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**L.A.P.S. Donations are given back to local pets in need
Thank you for caring!**

Next LAPS meeting is Thursday, March 11th at Abbey's Coffee: **ALWAYS** check with a board member for change of date, prior to attending a meeting!

(NEW PLACE!) MEETINGS ARE ON THE 3RD Thursday at ABBEY'S Coffee in Frisco at 6:30PM

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Welcome to the first online edition of our newsletter! I hope you can appreciate how much easier this is on our volunteer hours and costs of operation for L.A.P.S., along with quicker updates to our events. Please drop us an email with your email address if you would like to receive the newsletter that way or if we didn't have your email address for this edition. Thank you for changing with the times and helping us reduce spending in these crunched times. We've even started a Facebook page (compliments of new Board member, Dana) and we're thinking of doing the bling, blang, blog thing too.....(obviously not by me).

FEBRUARY 2010
First Online Edition

Well, we've had more changes on our Board: Mac Borsina needed to drop from the Board, but along with her wonderful hubby, Larry, will still be volunteering at our events.....thanks Mac for all your hard work while you were on board! Good news follows this: Back by popular demand, a little arm wrestling and a lot of begging.....Suzie VerSchure (of Abbey's Coffee) is re-joining the L.A.P.S. Board after a short hiatus of a few years. She served for many years previously and she and Dave have always been big-time volunteers and supporters (how else do you think you'd get the GOOD coffee at our events?! Welcome back Suzie!

If anyone is interested in being a board member or a volunteer, please email us and we'd love to meet you and discuss it or better yet, come to our Annual Elections & Meeting on April 15 and throw your name into the box.

Please note: We have changed location for our monthly meetings to Abbey's Coffee.....you should always contact one of us to check on the dates before coming to a meeting since we sometimes have to change it.



COMING EVENTS:

DogTerra: Sunday, March 7 at Gold Run Nordic Center

L.A.P.S. Annual Elections & Meeting: Thursday, April 15 at the Senior Center

Doggie Swim Day: Sunday, May 2 at Silverthorne Rec Center

Let's Go Boating: Father's Day Weekend, June 19-20 at Dillon Marina

*****20th*** Annual K94K: Saturday, August 7 in Frisco: dedicated to Nancy Ring**

L.A.P.S. Annual Elections & Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 at the Senior Community Center in Frisco (by the Animal Shelter) from 6:30-8PM. There is no charge and the public is welcome! Light snacks and beverages will be served and the program will be presented by Lyn Manton Krueger, who will be talking about Therapy Dogs, their training and their life-changing purpose. Lyn is currently the Office Administrator for the Animal Shelter and also works with therapy dogs, so if you're interested in finding out how your dog could be certified as a Therapy Dog, then come and listen to someone who knows the ropes.

Elections will be held for new Board members so if you have a passion for animals and some time to spare, please put your name on the ballot! Board member responsibilities include monthly meetings, medical requests duty and helping with L.A.P.S. events throughout the year. The only attribute you need is dedication.....and an ability to "play nice" with the others.....:)

It's a great opportunity for you to learn what League for Animals & People of the Summit is all about, meet the Board members, check out coming events and maybe sign up to volunteer at one of them.

If you've ever wondered where your money goes when you donate to L.A.P.S., please come to our Annual meeting and see for yourself. All the stats will be covered there and then will be posted on our website when we do the next update.

Questions about L.A.P.S.? Email Sally at LAPS@colorado.net or check out our website www.summitlaps.com

FEELS SO GOOD TO SHARE ... THANKS!



Kudos to **Louisa Morrissey of Skijor-n-More** for her free dryland ski jor clinics that are meant to introduce people to the sport, but also to help them connect more deeply with their best furry buddy. She collected donations and gave them to L.A.P.S. and will be back again at this year's Dog-Terra on Sunday, March 7 to lead the ski jor clinics. Come out and catch her enthusiasm and have a great time!

Check out Louisa's website www.skijornmore.com or call her at 970-406-0158 or catch up with her at Gold Run Nordic Center. Thanks, Louisa, for your continued support!

Pet Photos with Santa & Grinch last November had a new look and the usual beautiful weather to turn the event into a successful and fun day for everyone. The weather even cooperated and gave us just enough snow on the ground that our outdoor scene looked really authentic. Next year, we'll do it again plus we'll bring back the Christmas Bazaar with lots of new items for your Xmas shopping list.

We'd like to send big drools of thanks to the wonderful people at **Great Outdoors Photography in Frisco** for donating their time and expertise each year at this event. The finished photos are beautiful keepsakes and we appreciate Dale & Laura putting in so much of their own time to make this work so smoothly. Our **volunteers were Joe & Judy Evans, Chris Rimlinger, Eileen Davies, Colleen Schulte, Jim & Maggie Cox, Suzie & Dave (Santa) Ver Schure, Mac & Larry Borsina, Bonni Van Buren, Sherrie Caldwell, Dana Wood, Susan O'Brien and Sally Beerup (Grinch)** and we owe them a sloppy kiss too!

