

The Paw Print

"Infurmation" from the Humane Society of Lincoln County

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About HSLC

The Humane Society of Lincoln County, New Mexico is a 501(c)3 organization that was established in 1979 to improve the quality of life of companion animals in our community. The HSLC is an "Open Admission Shelter" that takes in any animal regardless of age, medical condition or temperament. The HSLC works tirelessly toward more animal adoptions, further pet pregnancy prevention, animal rehabilitation and educating the public.

Adoption Numbers

As of April 1, 2024, we have adopted out 94 animals, returned 52 pets to their owners, and have transferred 22 dogs and cats to other animal rescue organizations.

Meet Our New Executive Director

From Ex. Director - Abel Guzman

My journey embodies a lifelong dedication to the welfare of animals. I worked at Ruidoso Animal Clinic for Dr. Willard, where I was able to hone my skills and compassion over a decade. In 2011, I was given the opportunity to transition to the Humane Society of Lincoln County serving as Shelter Manager. During this time, HSLC opened the resale shop and animal shelters were taking root within our community. In 2019, I was promoted to Operations Manager, where I oversaw both the animal shelter and the resale shop.

In 2024, I assumed the role of Executive Director. With a heart overflowing with love for animals, I took on this position not just as a job but as a calling. My childhood passion for animals has only deepened over the years, driving me to make a difference in their lives.



Abel and his adopted dog Gia in the new dog "free play" area. This area will allow dogs to run, play and socialize with other dogs.



My vision for the HSLC extends beyond the walls of the shelter. I dream of fostering a stronger bond between the organization and the community it serves. Through education, outreach, and compassionate care, my aim is to create an organization where every animal has a loving home and every pet owner receives the support they need.

***The Shelter is currently FULL!!
Remember... adopt, don't shop.***

Congratulations to the Humane Society of Lincoln Co.

The Shelter made an impact on pet overpopulation by providing 70 FREE spay/neuter surgeries for World Spay Day 2024. This safe, simple procedure will keep hundreds of unnecessary litters from being born this year.

Thanks to Dr Willard, Dr Cooper, Ruidoso Animal Clinic, staff, volunteers, and donors. Their dedication will help decrease the number of homeless animals in our community.

HSLC has a low-cost Spay/ Neuter program. [Visit hslcnm.org](http://hslcnm.org) for more information.




Humane Society
of LINCOLN COUNTY

SAVE MONEY!

Have your pet fixed for only

\$45.00

LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM
for low-income residents of Lincoln County

Give your pets a longer, healthier and happier life!
Prevent Cancer and Uterine Infections • No Heat
No Roaming • Better Behavior

S.P.O.T.

STOP PET OVER-POPULATION TODAY



Current Village Ordinances

Sec. 14-16. Spaying or neutering of dogs and cats.

- (a) No person shall own or harbor within the village any cat or dog over the age of six months which has not been spayed or neutered, unless that person holds either a permit to keep an unaltered dog or cat or a permit for breeding cats or dogs issued under section 14-17.
- (b) The village or its contractor under section 14-15 shall issue a permit for the keeping of an animal that has not been neutered if the owner signs a written statement that the animal will not be allowed to breed unless the owner has first obtained a breeding permit under section 14-17.
- (c) Proof of neutering, if not apparent upon visual inspection, may be made by certificate or receipt from a licensed veterinarian, or by affidavit of the animal's owner.

(Code 1985, § 6-9-15)

Did you know.....

In 2 years, unspayed female cats can reproduce - 376 kittens
In 2 years, unspayed female dogs can reproduce - 128 puppies



Happy Tails



Sweet sister Sandy has settled into her new home. She is dreaming that ALL the Shelter dogs & cats will find their forever homes.



Missy is living her best life on the ranch. She rules her cowboy dad and keeps all the farm animals in their places! Her dad could not imagine life without her.

Foster Lessons are available Now! Contact the Shelter and found out how to get started. 575-257-9841

Resale Shop Annual Sale

The HSLC Resale Shop is preparing for a special event to celebrate its Anniversary June Sale. The event will be on **Saturday, June 15th - 10 am to 4 pm.** The shop is currently accepting donations of furniture, household goods, clothing, and other miscellaneous items to be sold during the sale.

