



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

# PETSPERSPECTIVE

## WILDFIRE SEASON IMPACTS

It all started during the afternoon of Thursday, August 13 in Roosevelt National Forest just northwest of Chambers Lake. That day was the start of the largest wildfire in Colorado history, the Cameron Peak Fire. Thanks to your support, Larimer Humane Society was prepared to provide care and compassion for animals and families during one of the darkest times in our region's history.

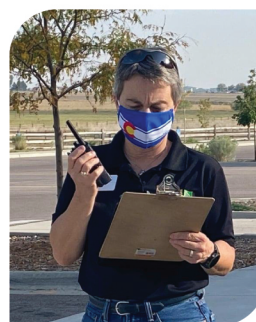
### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

During Labor Day weekend, the fire quintupled in size, prompting countless mandatory evacuations of housing communities, and with them, an influx of 123 animals in need of temporary housing.

"We started to get calls for service for evacuations on Sunday night after we had closed," recounts Judy Calhoun, CEO. "Then on Monday, during the holiday, we saw mandatory and voluntary evacuations were going into effect and we needed to call in additional resources."

"We ended up rearranging many animals and strategically placed them around the shelter to make sure we had enough room for all the animals coming in," said Kaley Platek, who served as Animal Care supervisor at the time.

An early blast of winter which hit the Cameron Peak Fire with a few inches of snow allowed many of the evacuated animals to return home.



### CONTINUED GROWTH

Mandatory and voluntary evacuations continued over the weeks ahead, with the towns of Red Feather Lakes, Glacier View, Crystal Lakes, and the surrounding areas affected into October. Thanks to your support, 183 additional animals were cared for.

"We received all types of animals. Ducks, chickens, goats, sheep, dogs, cats, even peacocks. It was anything that you could think of," said Larimer Humane Society Shelter Manager, Brett DeWester.

### OCTOBER SPREAD

On October 16, another high-wind event caused "extreme fire activity," resulting in firefighting crews being pulled back and additional evacuations being ordered for Glen Haven, Storm Mountain, Horsetooth Mountain Park, and the surrounding communities.

With you by our side, Larimer Humane Society was ready — this time intaking the largest influx of animals yet, at more than 370 animals. As of press time (Nov. 9) the total number of animals cared for during the Cameron Peak incident totaled more than 700 animals.

### A NEW DISASTER

On Oct. 22, we were notified that Estes Park and the Estes Valley were under threat of the rapid spread of the East Troublesome fire.

Still housing animals impacted by the Cameron Peak incident, now anticipating the evacuation of more than 12,000 residents from the East Troublesome Thompson Zone, we knew that additional support would be necessary to care for more animals.

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We quickly partnered with agencies including Longmont Humane Society, The Humane Society of Boulder Valley, Riverdale Animal Shelter in Adams County, and the Gilpin County Fairgrounds to help house evacuated pets.

Partners at Animal Friends Alliance, Dumb Friends League and Humane Society of Weld County stepped up to take in adoptable animals from our shelter to open more room for animals impacted by the disasters.

## YOUR SUPPORT MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Throughout this disaster, your commitment is what kept our doors open to every animal in need, and what will continue to do so in future emergencies. Larimer Humane Society CEO Judy Calhoun is amazed by the difference that has been made. "The support of our community and others throughout the country is amazing. People truly care about each other and about animals."

## HAPPY TAILS

### YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

"Within 2 hours of her being home with us she was rolling around on her back, playing, and acting like just a normal puppy. It really did not take very much time at all for her to realize that there was nothing for her to be afraid of here."

Looking at JoJo today, you would never expect her to be a rescue dog that was abandoned or born on the streets, or whatever happened. If anything, she's transitioned so well that now she's a handful of bounding energy, wanting to play constantly, and testing her boundaries and figuring out what she can get away with. She's just a regular puppy. Now it's our job to make sure that she has the best life possible and gets to go on many, many adventures."

Follow JoJo on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/u0w0ujojoshow](https://www.instagram.com/u0w0ujojoshow)



## ASK THE EXPERTS

*Dear Larimer Humane Society,*

*I adopted a new furry member as part of our family this summer, and I know taking care of an animal in the summer has differences compared to taking care of one in the winter. Since this is the first pet that has been part of my family, can you provide me with tips on proper winter care?*

*— New Fur Mom in Loveland*



*Hi, Fur Mom!*

*We're glad to hear that you were able to welcome a new member into your family this year! You are correct that there are things to watch out for and take care of for your pet in the winter. Here are some tips to provide you with a good base for the season:*

- 1 Catnaps and the Cold** In the cold winter, outdoor cats in your area may find the engine block under the hood of your car a toasty spot to nap. Before you start your car in the morning, bang on the hood of the car a little to awake any sleeping cats.
- 2 Paw Protection** Snow and ice can be hard on paws. Be sure to wash and dry your pet's paws if they come in contact with salt or chemical deicer, which are poisonous to pets. Watch for snow or encrusted ice that can cause cracks in paw pads. Petroleum jelly is a safe way to protect those paws!
- 3 Retain the Winter Coat** Leave your pet's fur longer in the winter to keep them warm. If you have a puppy, kitten, or shorthair breed pet, consider purchasing a coat or sweater to cover them. Fleece is a strong and soft fabric that is great for staying warm and dry. Remember it is always best to keep pets indoors when possible. Indoor training classes, like agility and fly ball, are a great winter option to keep dogs fit in the winter months.
- 4 Cold Weather Skin Solutions** Pets can get dry skin in the winter just like their humans do. Try using a humidifier and provide plenty of fresh drinking water for your pets. Bathe your pet less often and completely dry them when done. Brushing their coat will help stimulate blood circulation and improve skin condition. Your fur babies will thank you.





## HISTORY IS MADE

### LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY'S FIRST VIRTUAL TOP CAT & TAILS GALA

From October 5-10, Larimer Humane Society hosted the 22nd Annual Top Cat & Tails Gala, which was presented virtually with a silent and live auction, at-home watch parties, and stories that illustrated the impact our supporters make on animals in our community.

While this year looked much different compared to prior years, the objective and the outcome stayed the same, furthering the support and compassion between families and animals in our community.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this year's event a huge success for the animals, and whether we gather in person or virtually in 2021, we look forward to having everyone together again for the 23rd Annual Top Cat & Tails Gala!

*Exciting stats from the event:*

- 620 viewers tuned in to the event livestream
- Volunteers helped to hand out or deliver 100 gala party boxes across the region (as far north as Wellington, and south to Highlands Ranch)
- The online auction raised more than \$20,000, outpacing last year's silent auction
- More than \$91,000 was raised to help homeless animals – that provides for the average stay of 375 animals

*Experience the fun again:*

Visit <http://bit.ly/tctlivestream> to view the livestream recording and inspirational videos demonstrating your support at work!

*Thanks to our sponsors:*





## THIS SEASON

### GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

During the month of December, you can give hope, and receive thanks with a special Larimer Humane Society gift.

#### GIVE \$30

RECEIVE AN I GAVE  
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#### GIVE \$60

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#### GIVE \$120

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LARIMER HUMANE  
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ORNAMENT

*Provides supplies for 8 spay/neuter surgeries*



#### GIVE \$200

RECEIVE **ALL THREE GIFTS!**

*Provides shelter, food, medical treatment, and compassionate care for one animal during an average-length stay at Larimer Humane Society*

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## MISSION

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

## VISION

Larimer Humane Society is a trusted, responsive community leader, providing programs and services essential 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.