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



PET PERSPECTIVE

A LOOK INSIDE OUR LIFESAVING TRANSFER PROGRAM

DISTANCE DOESN'T DEFINE A SECOND CHANCE

We are lucky to live and work in an amazing community that makes the safe, compassionate and responsible relationship between animals and people a priority. Thanks to the collaboration and dedicated work of animal welfare organizations across the state over the years, pet overpopulation has been reduced due to spaying and neutering, adoptions are on the rise, more lost and stray animals are returned to their families, and Colorado as a whole is a great place for pets and the people who love them.

Because of these amazing strides in animal welfare in Colorado, we are able to look beyond the borders of our county and state in order to help communities in need. Communities in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, among others, are still struggling with pet overpopulation and are

running out of time and space to help animals in need. Thanks to our compassionate community and the space and resources available to us through our new shelter, Larimer Humane Society is able to help provide second chances to hundreds of animals in need each year through our transfer program.

Our transfer program provides animals with the best opportunity for a second chance. This means we transfer animals into our shelter from communities where adoption numbers are low, their quality of life is reduced and the likelihood of euthanasia is increased due to lack of time, space and resources. We are also able to transfer animals from large-scale cases or those with special needs out of our shelter to partners with the appropriate resources to better serve those animals.

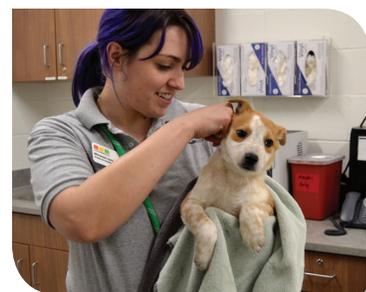
MORE THAN
430
ANIMALS

*During our fiscal year 2017
(July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)
more than 430 animals were
transferred into Larimer
Humane Society to give them
a second chance at love.*



*During our fiscal year 2017
(July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)
more than 200 animals were
transferred out of Larimer
Humane Society to free up
space and resources for
other animals in need.*

MORE THAN
200
ANIMALS



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TRANSFER PARTNERSHIPS SAVE LIVES

Photo by Heidi Muller



Our lifesaving transfer program wouldn't be possible without the support of our transfer partners, both within Colorado and throughout the country. Thanks to the space and resources provided to us by our new shelter we are strengthening our partnerships with organizations in communities struggling with pet overpopulation and adoption placement.

Just 30 years ago the animal welfare landscape in Colorado wasn't where it is today, but together we've made progress towards reducing pet overpopulation and are now able to help communities that are currently addressing issues we faced in Colorado a few short decades ago.

When it comes to choosing transfer partners we look for partners that are aligned with our mission, vision and values to ensure Northern Colorado remains a great place for pets. Transfer partnerships require a high-level of trust and shared values to ensure a successful and effective partnership that benefits both communities involved. For our local Colorado partners, we partner with Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) licensed organizations that are in good standing. This helps ensure all of our partner organizations prioritize the health and well-being of the animals in their care as we do. For transfer partners from out of state, we partner with organizations that we have an established relationship with and shared values regarding health and public safety. We ensure our capabilities, resources and expertise as well as those of our transfer partner are appropriately aligned for each transfer.

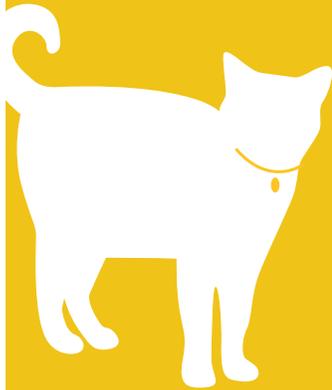
When transferring an animal in or out of Larimer Humane Society we first look at the community need on both sides. Many communities are needing to reduce their pet populations while others, like Northern Colorado, have a high number of community members seeking pet adoption to complete their families. Once we identify the need to transfer we prioritize the health of the current animal population and ensure all animals are vaccinated prior to transferring. It is also important to ensure we have the proper resources for behavior modification and specialized veterinary care including the time and capital associated with these resources to best serve the animals that may be transferred. This is done by reviewing the medical and behavior assessments from the originating shelter to assess if we are the right fit to give each animal the best opportunity for a second chance.

We have a formalized agreement with all of our transfer partners to ensure the safe, healthy and efficient transfer of animals. We are committed to making a difference for animals in Colorado and throughout the country. We are proud to continue to invest in our transfer partnerships to assist other organizations in a meaningful way while providing the best opportunity for a second chance to animals in need.

