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Longmont, CO - ASPCA Rescue Dogs Find Help at Longmont Humane Society

In January of 2016, the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) conducted the single largest companion animal seizure in the organization's 150 year history in Raeford, North Carolina. The site of the seizure was an unlicensed, 122-acre animal sheltering facility known as The Haven. Nearly 700 animals were discovered in filthy kennels, cages, outdoor pens and paddocks on the property. Many animals had no protection from the elements and were suffering from serious, untreated medical issues including open wounds, severe upper respiratory disease and emaciation.

“What we found at this facility—self-described as ‘North Carolina’s most successful no-kill shelter’—was unacceptable,” said Tim Rickey, Vice President of ASPCA Field Investigations and Response.

All of the cats and dogs removed from the facility were transported to a temporary shelter established by the ASPCA. Here, they received basic care that included medical and behavioral enrichment while they awaited their opportunity to be adopted into loving, forever homes.

In order to manage such a large rescue effort, the ASPCA invited over 130 trained responders from around the United States to their temporary shelter in North Carolina. Longmont Humane Society (LHS) was proud to have the opportunity to send four staff representatives to assist in the effort during different stages of the operation. During the period between January and March of 2016, LHS staff helped the ASPCA with tasks such as feeding, cleaning, conducting behavioral evaluations, dog training and socialization and finally assisting with the ASPCA's two-day adoption event.

Among LHS' staff members who traveled to North Carolina were Longmont Humane Society Executive Director, Liz Smokowski and Director of Shelter and Clinic Operations, Sarah Clusman. Smokowski and Clusman worked for long hours, along-side other responders and ASPCA representatives to provide care to the animals each day. During the adoption event in March, which found homes for 524 animals in just under 28 hours, Clusman met two dogs for which she felt LHS could find new, loving homes.

“As a partner agency, Longmont Humane Society was in a position to assist those dogs who needed further behavioral modification prior to adoption. After spending time with Speckles and Bella, I knew that they could benefit from LHS' daily dog playgroups and training and behavior talents,” says Clusman.

The dogs, Speckles and Bella, were transported by the ASPCA to LHS in mid-April. Speckles, a two year old female was made available for adoption on April 25, and adopted into her new family in Longmont just four days later. Shortly afterwards, one year old Bella was also made available for adoption and found her forever family on May 7.

Visit longmonthumane.org to view animals available for adoption and to learn more about the process of adopting a pet from Longmont Humane Society.

Longmont Humane Society
9595 Nelson Road
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Northeast Entrance

Adoption Hours

Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Adoptions must begin 1/2 hour before closing.