If you drove by the Historical Park in Frisco on that Saturday, you might have noticed the bigger than life Grinch, Cindy Lou and Max cut-outs hanging out on the corner of Main. **Darin Sinclair** is the artist who donated his time to bring the Grinch to Frisco in a new, big way.....thanks for all your hard work setting that scene up, Darin! Hope to see you next year too.

Special thanks to B Casapulla for lending us her antique sled for the day and to **Town of Frisco** for allowing us to use the beautiful Historical Park again.

SANTA PAWS was a new program in 2009 to collect pet toys & treats to give to the less fortunate families in Summit County who couldn't afford any presents for their beloved pets last Christmas. We collected around 50 items and distributed as many as we could and gave gifts to all the Shelter animals also. Thanks to all who generously donated a toy/treat and we hope that it helped brighten Xmas morning for some. We will start collecting again in early November 2010, but if you have something to donate before that, please email Sally at LAPS@colorado.net **Kudos to the local businesses & the Shelter** for displaying our donation bins.

My goofy Woody boy, who truly mastered the "live in the moment" attitude, passed over the Rainbow Bridge suddenly and unexpectedly at the end of November. And my lovely Chloe girl joined him on the other side at the end of December after courageously battling cancer with her "I didn't need that stinkin' leg anyway" attitude while bouncing along the mountain trails. I deeply miss both of them more than I can express. They were both outstanding dogs and companions who will carry my love with them wherever they are.....Sherrie



Woody and Chloe.....together, as always....

In Loving Memory of Nancy Ring: A Life Well-Lived

God saw that Nancy was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.

So He put his arms around her
And whispered "Come with me".

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.

Although we couldn't bear to lose her
We could not bid her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Loving hands were laid to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

The L.A.P.S. Board would like to extend our condolences to the family, friends and acquaintances of Nancy Ring. Nancy was one of the founders of League for Animals & People of the Summit back in the early 90's and the caring Director of the Animal Shelter for decades. She's gone only in the physical sense.....her warm smile, big laugh, crazy sense of humor and genuine love for all living things will never be forgotten by any of us and as her beloved hubby, John said at her memorial, "Please remember and honor Nancy by living your life by her example of love for fellow man and animal". We'll think of you often, Nancy, with a smile and a tear and we know in our hearts that you're up there cavorting with all the furry things and hopefully relaxing for once in your life!

The Story of the Kind-Hearted Woman

Once upon a time there was a kind-hearted woman who loved animals. From the tiniest newborn kitten to the biggest wild-eyed horse, she cherished them all. The woman lived high in the Rockies in a county called Summit. There she saw that many of the other mountain people loved animals, as well, and many kept dogs and cats as pets. This seemed to make everyone happy until the kind-hearted woman, along with some of her kind-hearted friends, discovered that some of the dogs and cats had gone *a-stray*, fending for themselves in the streets ending up in the shelter of the kind-hearted woman.

Being wise, the kind-hearted woman and her kind-hearted friends knew that they needed to do something to make sure that all the dogs and cats had gentle hands to pet them and warm laps to hold them. These they needed almost as much as kibble and fish! So...the kind-hearted woman and her kind-hearted friends found a way to help. First they saw that there were too many cats and too many dogs without enough warm, happy homes to go around, so they said:

*We need to spay to prevent a-stray!
We need to neuter for Tom and Scooter!*

Alas, some of the people said:
*We'd love to spay to prevent a-stray
We just can't pay the bills today!*
So the kind-hearted woman and her friends said:
*We have a way to prevent a-stray!
We'll find ways to help you pay!*

And this was the beginning of LAPS. As time went on, they saw that LAPS was a good thing and it was working to help many dogs and cats and their people in the County of Summit. The kind-hearted woman and even more of her kind-hearted friends went on to say:

*Hey! We can do more than prevent a-stray.
We can help sick pets today!*

And this was the beginning of LAPS' medical/surgical fund for income stressed families. So, the kind-hearted woman had started a very good thing. She continued to do many great things for the people, the pets, and even the wild-eyed horses in the County of Summit.

Her name was Nancy Ring.....Help us keep her spirit alive!!

We sincerely thank you for your membership and would be grateful for your renewal.

Poem by Susan O'Brien, Secretary/L.A.P.S.

