Just 50 years ago, homeless animals in Northern Colorado had nowhere to turn. Today – thanks to you – the vision shared by our organization’s founders has become a reality at Larimer Humane Society.

Together we’re providing world-class care to pets within our walls, as well as closely monitoring the situation outside of them. In so doing, we have discovered that after 50 years our community needs us in a new way: to help keep pets with families who love them.

We have seen a 30% increase in the number of pet owners needing to relinquish their pets over the past year, accounting for a third of the animals that come through our doors overall. Veterinary care, behavioral challenges, and resource insecurity for pet food and supplies have become insurmountable barriers to owners experiencing even temporary hardship, and result in more owners needing to say “goodbye” to their beloved companions each day.

With your help Larimer Humane Society has an opportunity to impact this need, and to alleviate burdens experienced by owners across our community. Through a handful of simple, collaborative steps, along with your partnership, we can make an important difference for pets and the people who love them. Here are a few of the ways:

• By ensuring that pets receive the lifesaving vaccines they need to remain healthy, with the added benefit of keeping our community safe, through free or reduced-cost vaccine clinics.
• By coordinating reduced-cost spay and neuter surgeries, and assisting with other simple medical interventions, preventing unwanted litters and helping existing pets to remain with their loving owners.
• By providing behavioral support – either to prevent surrender of an existing pet, or to set newly-adopted pets up for the best chance at success in their homes.
• By helping owners to get through a challenging time, providing them with resources such as pet food or supplies.
• By standing ready when disaster strikes – rescuing animals from behind evacuation lines, providing housing and care when they’re displaced from their owners, and assisting with emergency supply needs.
If you, too, believe that pets and their people are better together, today is your opportunity to make a difference. We invite you to be the voice for treasured pets by assisting their loving owners with options when it feels like none remain. Certainly, we understand that for some families, keeping their pets in their homes is not a reality. In those cases, our doors remain open and our arms outstretched to any animal in need, providing compassionate care and helping them to find a second chance.

Join us in today through a contribution to our Better Together campaign. Supporters at $500+ will join our Golden Paw Society, receiving special recognition in our commemorative 50th Anniversary magazine, a golden paw pin, and a gold tribute tag – engraved with your name or that of a treasured companion – placed in our adoption lobby.

**BETTER TOGETHER - BY THE NUMBERS**

- **No post-exposure rabies treatment currently exists for unvaccinated pets, still, it is estimated that 8% of dogs and 87% of cats in Larimer County are unvaccinated. Rabies-positive wildlife increased by six times in Northern Colorado from 2017 to 2018, making current rabies vaccines critical to ensuring that if your pet is exposed, he or she is protected against the fatal effects of rabies.**

- **10% of the animals surrendered to Larimer Humane Society last year were relinquished because of a medical expense their owners couldn’t afford. In most cases, animals were easily treated, but then placed back for adoption and in need of a new family.**

- **Larimer Humane Society cared for 638 animals displaced by the 2012 High Park Fire, and nearly 150 displaced by the 2013 Larimer County Flood. The question is not if another disaster will strike our community, but when.**

- **23% of cats and 37% of dogs were surrendered last year due to behavioral concerns. Providing owners with tools and support to improve pets’ manners, confidence, and constructive activities will help keep more pets in their homes. Behavior support for pets in the shelter environment also decreases the chance an adopted animal will be returned.**

**CONTACT US**

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- **Phone:** 970.226.3647
- **Website:** larimerhumane.org
- **Intake Lobby:** Mon-Fri 8am-7pm
  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.
**HAPPY TAIL**

**TIMID BEGINNINGS LED TO A LIFETIME OF LOVE FOR DAISY**

When Pat’s beloved dog of 13 years passed away, she was devastated by the loss. It didn’t take long for her family to see that a new companion would help to mend Pat’s broken heart.

They decided to start their search at Larimer Humane Society, hopeful that the perfect pet for Pat would be waiting. That’s where they met Daisy.

The tiny, shivering, black and white Chihuahua was just two years old. She had been surrendered by her previous owners and didn’t understand why she was suddenly alone, without a family, and in a strange new place.

When Pat met Daisy the two made an instant connection. Pat knew immediately that Daisy was the furry companion who could help to make her heart whole once again. Pat’s niece, who accompanied Pat to the shelter, adopted the dog for her as a gift.

Once out of the shelter, Daisy was understandably timid of her new surroundings. But she quickly settled in to her forever home. Daisy’s schedule now consists of playtime with her favorite toys, quiet afternoons, and lots of love.

Months after her adoption, and having fully immersed herself in Pat’s heart and home Pat still describes Daisy as “the perfect dog.” Daisy seems to be just as happy to have finally found a home – and person – to call her own.