Warm wishes,

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

Judith A. Calhoun, CFRE, CAWA
CEO



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Sat/Sun 8am-5pm

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.

STORIES OF SECOND CHANCES FROM OUR TRANSFER PROGRAM



Martin, transferred from Puerto Rico



Lory, transferred from South Korea



One of more than 70 Chihuahuas rescued in the summer of 2016



A crate full of some of the more than 80 rats rescued in December 2017

Thanks to our established transfer partnerships, we are able to jump into action to help the global animal community in its time of need.

A month after moving into our new shelter, we partnered with our friends at the Dumb Friends League to accept 12 dogs from Puerto Rico who were displaced from hurricane Maria to provide them with a second chance at love in Colorado.

In the summer of 2016 the Humane Society of the United States rescued more than 200 dogs from dog meat farms in South Korea and transferred 10 of them to Larimer Humane Society. We were able to take on this challenging rescue thanks to the support of our transfer partners Animal House Rescue & Grooming and Black Dog Animal Rescue who we transferred five of the 10 dogs to.

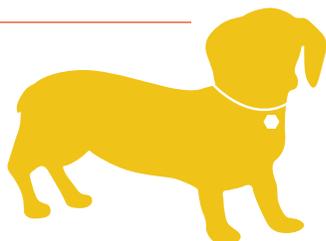
When it comes to high-volume cases, the support of our transfer partners is invaluable. Over the years we have rescued a large number of animals at a time either from hoarding, emergencies or abandonment. Without the support of our transfer partners our shelter would quickly become filled, leaving no room or resources for other animals in need in our community. Thanks to these partnerships, we are able to rescue hundreds of animals at a time and provide them with immediate medical care before transferring them to partner organizations throughout Colorado to be adopted into loving new homes.

In the summer of 2016, we rescued more than 70 Chihuahuas from one home through a hoarding case. We welcomed them into our shelter to receive vaccinations and medical care before transferring 44 of the dogs to partners.

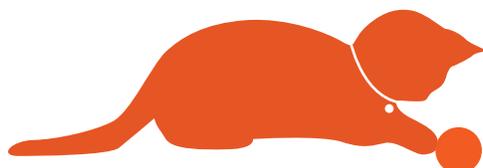
In December 2017 we rescued more than 80 abandoned rats. We provided them with cages, food, warmth and veterinary care before 15 of the rats were transferred to organizations that would provide them with a second chance.



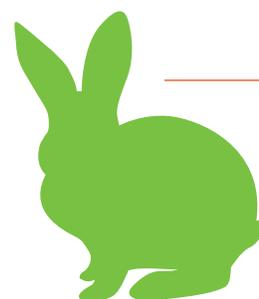
OUR TRANSFER PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



During our fiscal year 2017 **243 cats, 344 dogs, and 62 others** were transferred in or out of our shelter to receive the best opportunity for a second chance.



We work with **more than 50 transfer partners** to help provide second chances to animals in need.



Each year, volunteers donate more than **200 hours** of their time on the road to help transport animals to or from our shelter.

WALK OR RUN FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS IN NORTHERN COLORADO

FIRE HYDRANT 5K & PAWS ON THE PROMENADE IS JUNE 2ND



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For nearly 30 years, Northern Colorado has come together to help homeless pets in need at Larimer Humane Society's annual Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade. This fun, family-friendly walk/run and expo attracts over 500 dogs and 1,100 humans, making it the biggest canine party of the year! Highlights of the event includes a dog-friendly walk/run 5K, a pet expo with more than 70 local vendors, dog contests and demonstrations, a free Healthy Kids Run and a Kids Zone.

Thanks to the support of our community, each year Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade raises vital funds to provide second chances nearly 6,000 homeless animals that come through our doors every year. This year our goal is to raise \$110,000.

We believe we can achieve our goal with your help! In addition to registering for the walk/run, we're asking you, our friends, to help fundraise for the animals that need us most. Even \$5 can make a lifesaving difference to an animal by providing them with the vaccinations they desperately need.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF ANIMALS IN NEED!

Visit FH5K.org to get started!

The "Early Bird" registration discount lasts until April 26.

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TIPS FOR RUNNING WITH PETS



We hope you and your canine companion are just as excited for Fire Hydrant 5K as we are! Before you grab your sneakers and your leash here are a few things you should keep in mind when running with your dog.