This Anniversary sale is a great opportunity for shoppers to find unique items at affordable prices and support the Humane Society's mission of helping animals in need. By donating or

shopping at the resale shop, you are directly contributing to the welfare of homeless animals in Lincoln County.

Don't miss out on this special event! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15th and join us at the Resale Shop for a day of shopping for a cause. **“SALES FOR TAILS”**



Pancake Fundraiser for Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program



Help the Humane Society STOP pet overpopulation in our community.

Saturday, May 18th · 9-11 am

At Berkshire Hathaway Home Services / Enchanted Lands Realtors -
616 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM

Tickets: \$10.00 (HSLCNM.org)

Menu: pancakes, sausage, coffee/juice

Orders available to go.

Ticket locations: Berkshire Hathaway Office, Shelter Office – 25962 US Hwy. 70 (across from Motel 6)



Interested in Community Service Hours? Come help the homeless animals in your community. Call the Shelter for more information. 575-257-9841

HSLC Completes Dog Training Certification



The Shelter staff, volunteers and board members completed certified dog training with Eliza Celestri, owner/trainer of Good Dog Training.

Eliza conducted a science based positive reinforcement program. Participants learned how to understand dog behavior, skills to teach commands, learn fear-free techniques to clearly communicate to the dog and provide a foundation for future dog / human bonding activities. Training also included environmental and behavioral stimuli that is necessary for dogs' psychological well-being. A well-behaved dog is more likely to be adopted and adjust to their new surroundings.



Community Education

HSLC education committee is working to "Change the Culture" by helping our future generations build a community culture that values animals, supports protection and encourages responsible pet ownership.

HSLC continues to inspire and create local change to save the lives of homeless animals.



The Boy Scouts and home schoolers participated in an education class at HSLC. They learned how to care, respect, value and protect animals.

Environmental Science Classes at Ruidoso High School learned about HSLC core mission to provide care, shelter and adoptions for homeless animals, education on humane issues, finding solutions to confront animal overpopulations and the need for volunteers.

Mescalero High School Agricultural Students will be trained to teach younger children about humane pet care. Topics include proper care where animals find respect, protection, and the importance of vaccines / microchipping. Further discussions included how spay/neuter can help the health of pets and decrease the overpopulation of homeless animals in our community.



HSLC participated in ENMU Feed the Brain program. The program presented was Stop Pet Overpopulation Today and how we are finding solutions to the challenges of homeless pet populations in our community. The low cost Spay/Neuter program and Trap Neuter Release for feral cats were featured.

Thank you!!!

Thanks to our local businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for making a lasting impact on our community. They are committed to helping our continued care of homeless animals!



All our friends and supporters that donate much needed collars, leashes, toys, blankets, and kitty litter.

Lost Hiker for hosting a dog adoption event and donation of sale proceeds.

Cub Scout Pack 95 and Holy Mt. Episcopal for hosting the Pawdi Gras Pancake fundraiser. All the donations went to the care of homeless animals.

All mid- town businesses for letting our dog's visit. This socialization helps increase their chances for adoption.

Ruidoso Physical Therapy clinic for selecting HSLC as charity of the month. Your contribution helped us continue care for animals in need.



Ruidoso Softball team for providing a day of service by helping to care and walk dogs. You made a big impact on the lives of our animals.

Berkshire Hathaway / Enchanted Land Realtors for sponsoring our Pancake Fundraiser in May.

All Local Businesses that display our donation boxes. **El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** is one of many local businesses supporting HSLC through donation boxes.



Contact HSLC if you are interested in displaying our donation box.



Ruidoso Valley Greeters for your generous grant.

Ruidoso Community Radio, The Mountain KRUI 1490 AM and Greg Widener. They supported HSLC thru public service announcements, live radio interviews and event announcements.

Tim Keithley and KWES 93.5 FM for the opportunity to do live radio Saturday mornings. We appreciate your continued support.