DONATIONS FROM THE HEART

Dana Wood, Leslie Yoder, Kathie Kralik, Sherrie Caldwell, Sadie Lawson, Latifa Ring, Karen Walthall, Sally Beerup, James & Nancy Lee, Thad & Lisa Noll, Mary & Doug Rabe, Summit County 4-H, HLP, Inc Chameleon Software, Doug Bair, Susan Alderman, donations from her Memorial: **in memory of Nancy Ring**

BVB's Services/SHS teachers & staff, Barb Cole, Sherrie Caldwell: **in memory of "Chelsea" Van Buren**
Dorothy Neary, Barb Cole, the Estate of Harry Roop, Network for Good: **in memory of Harry Roop**

Terry & Alan Hershey, Beaver Run Resort, Dr. John Warner, Arlene & Howard Jacobs, Stephen McMichael, Kimberly Eytel, John Girvin, Ann Harris: **in memory of Dodie Bingham**

Sherrie Caldwell, Sally Beerup, Elaine & Roy Million, Gary, Janet & Mica, Susan & Eddie O'Brien, Linda Kay & Pete Peterson, Bonni Van Buren: **in memory of "Woody" & "Chloe" Caldwell**

Ann Wallace: **in memory of "Winston" Warren and "Heidi" Tordoff**

Paula Ramey: **in memory of "Timber"**

Linda Kay & Pete Peterson: **in memory of "Bear"**

Bob Winsett: **in memory of "Gringa"**

Tracey Roach: **in memory of "Malcolm"**

Larry & Marilyn Beebe: **in memory of Suzanne Moore Wilkins**

Barb Cole: **in memory of "Abby" Lawlus**

Ellen Gordman: **in memory of "Chaco" Grossman**

Suzanne Reed: **in memory of "Billy the Kid" Shipman**

Visiting Veterinarian: **in memory of "Lily" Cropper**

Chris Rimlinger: **in honor of Linda Kay Peterson and her contributions to Summit County**

Pete Peterson: **in honor of Kay Doebener & Gregory Peterson**

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L.A.P.S. would like to thank all our loyal members, donors and businesses who are the backbone of our organization, without whose generosity throughout the year, we would not be able to help so many of the needy pets in our community. May all of you experience the unquestioning love and loyalty of an animal, the warm snuggles of a puppy and the wet, happy slurpy noises of a happy pet makes life worth living!

If you would like to make a tax-deductible (and very much appreciated) donation to L.A.P.S., please make your check out to L.A.P.S. and mail to: PO Box 2512, Frisco, CO 80443 and include a note if it is a memorial.

7th annual DogTerra March 7th

Gold Run Nordic/Town of Breckenridge will be hosting the 7th Annual DogTerra on Sunday, March 7th and it will NOT be the Daylight Savings Time Change Sunday.....for a change! Gold Run Nordic is off Tiger Road where the Breck Golf Course is.....just follow the signs and come out with your best buddy and the rest of the family and have one of the best days of your life.

Back again, this year, there will be **free ski joring clinics and a race**, compliments of expert Louisa Morrissey (some equipment will be provided by Louisa & Gold Run Nordic, but please bring your own if you have it). **Frisbee/Chuck-It contests, a snowshoe race and the infamous Dogstacle Course** will give you a variety of things to do, whether you're a hardcore athlete or just out for some fun. All ages are welcome and **we only charge PER DOG**, so bring the whole family for a really fun and inexpensive day in the snow.

All events will be timed/judged and prizes will be awarded for top finishers, but there will be door prizes given out randomly, so you might still win something even if you're not an Olympic athlete.

Registration starts at 9:15 and events start at 9:45-10. You need a 6 foot leash, proof of current rabies vaccine and a sense of humor to participate because your mutt is gonna whip your butt!

LAPS members pay \$20, non-members pay \$22 and then it's \$5 for any additional dogs. You'll need either snowshoes or Nordic skis to compete or just come out and enjoy the social atmosphere and eat donuts and drink delicious Abbey's coffee. All donations (tax-deductible) and registration fees benefit League for Animals & People of the Summit, which in turn, benefits our community by helping the less fortunate pets in Summit County.

We're now on **Facebook**.....like about every other person/organization you know, but what a cool thing anyway! Please log on and see what Dana has put together: **Search for "League for Animals & People of the Summit" or LAPS (or go to our website www.summitlaps.com)** to see hundreds of photos from all our events, along with membership and donation information. We've still got our re-useable, sturdy bags for sale, along with unique t-shirts, so please take a look and support the needy pets in your community and get some great stuff! If you have any questions about L.A.P.S., please email us.

Our condolences go out to Matt & Jayne Lit for the loss of their best buddy, **Bear Dog**. Even good friends cannot fill the void left by the passing of our furry companions, but we hope that Matt & Jayne find comfort in knowing that Bear Dog had a fabulous life and with all the photos he posed for, the good time memories will never fade.

"Dogs are our link to Paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring.....it was peace".

Milan Kundera

Matt has set up **"The Bear Fund"** for memorial donations to Bear Dog. To donate, make the check out to LAPS and mail to PO Box 2512, Frisco, CO 80443. All of your tax-deductible donations will be used to help local pets with a focus on accidental injuries.