- 1. MIND LEASH LAWS.** When out and about with your dog walking or running always make sure to keep your dog on-leash! **A note about retractable leashes:** retractable leashes can be dangerous and make it hard to safely control your dog. Consider switching to a standard leash. **RETRACTABLE LEASHES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT FIRE HYDRANT 5K.**
- 2. START SLOWLY.** Just like if you were training for a 5K start with gradual workouts to help build your dog's endurance.
- 3. PRIORITIZE YOUR PET'S HEALTH.** Breed, age, and overall health are important factors to consider when determining if running is a healthy option for your dog. Running can potentially be detrimental for puppies, overweight or sick dogs as well as short-nose breeds (think pugs, bulldogs, and similar breeds). If your veterinarian confirms your dog is healthy enough for running make sure to check for signs of distress in your dog during your run. These include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, lameness or an unusual gait, changes in overall behavior or attitude, and/or red gums. Stop running immediately and seek veterinary help if you notice any of these signs.
- 4. KEEP YOUR PET COOL.** During the summer, avoid taking your dog out for a run or walk during the hottest part of the day, don't run or walk with your dog on hot pavement and always make sure they have access to shade and fresh water.
- 5. CONSULT YOUR VETERINARIAN.** Before beginning any exercise program with your dog consult your veterinarian to ensure it is a healthy option for your pet.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEASH LAWS

Leash laws are in place to not only keep our community safe but to keep your dog safe as well. Even the most well behaved dogs can encounter traffic, aggressive dogs, or wildlife that may be carrying diseases when off-leash.

When your dog is off-leash you are no longer able to control the environment or circumstance your dog may find itself in. To keep your dog safe and to respect others in the community always keep your dog on-leash in public.

If you'd like to provide your dog with a safe off-leash experience you can take advantage of any one of the many dog parks in Northern Colorado.

View a comprehensive list of dog parks at larimerhumane.org/animals/resources/dogparks



WE HAVE A NEW DOG PARK!

Our dog park is located at our new shelter at 3501 E 71st Street, Loveland, CO 80538 and is open from dawn till dusk. The best part about our dog park is that it is still a hidden gem in Larimer County. Come enjoy some quality time with your canine companion!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEERS DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY HAVE THE HEART

Meet Jody DesChenes! She is a valued Foster Care and Transport Volunteer for our Foster & Transfer Program. Jody began volunteering with Larimer Humane Society nearly 13 years ago, when she decided she needed to do something to help homeless animals in need.

When it comes to animal welfare Jody wears her heart on her sleeve. She believes animals truly are at the mercy of humans and she wanted to be one of the humans that helps and protects them. She also knew her big heart meant she might adopt all the animals she encountered at our shelter. She felt by fostering and transferring animals she would be able to have the biggest impact for animals in need without adopting all of them.

As a Transport Volunteer for our Transfer Program, Jody assists in transporting animals to or from Larimer Humane Society in one of our shelter vehicles. She often drives long distances with multiple animals in the vehicle to safely get them to or from the shelter where they will find a second chance. Jody is proud to offer her time and compassion to support Larimer Humane Society with the time consuming task of transferring animals.

When Jody isn't busy saving the lives of animals in need as a Transport Volunteer she is the proud human to five dogs, all of which were adopted from Larimer Humane Society. She adopted Harley first followed by three failed fosters, Chaka, Ringo and Po and WabiSabi is the youngest.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Should the unthinkable happen, here are a few tips to help keep your four-legged family members safe in the midst of an emergency.

1. Let first responders know you have pets! Mount a rescue alert sticker in a visible place to notify rescuers that you have pets in the home. This sticker will provide the types and number of pets in your home as well as emergency contact information.
2. Be prepared to leave. When planning for an emergency it is important to account for not only your safety, but the safety of your pets. As a pet owner make sure to include the following items in your emergency supply kit:
 - Pet first-aid kit
 - Up to a month's supply of pet food
 - Disposable litter trays and litter for cats
 - Extra collars, leashes and harnesses
 - A crate or sturdy carrier for each pet
 - » Ensure your pet is crate trained prior to an emergency
 - » Ensure your pet is licensed and micro-chipped prior to an emergency
 - » Vaccinations and health records
 - » Writable animal ID tag to put current evacuation contact information
 - » Food/water bowls
 - » Your pet's favorite toys or treats for comfort during this stressful time
3. Plan for a safe haven. Should you need to evacuate it's important to have a pre-made list of safe places for your pets in your time of need. This list may include local shelters like Larimer Humane Society, your veterinarian, friends, family or even pet-friendly hotels.
4. Plan for the worst. Should you not be able to return home or be reunited with your pet immediately, plan for designated caregivers. For temporary caregivers consider neighbors who may have easy access to your home or trusted friends or family members you can rely on. It's never too early to plan for permanent caregivers should something happen to you. It's important to begin these discussions now with those you would trust with your pet or consider options such as Larimer Humane Society's Pet Guardianship program as a Heritage Circle Member.



