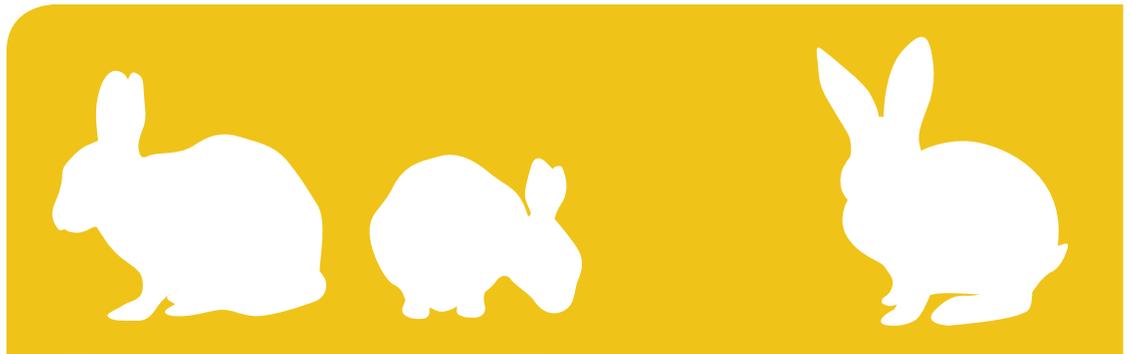




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To further the compassionate, safe, and
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PETSPECTIVE

A BETTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS PETS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR FEARFUL ANIMALS

Shelters can be a stressful environment for animals. New noises, new smells, and the “not knowing” can cause behavior issues presented by shy or fearful animals to worsen. When it came to the design of our new shelter, we put the needs of the animals in our care first. Our new shelter has allowed us to strengthen our commitment to healthier, happier pets. We are proud to see the environmental enrichment features of our new shelter truly benefiting the animals in our care. Here are two stories of how the design of our new shelter made a difference for homeless animals in need.



Puka, a fearful eight-year-old cat, was surrendered to us a month before we moved into our new shelter.

Our dedicated Behavior & Enrichment team had always provided extra enrichment and socialization for cats in our care at our shelter on Kyle Avenue, but often the kennels at our old shelter were the most stressful environment for cats. During her time with us at Kyle Avenue, Puka was very fearful and unsocial. She would hide in the back of her kennel or in paper bags and avoid interactions with humans. We enrolled Puka in our Pets Needing Patience program, where she received individualized care, extra socialization, and special pheromone spray to help her feel calm and relaxed. Despite our best efforts, Puka’s fearful behavior worsened.

After we moved Puka to our new shelter, we made sure to place her in a spacious cat colony where she would have all the space she needed to express herself. Her new living space had fresh air and lots of natural light. She even had access to her own “catio” where she could enjoy the great outdoors safely. Her new environment had fewer scary smells and noises. After a few days of adjusting, Puka began to explore her surroundings and even began vocalizing with staff and volunteers. Each day her confidence grew and she eventually began seeking socialization with humans. Even though Puka was still shy and fearful at times, she found comfort in her new calm, quiet environment and had the confidence she needed to show potential adopters how loving and sweet she really was. After a month at our new shelter, Puka found her forever home.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

Photo by Heidi Muller



It is our vision to be valued as an essential component to the high quality of life for animals and people in Northern Colorado. Our new shelter is helping us turn this vision into a reality by improving the quality of life of animals while they are in our care, as well as improving our ability to provide community members with resources and information to responsibly care for their pets.

The space and efficiency of our new shelter is allowing us to implement best practices to provide extended medical care and behavior modification with more challenging animal populations to help them become adoptable. We are now able to reduce stress and better care for the individual needs of the animals that come through our doors. With multiple housing options and new environmental enrichment features, we are able to cater to the special behavioral needs of fearful or overstimulated animals to improve their overall quality of life and help them find their forever homes. Our new veterinary clinic is better designed for providing specialized care and reducing disease transmission thanks to our new isolation units, dental suites, and on-site radiology services.

