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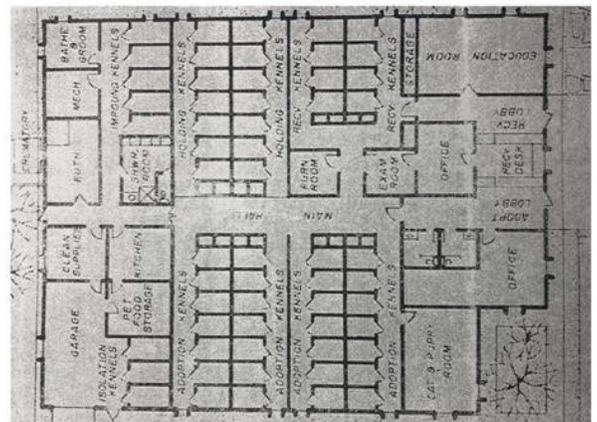
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## *Larimer Humane Society Celebrates 50 Years*

# THEN & NOW



In 1969, the Larimer Humane Society was formed with a dream to provide a shelter for homeless animals. A partnership was created between the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County, launching a \$100,000 campaign for the construction of a new facility for animal control services. That dream came to fruition when the Larimer Humane Society's shelter opened its doors on May 1, 1974 with 57 dog runs and 65 small animal cages. It became the community's primary resource for lost, homeless and neglected animals.



**50**  
**YEARS**



**LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY**

Now 50 years later, Larimer Humane Society has found their forever home! Located at 3501 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Loveland, CO 80538, they officially opened on September 5, 2017. More than 10 years in the making, the creation of the new facility involved 27 acres of land, a tax initiative and a \$2.1 million campaign. It is important to mention all of the invaluable support of the community, volunteers, donors, local government, partners, the board of directors and staff who made this possible.

The new shelter is more than 39,000 square feet, which can now provide the space and resources for homeless, lost, unwanted and abandoned animals in Northern Colorado. The shelter offers a public dog park, community room, onsite veterinary clinic, state-of-the-art HVAC system and isolation units.



For more information about the Larimer Humane Society, check out their website at [www.larimerhumane.org](http://www.larimerhumane.org) or call 970-226-3647!

## Omega 3 Fatty Acids

Spring can be an itchy time of year for many animals. Seasonal changes stir up environmental components like pollens and debris. Omega 3 Fatty Acid supplements can be tremendously beneficial for dogs who suffer from skin allergies and sensitivities. They are comprised of ALA (*alinolenic acid*), EPA (*elcosapentaenoic acid*) and DHA (*docosahexaenoic acid*). Typically for animals, fish-derived oils (EPA and DHA) are primarily recommended.

Not only do Omega 3 Fatty Acids help skin conditions and environmental allergies, but arthritis and heart disease are among the many other conditions improved by these supplements. Cats can also benefit from Omega 3 Fatty Acids! For our feline friends, maintaining a good coat and skin condition can help reduce hairballs.

At Countryside Animal Hospital, we carry Derma 3 capsules, which contain EPA, DHA and vitamins A, D3 and E.



**Ask your veterinarian if  
Omega 3 Fatty Acids might benefit  
your furry friend!**

# Countryside's Superstar

## ROXY



**MEET ROXY!** This darling little lady is a 3 year old domestic shorthair cat who first came to Countryside in January 2019. Being the curious adventurer she is, Miss Roxy found a new place to hide: a cabinet with drawers. Unfortunately, one of her hind legs was injured during this particular adventure.

Upon examination at Countryside, Roxy was given pain medication and was sedated for x-rays. Dr.

Hoobler-Riek determined Roxy's leg was fractured. Roxy had sustained a midshaft tibia and fibula fracture that was unstable. The options to repair her leg were to have surgical fracture repair with a plate, leg amputation, or rigid splinting with a bandage for at least 8 weeks. The splinting wasn't a guarantee that the fracture would heal correctly, and surgical plating was a very expensive option, so her owner, Beth, ultimately made the difficult decision to have Roxy's broken leg amputated.