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**KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE**

**HEARTWORM IS ON THE RISE IN PETS ACROSS NORTHERN COLORADO**

Spread by mosquitoes, the parasite is highly contagious - a single heartworm-infected animal could unknowingly transmit the disease to multiple pets.

Heartworm is treatable in affected pets, but the treatment is a lengthy, pricey, and potentially risky process. Additionally, with the increase in afflicted animals comes an increased demand on treatment medications, which can leave medication reserves at a premium. If the disease is left untreated, it can be fatal.

Larimer Humane Society strongly recommends pet owners administer year-round heartworm preventative medication to their cats and dogs. Preventative medications are far more effective, safe, and affordable than treatment of the disease. Additionally, annual heartworm testing to ensure pets are parasite-free is highly encouraged.

In order to set adoptable pets up for their best chance at success, and to ensure the health of other animals in the community, Larimer Humane Society also takes important measures. Each cat and dog is tested for heartworm during their medical evaluation process. Animals testing positive for heartworm begin a treatment regime immediately, remaining in Larimer Humane Society’s care until the disease is eliminated and the animal is determined to be healthy enough for placement.

In an early 2019 report by the Companion Animal Parasite Council, Fort Collins ranked seventh among U.S. cities with the highest percentage increase of heartworm-positive pets. Once thought to be a disease only impacting pets in other regions of the country, heartworm is quickly gaining speed in our own community.

Your pet’s veterinarian can answer questions you may have about keeping your pet healthy and safe from heartworm.
HELPING HOMELESS PETS – ONE STEP AT A TIME

JOIN US FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT 5K & PAWS ON THE PROMENADE EXPO

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!

Presented by Poudre Pet & Feed Supply

EVENT-DAY INFORMATION

When: Saturday, June 1, 2019
Where: Promenade Shops at Centerra, Loveland, CO
Schedule:
- 7 a.m. Event-day registration, packet pick-up and pledge drop-off opens
- 7:30 a.m. Paws on the Promenade Expo opens
- 8:30 a.m. 5K Run start
- 8:35 a.m. 5K Walk start
- 10 a.m. Demonstrations and contests for you and your canine pal
- 11:30 a.m. Paws on the Promenade Expo closes

Pre-Register, Start a Team, or Join a Team at FH5K.org

Sponsorship and expo vendor opportunities still available – email development@larimerhumane.org to learn more!
Thanks to the support of our community, each year Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade raises vital funds to provide second chances to more than 6,000 homeless animals that come through our doors.

Nervous about fundraising? We’ve got some great tips to get you started! The funds you donate and/or raise count toward great thank-you prizes and will also help the thousands of homeless pets who come through our doors every year.

1. Register for the 5K as an individual or start/join team at fh5k.org. (Prefer to sleep in for the cause? Select the Catnap option – you’ll still get an awesome t-shirt and be eligible for prizes!)
2. Customize your personal fundraising page in a matter of minutes. Let family, friends and coworkers know why supporting homeless pets is near and dear to your heart: Why are you involved? Has a special pet touched your life?
3. Shout your fundraising effort far and wide – it’s easy!
   » Share via Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn (to increase results by up to 40%)
   » Send emails from your fundraising page using readymade templates, or customize your own!
   » Send reminders to friends or family who haven’t responded, Everyone gets busy, and they may have simply forgotten.
   » Place a donation jar on your desk and ask your coworkers to donate their spare change. Every penny counts!
4. Always say “thank you!” After you receive a pledge, send a quick email to say “thank you” for their support.

This year we plan to raise $110,000 for homeless pets. It’s not going to be easy, but we know we can achieve our goal with your help! In addition to signing up to attend, we’re asking our supporters 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. Supporters who raise $10 or more receive exciting thank-you gifts! Learn more at FH5K.org.

MEET RORY!

Rory is a West Highland White terrier puppy and the proud “spokes-dog” for the 29th Annual Fire Hydrant 5K & Paws on the Promenade Expo. Rory was the inspiration for this year’s event logo and will be featured on all promotion for Fire Hydrant 5K – that’s over 1,000 t-shirts, among other event items, featuring Rory’s adorable face. He is a pretty big deal.

Does your dog have a face that was made for billboards? Is he the best boy? Is she too cute NOT to be on t-shirts seen all over Northern Colorado? Get your dog the recognition he or she deserves while raising money to support second chances for animals across Larimer County. The top fundraiser from this year’s event will have the opportunity for his or her dog to be the “spokes-dog” for next year’s 30th anniversary race. You know your dog is a star. Let the rest of the world know, too, while supporting animals in need!
**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

**VOLUNTEERING IS AS EASY AS A WALK – OR RUN – IN THE PARK**

Julie Campain, featured here with her Springer spaniel, Mollie, has been a volunteer at Larimer Humane Society since October 2016. She was drawn to the organization through her love of animals, and her desire to help a nonprofit that benefits animals in our community. Julie has volunteered in the Development department for the past 2 ½ years, working primarily on special events. Julie plays a vital role in making sure Larimer Humane Society has the funding it needs to continue helping animals.

