that strengthen the unique bond between you and your four-legged friend.

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Establish a consistent grooming routine, including regular brushing, nail trimming, and dental care, to keep your small dog looking and feeling their best throughout the year.



**Sarah, a 13-year-old Cocker Spaniel.**

*All dogs included in this issue are available at press time. Please visit [www.lapdogrescue.org](http://www.lapdogrescue.org) to view the currently available adoptable dogs.*