Mallory, Beth's daughter, is a Certified Veterinary Technician at Countryside and she was able to assist with her family's kitty's surgery. Roxy's leg amputation surgery was performed January 21, 2019 at Countryside by Dr. Bronwen Foster. Roxy was then transferred to the Veterinary Emergency and Rehabilitation Hospital for

overnight care to control pain and keep her comfortable.

A few days later, Roxy returned to Countryside not having had a bowel movement yet and she still wasn't eating. An enema and subcutaneous fluids were given. Roxy seemed to be feeling some relief right away!

***Can 3 legs be better than 4?*** For many animals, leg amputation has allowed for a new, healthier chance at living a pain-free life. At this point, quality of life certainly comes into play when considering the big picture and the necessary care for your furry companion moving forward.

There has been great success with leg amputations in regards to recovery time and animals positively adapting to this major life change. Animals often bounce back relatively quickly from such a surgery while adjusting to their new daily routine. Owners can help their 3-legged companion tremendously by motivating and encouraging them to re-learn or develop new skills. Like people, everyone recovers in an individual way and at different paces.

Animals continually prove their resiliency! Although there have been a few ups and downs for Miss Roxy since the leg amputation, she has done remarkably well for such a life-changing event. She is not letting only having 3 legs slow her down. Beth reports she is walking around great with 3 legs and has been quite the chatterbox! Roxy has definitely proven she is a fighter and ready to face the world ahead!



**WAY TO GO SWEET EXPLORER!**

## Rescue Community:

### *Spotlight on Izzy's Place Senior Dog Rescue*



Izzy's Place Senior Dog Rescue is a foster home based rescue in Northern Colorado, catering to senior dogs in need. Although the rescue does not have a facility to visit, you can see pictures and learn more

about each dog on their website. Izzy's Place offers meet and greet appointments, as well as 30 day trial adoptions to make sure it is the right fit for both you and the dog.

In addition, the rescue is always looking for volunteers to help foster incoming dogs. Izzy's Place covers all pre-approved medical visits with their vet partners, along with food for the dogs while in foster care.

Another way to get involved is to sponsor an incoming dog who may already be in a foster home or on a medical hold.



#### **Jodie, co-owner of the rescue, explains further:**

"Izzy's Place was founded in 2008 by Paul and Shereen Raucci. They started the rescue because of their Senior Lab mix Izzy who they fell in love with.

They started a sanctuary in foothills of Loveland for the hospice pups. Sadly Paul passed away in 2012 and after that Shereen decided to move back to New York to be with her family. Nikki and Jodie kept the rescue running and got their PACFA license last year. We are an all breed rescue. The only 2 requirements are the dogs be over 7 or special needs.



"Since we are a foster home based rescue, we rely solely on donations from the public. Last year alone we were able to save 20 seniors in need and find them loving forever homes. As of this month we have adopted out nearly 49 dogs in our 10 years of existence.

"After our pups are fully vetted by our awesome vet partners they go

to their foster homes where they learn how to react in a "normal" environment. Our foster homes get to snuggle and love our seniors until they find their forever homes. Sometimes it only takes a few days, other times a few months.

"Our fosters are the most valuable part of our rescue. Without them we wouldn't be able to save more seniors. They open their hearts and homes to pups in need just to do it all over again once their foster pups are adopted.

"While it may seem hard to foster because you'll get "too attached", the truth is, you're saving 2 lives -the life of the pup you're

fostering and the life of the dog that got to take the space at the shelter when we took a senior in need in. In short, it takes a village to save a dog and Izzy's Place is an amazing Village that has saved many pups in need. "

As Izzy's Place grows and expands, they continue to provide excellent animal services and care in the community. Be sure to check out their website at [www.izzysplaceseniordogrescue.com](http://www.izzysplaceseniordogrescue.com) or call 970-325-3180!