Julie’s role involves work in the office, and in the field at Larimer Humane Society’s events - such as the Fire Hydrant 5K. She began work with the Fire Hydrant 5K because of its benefit to the organization as well as the fun. She began work with the Fire Hydrant 5K because of its fundraising opportunities, as well as the fun. “It is a very important fundraiser for Larimer Humane Society and an easy way to contribute,” Julie says, “but it is also a wonderful community event that brings together animal lovers from all around Northern Colorado and I love the atmosphere.”

Last year Julie was the Course Marshall Lead on the 5K course, directing other volunteers to make sure the race ran smoothly. This year she will be taking over the race course planning altogether. From committee meetings, to race course walks, to event-day oversight, Julie has a lot on her plate! But she is excited for the challenge, and for the chance to “help plan an event that is so important to the animals.”

Julie has several furry friends at home, including three dogs – Mollie, Oliver, and Buddy, and four cats – Margaret, Cookie, Tigger, and Casper. In addition to the small pets, she also has four Quarter horses – Daisy, Lady, Sunny, and Sleepy. With such a full house (and barn!) we are so appreciative that Julie takes time in between chores to help us out. Whether helping to organize Fire Hydrant 5K or assisting at the development office, every hour of volunteer time makes a tremendous difference. It is through dedicated volunteers like Julie that we are making Northern Colorado a better place for pets and people.

**Larimer Humane Society will once again participate in the Clear the Shelters nationwide adoption event! On Saturday, August 17, we will be waiving adoption fees for all animals in our care to help them find their forever home. Last year alone, this event helped 188 animals find loving new families.***

Check our website for updates at larimerhumane.org.

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**Registration is now open for Summer 2019 Critter Camp sessions, serving campers ages 7-12!**

**During the five-day camp, kids will:**
- Visit with shelter animals and staff
- Learn about responsible pet ownership
- Complete fun animal crafts & activities
- Learn about key issues in animal welfare
- Pledge to make a difference in their community

**Summer Sessions**
- June 17-21 (ages 7-9)
- July 8-12 (ages 7-9)
- July 15-19 (ages 10-12)
- August 5-9 (ages 7-9)

**Time:** 9am-1pm

**Cost:** $150

**Location:** Larimer Humane Society 3501 E 71st Street
Loveland, CO 80538

**Register at larimerhumane.org**

Can’t join us for this year’s Critter Camps?
Learn about other Humane Education opportunities at larimerhumane.org/education.
About 10% of cats surrendered to Larimer Humane Society are relinquished for house soiling. While this can be a behavioral issue, oftentimes the cause is rooted in a medical issue.

Jen Valentine, Larimer Humane Society’s shelter manager shares that “when a cat is surrendered for house soiling, we immediately route him or her for a medical evaluation to determine if the behavior may be caused by a urinary tract infection.” Many times stressful situations such as new pets or people within the household can cause cats to recluse and hide in areas of the home where they feel safe. If a litterbox is in a different area than their hiding spot, cats commonly avoid using it all together.

“Here at Larimer Humane Society we work to provide owners with solutions to house soiling in an effort to keep cats with the families who love them,” said Valentine, “this is sometimes a simple as considering litterbox placement, ensuring the number of boxes is appropriate for the household, and that they are being regularly cleaned”

Moving forward, as part of Larimer Humane Society’s Better Together initiative, we will also look at opportunities to help owners treat urinary tract infections in their cats – a relatively simple medical intervention – in order to reduce the number of cats surrendered for medical reasons as well.

See more about these and other community programs coming soon as part of the Better Together campaign (page 1), and consider joining Larimer Humane Society in helping to keep pets and their families together for the long term.
SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Top Cat & Tails Gala

Join us, as we celebrate 50 years of service for pets and people in Northern Colorado, at our 21st Annual Top Cat & Tails Gala on Saturday, September 14th at the Embassy Suites in Loveland.

Learn more or purchase tickets at larimerhumane.org

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“We adopted Folly four weeks ago and it’s the best thing we’ve ever done. We were just coming to visit [the shelter] and Folly was the first dog we saw. We knew we were taking her home. She and her little sister, Daisy, are inseparable. Folly loves a bath, being clean, and posing for pictures. She’s very loved.”

-Scott and Jessica Barnhart