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***LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY IS NOW NOCO HUMANE***

*Humane Society of Weld County Dissolves as NOCO Humane Steps in to Provide Animal Services*

**LOVELAND, October 2, 2023** – Larimer Humane Society, northern Colorado’s largest animal welfare organization, announced an exciting new chapter in its storied history. In light of its expanded service into Weld County, effective immediately, the organization will be known as NOCO Humane.

“With an expanded geographic scope of service, the name Larimer Humane Society no longer foots the bill,” said Judy Calhoun, CEO of NOCO Humane. “We are pleased to announce a new name and logo that speak to a broader community while paying homage to our former identities, as both Larimer Humane Society and the Humane Society of Weld County.”

On June 6, 2023, the Humane Society of Weld County announced its plan to dissolve the organization and transfer its assets, including the animal shelter located in Evans, to Larimer Humane Society. With the asset transfer complete, the newly coined NOCO Humane will begin providing services in Weld County immediately.

“After four months preparing for this transition, we are proud to open the doors of our Weld Campus,” said Calhoun. “While there is still a lot of work ahead of us, this is a major milestone for the pets and people of northern Colorado.” During the four-month transition, over 30 individuals were hired to staff the Weld Campus and have been training at the Larimer Campus in preparation for October 2. As NOCO Humane settles into its new Weld County shelter, services will be limited. Normal operations, including adoptions and pet surrenders, are scheduled to begin on October 16. Starting on October 4, residents of Weld County will be able to bring stray animals to the Weld Campus, and are encouraged to visit the Larimer Campus if in need of additional services. Please visit [nocohumane.org](http://nocohumane.org) for a full service schedule and hours of operation.

“We are not just redefining our name and service area, but also strengthening our commitment,” added Calhoun. “This expansion represents a major investment of both time and resources in service to our mission.” In addition to staffing, the four month transition provided a brief runway in

which to address the Weld shelter's deferred maintenance needs, safety and security concerns, and capacity constraints. NOCO Humane is adding both pet and people space by way of new kenneling and modular units on the property. "While these are both temporary solutions," remarked Calhoun, "they will help us to address the growing demand for animal services in Weld County while we plan for a permanent solution."

In the meantime, NOCO Humane is looking to its new community for support. Following a series of summer "listening sessions" with stakeholders in Weld County, NOCO Humane is confident in its prospects. "We feel as though we've been welcomed with open arms," said Calhoun. "Many municipal leaders and community members have already demonstrated their support and commitment to growing the quality of animal services in Weld County. Now that we're here, I look forward to proving ourselves worthy of that support."

For more information about service availability, donation opportunities, and ways to get involved, please visit [noco humane.org](http://noco humane.org).

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### **About NOCO Humane**

Founded in 1969, NOCO Humane (formerly known as Larimer Humane Society) is the largest animal welfare organization dedicated to homeless and abused animals in Northern Colorado. NOCO Humane is more than a shelter, this nonprofit organization serves as a community resource center and advocate for fostering compassionate, safe, and responsible relationships between animals and people. NOCO Humane provides adoption services, support for pet owners, and humane education for all ages. As the leader in animal welfare in Northern Colorado, the organization holds contracts to provide animal control and sheltering services for Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Timnath, and Larimer County. Additionally, NOCO Humane provides animal sheltering services for Greeley, Evans, Johnstown, and Wellington. It is a local, independent nonprofit not affiliated with national organizations such as ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States and does not receive funding from these organizations. To learn more about NOCO Humane, please visit [noco humane.org](http://noco humane.org).

NOCO Humane owns and operates two animal shelters in Northern Colorado:

#### **Larimer Campus** (formerly Larimer Humane Society)

3501 E 71<sup>st</sup> St  
Loveland, CO 80538

#### **Weld Campus** (formerly The Humane Society of Weld County)

1620 42<sup>nd</sup> St  
Evans, CO 80620