We are also committed to improving our processes to better meet the needs of the animals in our care. Our new medical intake process ensures each animal is examined within 24 hours of intake. This means we are able to provide individualized medical care to animals more quickly. This process provides us with information needed to adjust an animal's environment or veterinary care to improve their quality of life.

Our commitment to the high-quality of life for both people and animals doesn't stop with the animals in our care. We are committed to providing the resources and knowledge people need to make Northern Colorado a great place for pets and the people who love them.

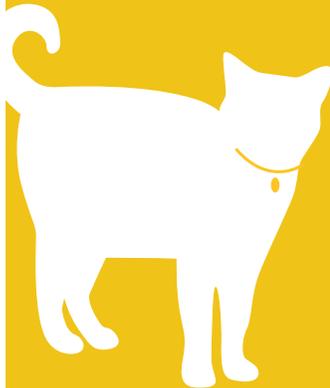
Our new on-site community room will allow us to expand our Humane Education offerings with programs and classes to promote safety, compassion and responsible pet ownership. Additionally, those in need of services other than adoption can receive them more quickly thanks to our new intake lobby with extended hours.

Outside of our shelter we believe in harnessing the power of community through collaboration with other animal shelters for adoption events, spay/neuter promotions, transfer partnerships and active leadership roles in the animal welfare industry.

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith A. Calhoun'.

Judith A. Calhoun, CFRE, CAWA
Executive Director



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Adoption Lobby: Mon-Fri 11am-7pm
Sat/Sun 10am-5pm

MISSION To further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people.

VISION Larimer Humane Society is valued as an essential component to the high quality of life for animals and people in northern Colorado.

ABOUT LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY

Larimer Humane Society is an independent nonprofit agency. We are not a division of any county or city and are not funded by any national animal-welfare organizations. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation and we are governed by a volunteer board of directors. We turn no animals away.

DIY ENRICHMENT IDEAS FOR YOUR PET

Dogs are scavengers by nature. A great form of enrichment for dogs is to play into their natural instincts through hide-and-seek games or rip and shred activities. Here are a few DIY enrichment activities for your dog:

- Play hide and seek with treats throughout your house. Start slowly by placing a treat in plain sight and work your way up to harder hiding places.
- Put treats in a standard paper bag and let your dog have a blast shredding the bag to get the treats.

Cats are natural predators. Help your cat fulfill their natural instinct to hunt through hunt, chase, and kill activities. Here are a few DIY enrichment activities for your cat:

- Use quick moving, automated toys that provide your cat with visual stimulation and help them practice their hunting skills.
- Give your cat mealworms as a treat, this will make them feel like a real-life predator.



FROM OUR BEHAVIOR & ENRICHMENT TEAM

TIPS FOR TRAINING YOUR PET

Training is a great way to bond with your pet by building a lasting relationship while providing them with some much-needed mental stimulation. Whether you have a cat or a dog here are a few tips to make sure your training efforts are successful.

- Use positive reinforcement. Your pet is much more likely to respond to positive reinforcement when they do something right rather than punishment when they do something wrong. Using physical punishment or negative reinforcement tactics can actually damage your relationship with your pet.
- Training is for humans too. Next time your pet exhibits an undesirable behavior, ask yourself how did the human element fail and what can you do next to help ensure your pet doesn't do this bad behavior again? If your dog poops on the carpet, ask yourself "did they get enough potty breaks?" If your dog chews on the couch, ask yourself "did they get enough exercise or enrichment that day?"
- Find what motivates your pet. The best way to get your pet engaged in training is to find what makes them excited to learn. Some animals are motivated by food, others are motivated by toys or playtime. Try a few different reward systems until you find the one your pet is most responsive to.
- Break training up. It's important for training sessions to be structured and controlled by you. Break training into 5-10 minute sessions for dogs and even shorter for cats to keep their attention during the session.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER AN OFF-LEASH DOG?



Leash laws are in place to keep both animals and people safe, but do you know what to do when leashes fail and you find yourself in a confrontation with an off-leash dog?