Staff Spotlight



Katy & Scamp

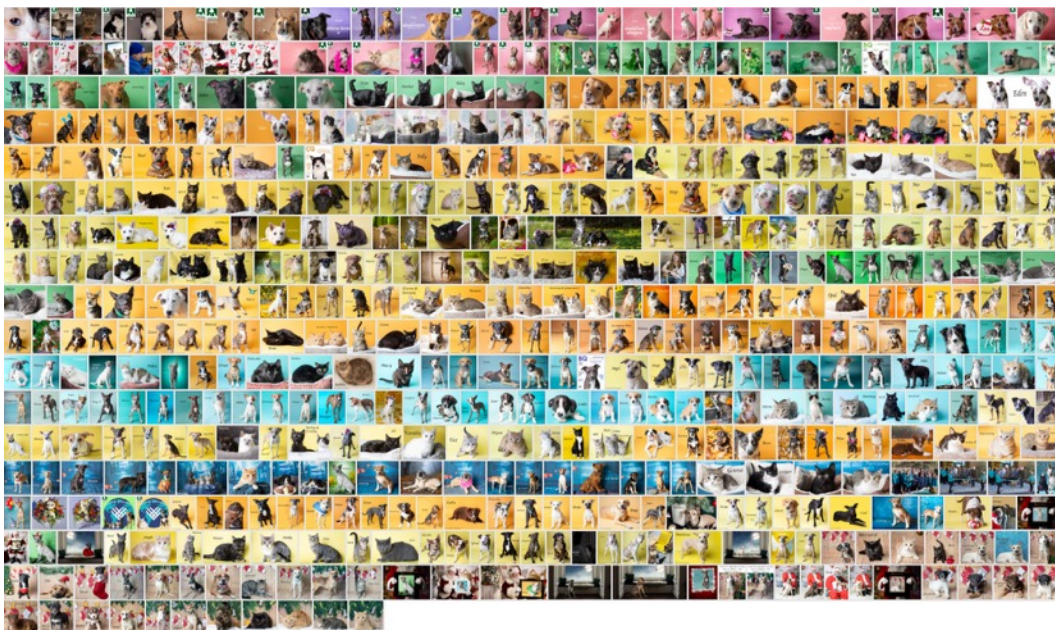
Meet Katy Head and Scamp. Katy has been at the shelter for 2 years, where she serves as kennel tech. She works with stray animals and administers vaccines. Katy works daily in dog enrichment, where she socializes and train dogs for adoption. Katy has a special gift with all our animals. Katy states that “her motivation comes from giving animals a voice, watching all their unique personalities develop, and helping find their new forever homes.”

Mia Jimoh has been at the resale shop for 2 years as a cashier, merchandiser, and Facebook coordinator. She enjoys interacting with all the customers and assisting with their purchases. Mia works daily to keep Facebook current,

where she features all the new merchandise for sale. She describes the resale shop as a big happy family helping the community and providing care for homeless animals.



Mia



Thank you, Sarah Matula for all your donated time and expertise with our animals. Your photos capture the true personalities of each animal that helps to increase their adoptions. Thanks to Joy, Jan, Sue our “Queen Bees” and staff for their assistance with photos. **This incredible team took 550 photos in 2023!**

Congratulations to Animal Humane NM in Albuquerque, on your 20,000-pet transfer as part of Project Fetch! Project Fetch partners with shelters to bring in pets who are residing in overcrowded and underfunded shelters. Through Project Fetch, these homeless pets are given a second chance, at finding new homes at Animal Humane. HSLC had a very lucky dog, Gavilan, a 2 yr. Husky mix that was the 20,000 transfer!

Thanks for the continued support and accepting our animals in your transfer program.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

“Helping Animals have a Second Chance”

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Ruidoso, NM**



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Upcoming Events

Pancake Fundraiser

May 18th 9-11 am
Berkshire Hathaway Office
616 Mechem Dr.

Resale Shop Annual Sale

June 15th 10-4 pm
Raffles, Door prizes, and
GREAT Merchandise

Furr Ball

The Wizard of Paws
No Place like a Home
July 25th 5-10 pm
Alto Country Club



***** Wanted Animal Advocates and Lovers *****

There is currently one vacancy on the Humane Society of Lincoln County Board of Directors. Seeking individual with free time to dedicate working and maintaining shelter business. Opportunities included fund raising, writing/administration of grants, event planning, community outreach, budgeting, and promotions.

This is not for someone that just wants to attend meetings. This is for workers, thinkers, organizers, motivators, and doers. This is a non-paid volunteer position that is very rewarding. **Visit hslcnm.org for more information.**

Thank you to all our Volunteers. You are the Guardian Angels for all our Homeless animals.