**HELP US CLEAR
THE SHELTER
ON SATURDAY,
AUGUST 18!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May

- 05/12: Spring into Adoption Event at Larimer Humane Society
- 05/15: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society
- 05/28: Larimer Humane Society's Shelter Closed
- 05/31: Registration for Fire Hydrant 5K Closes

June Adopt a shelter cat month!

- 06/02: Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade
- 06/08-06/22: Critter Camp at Larimer Humane Society

July

- 07/16-07/20: Critter Camp at Larimer Humane Society
- 07/13: Tickets for Top Cat & Tails Gala Go on Sale!
- 04/21: Volunteer Orientation at Larimer Humane Society

August

- 08/06-08/10: Critter Camp at Larimer Humane Society
- 08/18: Clear the Shelters at Larimer Humane Society

September

- 09/08: Top Cat & Tails Gala at Embassy Suites in Loveland

DID YOU KNOW: PETS IN HOT CARS

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET IN A HOT CAR

Every year, countless pets suffer from heatstroke, brain damage or death after being locked inside a car, even for a short amount of time. A vehicle acts like a greenhouse, trapping the sun's heat and raising temperatures quickly. In fact, temperatures inside a vehicle on an 85 degree day—with the windows slightly open—can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 20 minutes, even when parked in a shady area, temperatures inside a car can soar to a scorching 120 degrees. Aside from the health risks, leaving your dog in a hot car is against the law. Ordinance states, "No person shall confine any animal within a parked, enclosed vehicle if the external ambient temperature is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or greater."

Here's what you should do if you see a dog left in a hot car:

1. Try to locate and talk to the owner
2. Get the license plate number and be prepared to give a description of the dog, car and location
3. Call Animal Protection and Control at 970-226-3647 x7
4. If you remove the animal from the vehicle, you are responsible for the animal. You must remain close to the vehicle until law enforcement arrives. If the animal requires immediate medical attention, you must contact law enforcement and leave a note on the vehicle.

It is Animal Protection & Control's responsibility to keep the people and animals of our community safe. Pets left in cars on a hot day are a high priority for Animal Protection & Control. We have an average 13-minute response time. While we are here to help, the best thing everyone can do to keep animals safe is to simply NEVER leave your pet in the car on a hot day.

HELP US CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SECOND CHANCES

April 2019 marks 50 years of service for Larimer Humane Society. Together, over the past 50 years we have made Northern Colorado a great place for pets. As an adopter, volunteer, donor, partner, sponsor or community member you have been a part of our story and we want to hear about how Larimer Humane Society has impacted you.

Help us celebrate 50 years of service by sharing your favorite Larimer Humane Society memory, story or experience you've had over the years. Submit your story and photos to media@larimerhumane.org.



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TIPS FOR HOUSE SOILING CATS



If you have a cat that is house soiling, they are trying to tell you something isn't right. When a cat doesn't use their litter box, more often than not the reason is medical or environmental. Here are a few tips to help you understand your cat's behavior and alleviate house soiling.

1. Make sure there are enough litter boxes in your home. A good rule of thumb is one litter box per cat plus one.
2. Make sure the litter box is cleaned on a regular basis. Many cats do not like to use a dirty bathroom.
3. Find your cat's preferences. Make sure the litter box is big enough and is in a quiet part of the house. Try the litter box with a lid and without a lid, or try different kinds of kitty litter.
4. Environmental stress can cause a cat not to use their litter box. Are there other animals or young children in the home that your cat is constantly hiding from? Provide your cat with a safe space and plenty of escape routes. Cats love vertical space and places to hide. Make sure your cat feels safe in your home.
5. Take your cat to the vet. They may be suffering from an underlying medical condition.



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