Here are a few tips to keep yourself and your dog safe should you encounter an aggressive off-leash dog.

- Stay calm. If you and your dog behave calmly it will help the approaching dog remain calm.
- Keep your dog's attention on you. Use treats or verbal commands to capture your dog's attention.
- Try to move away slowly or put barriers between you and the approaching dog, such as a car, fence or building. If you are unable to get away, do not run.
- Take control. Make sure to keep ahold of your dog's leash and try to use verbal commands to get the approaching dog's attention. Use basic commands to get the dog to listen to you or throw treats to distract the dog.
- Carry physical or sensory deterrents. In case of an attack use physical items to create a barrier such as an umbrella or blow a whistle to distract the dog. As a last resort spray the attacking dog with citronella spray.
- Should a fight between dogs occur, never put yourself or any part of your body in the middle of the fight to separate them.

If you see a dog at large in a non-designated off-leash area call Animal Protection & Control at 970.226.3647 ext. 7.

Learn more about leash laws and other animal ordinances that keep our pets and community safe at larimerhumane.org/animal-control

REQUEST A TOUR OR PRESENTATION

HUMANE EDUCATION



As a part of our mission to further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people, we are proud to offer Humane Education programs for adults, teens, and kids. Our Humane Education programs offer hands-on learning for all ages on topics such as bite prevention, careers in animal welfare, responsible treatment and care of animals and general information on Larimer Humane Society and how your students, group or organization can help make Northern Colorado a great place for pets.

Request a tour or Humane Education presentation at larimerhumane.org/education



Does your child love animals? Make sure to sign them up for our summer Critter Camp where they will get hands-on experience and learn about the responsible care and treatment of animals. Registration opens on Wednesday, April 4th.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS MEMBERS!

We are offering early registration to our closest friends. If you're a Circle of Champions member we invite you to register early! Email education@larimerhumane.org on or before Monday, April 2nd and grab a Critter Camp spot for the kiddo in your life who loves animals!

HAPPY TAIL

3,000 MILES FOR A SECOND CHANCE

Ogulala was one of twelve dogs displaced by hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico who came to Larimer Humane Society to find a second chance at love.

In late October, the Humane Society of the United States in partnership with Dumb Friends League in Denver coordinated the transfer of more than 100 dogs, puppies and cats from Puerto Rico to Colorado. Ogulala was one of these lucky dogs to be flown more than 3,000 miles to Colorado for a second chance.

Even the long, tiring journey from Puerto Rico to Larimer Humane Society couldn't dampen Ogulala's spirits. This happy, four-year-old Basset Hound/Beagle mix was excited to meet new

friends and greeted staff and volunteers with wiggles and puppy smiles. Ogulala was in great health and was even spayed! She received a bath, vaccinations, a dental cleaning, routine medical exams (which she passed with flying colors) and was ready to find her new forever home.

Shortly after being made available for adoption, Stephen, Ogulala's new dad heard about the dogs rescued from Puerto Rico being available for adoption at Larimer Humane Society and knew Ogulala was the dog for him. He has a soft spot for her breed and knew he could provide her with the loving forever home she traveled so far to find.



FIRE HYDRANT 5K & PAWS ON THE PROMENADE

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15TH!



The biggest canine party of the year is back! The 28th annual Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade is on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Promenade Shops at Centerra.

Walk or run to help homeless pets in need!
Registration opens on Thursday, March 15th.
Learn more at larimerhumane.org



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
HOMELESS ANIMALS**

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



Every day, more than 15 homeless, unwanted, abandoned, abused and neglected animals come through our doors looking for love. You can be the one to give it to them!

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. We rely on a group of more than 600 volunteers to provide second chances to the nearly 6,000 animals that come through our doors each year. Volunteers touch every aspect of our organization and we simply couldn't do it without them and we could use your help!

Become a volunteer and help provide love to thousands of animals in need!

Learn more at larimerhumane.org/volunteer



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JACOB SODERGRÉN

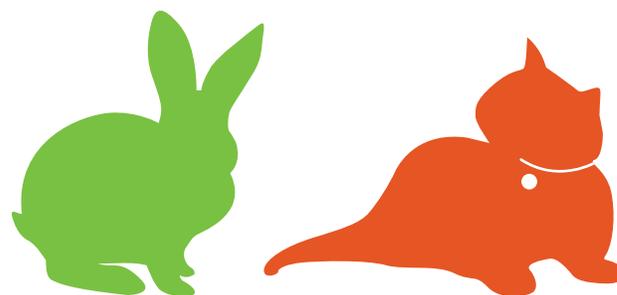
Meet Jacob! He is a 4-Star volunteer for our Behavior & Enrichment department. As a 4-Star volunteer, Jacob is a trusted, highly-trained volunteer who has taken a leadership role in our Behavior & Enrichment program to help us increase our impact.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers like Jacob, we are able to make what would be a stressful time in an animal's life as peaceful as possible, while helping them become the best versions of themselves through training and enrichment. Jacob provides daily enrichment to animals at the shelter as well as basic training and has taken his commitment to Larimer Humane Society a step further by becoming a 4-Star volunteer who is able to train other volunteers to increase our impact. He has been volunteering with Larimer Humane Society for a year-and-a-half and is proud to be a part of an animal's journey to find their forever home. He says volunteering in our Behavior & Enrichment team is more rewarding than anything else because he knows that the few hours he spends each week has a positive impact on both animals and people.

Jacob is a valuable part of Larimer Humane Society; he is helping to provide animals in our care with the freedom to express normal behavior by providing time and space for play, socialization with humans and other animals, training and mental stimulation. When Jacob isn't busy making a difference in the lives of animals in need he is the proud human to a tiny, amazing, Papillion mix named Franklin.



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**SPRING INTO
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**SATURDAY,
MAY 15TH**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our website for more events and adoption promotions at larimerhumane.org/events

February

02/19: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society

March

03/08: Fire Hydrant 5K registration opens

03/15: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society

April

04/04: Critter Camp registration opens

04/08-04/14: Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

04/15-04/21: Volunteer Appreciation Week

04/21: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society

May

05/12: Spring into Adoption Event

05/15: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society

COMMUNITY SHARES OF COLORADO



CommunityShares

Colorado's Community Giving Fund

Larimer Humane Society has been accepted by Colorado Shares to be a partner in workplace giving. Workplace giving campaigns provide an opportunity for employees and company leadership to work together on an annual drive to inspire charitable community investment. Giving campaigns are fun and team building, uniting the company's employees around a common goal. Inviting employees to give through paycheck contributions is a benefit that increases a company's positive impact on the community while respecting individual employees' desire to express themselves by choosing their favorite charitable recipients. If you are interested in learning more about Community Shares, please contact Lauren Dewey at ldewey@larimerhumane.org.

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Scooter, a five-year-old Dachshund mix, came to us as a stray the week we opened our new shelter. At first, he was housed in a basic double-sided kennel, similar to the kennels in our shelter on Kyle Avenue. Scooter was fearful and would hide under his bed or on the far side of his kennel with his tail tucked between his legs. During his five-day stray hold, where we tried to reunite him with his owners, his behavior worsened. He began barking and growling out of fear.

Thanks to our new shelter we have multiple housing options for dogs in order to meet their individual needs. After seeing that Scooter's fearful behavior was worsening, our Behavior & Enrichment team decided to move him to a spacious dog condo connected to one of our indoor/outdoor pavilions. This new environment provided with him fresh air and sunlight to help Scooter maintain his natural sleep cycle. He also had more space which provided him with choices such as if he wanted to be on the inside of his condo or outside, to lie down on his bed or seek attention at the front of his kennel, which is important for an animal's overall wellbeing. With a little patience from staff and volunteers and help from treats, Scooter began to come around. After spending some time in his new environment, Scooter began welcoming human interaction and eagerly waiting at the front of his kennel instead of hiding under his bed. Like Puka, Scooter was finally presenting himself as the friendly, playful dog he is. Within a few short weeks, Scooter also found his loving forever home.

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