



LARAMIE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

YEAR-IN-REVIEW 2025

WEDNESDAY DEC 31, 2025

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit striving to address animal welfare needs within our community. We support the Laramie Animal Shelter, including paying for major medical expenses for the animals. Our community programs include: Foster & Adoption programs; a Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program; and providing support for Albany county people and their pets.

CLOSING ONE DOOR TO OPEN ANOTHER

In the spring of 2024, we took a huge step forward: we purchased our first permanent building. Much of 2025 was spent following up on that dream with some necessary steps: we closed down our Intake Facility and moved all the kennels and equipment to the new building.

Closing down the Intake Facility was the end of an era: hundreds of cats came through our rescue as they received medical treatment, healed, and decompressed. Thank you to EVERYONE who was a part of that facility's operations.



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SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND PETS IN LARAMIE



www.laramie-animals.org

2025 - Our Year in Animals



Animal Highlight - Gina the Greyhound



Gina came to LAWS unable to nurse 11 puppies due to multiple serious medical conditions. She is the sweetest dog and doing wonderfully now. Thanks to the round-the-clock volunteers who bottle fed her puppies!!

Animal Highlight - Moose's Misadventure



Moose took a mighty big fall--and broke his leg severely before coming to us. The Orphan Kitten Club came to his rescue, donating to make his leg-saving surgery possible. Today he's leaping around his forever home!

Closing our intake facility meant reducing our capacity temporarily so that we can increase our impacts in the future. Even so, we had a lot of animals in need of our help this year.

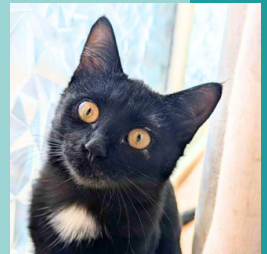


INTAKES

298 animals entered our rescue

This included cats, dogs, a beta fish, and even a lizard!

200 were adopted out to loving families!



T-N-R

- 170 community cats trapped, fixed, and returned/relocated
- Large-scale events in spring and fall
- Many smaller trapping efforts throughout the year

Huge thanks to Gem City Veterinary Clinic for hosting these big TNR events!

ANIMAL COSTS

\$113,683 in veterinary costs alone

- **\$71,683** for animals in our care
- **\$42,000** for Laramie Animal Shelter pets



2025 - Community Events



As always, our wonderful volunteers headed out into the community for puppy meet and greets, fundraisers, and outreach. It is wonderful seeing your faces and hearing updates on former adoptees. Thanks for your support at all these events, Laramie!

OUTREACH

- **Puppy playdates at UWyo**
- **Freedom Has a Birthday**
- **Laramie Volunteer Fair**
- **Paws and Paintbrushes**
- **Dog Days of Summer (Public Library)**
- **Dog and Cat Toy-Making Innovation Workshop at UW**

Event Highlight - UW Holiday Market



Thanks to the support of all the Laramie shoppers and the artists who donated crafts or volunteered, including Maiah's Art, we raised over \$1,000!

SERVICE

- **Free Dog Food Day - distributing donated pet food to the community**
- **Free Pet Food Day March 1**
- **Free Community Pet Food June 20 (UW Football)**

Event Highlight - Dog Food Distribution



Thirteen members of US Army National Guard cleaned out our sheds and yard, and carried hundreds of pounds of dog food to over 60 families.

FUNDRAISERS

- **UW Staff Holiday Market**
- **Motive Coffee Perk & Pet**
- **Murdochs 25c Burgers**
- **Farmer's Market**
- **Home Brewers Festival**
- **Walmart Fill-A-Trunk**
- **Cocoa Hut Sales**



2025 - Fundraising Efforts



As we are completely donation-based, we depend on our wonderful community to keep our efforts going.

THANK YOU to all our 2025 donors! We are unable to list you all here, but we appreciate every single one of you.

PARTNERS

- Gem City Veterinary Clinic
- Animal Health Center
- Murdoch's
- UW Freshman Football Team
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Elevation Dog Daycare and Pet Resort

SPONSORS

- The Kitten Lady / Orphan Kitten Club
- PACS Group, Inc.
- Elevation Dog Daycare and Pet Resort
- Wolf Creek Radio Broadcasting LLC
- Goodwill Industries of Wyoming
- Yola and Boogy Fund

We need more sponsors! Reach out today ❤️

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

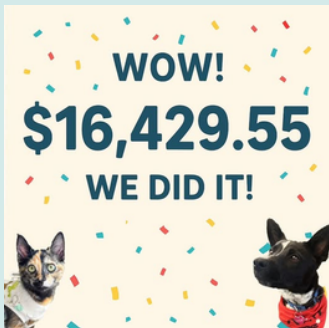
- Bark Madness Photo Contest
- Puppy Poop Bingo
- Valentine's Fundraiser
- WyoGives (Jul 16)
- Giving Tuesday
- Murdoch's 25c Burgers
- Murdoch's Donation Drive
- Homebrew Festival
- Walmart Fill-a-Trunk
- Homebrew Festival

Fundraiser Highlight - Hearts for Hex



Hex had a rare, congenital heart defect which was discovered while he was in foster with us. Thanks to your support, we were able to cover his open heart surgery (\$5,000). Hex celebrated by learning to run on a wheel! He is beloved by his foster family.

Fundraiser Highlight - Giving Tuesday



An unbelievably generous, longtime friend of LAWS saw we were halfway to our goal and DOUBLED it. Thank you to everyone who made Giving Tuesday a success!

2025 - A Year of Volunteers



Volunteer Highlights



"My volunteer work with LAWS has brought me so much closer to the Laramie community...I'm so lucky to spend time with these animals and help them along their journey home!"
-Jillian (new volunteer in 2025~)

Volunteer All-Stars

- ★ Rebecca and Sage Hansen - socializing, enrichment, and behavior extraordinaires
- ★ Alison Corcoran - donation manager guru
- ★ Geri Fitzgerald - amazing adoption application reviewer
- ★ Yana Nightingale - foster coordinator, fundraiser, crafter, all-around incredible jack-of-all-trades

Volunteer Need Alert - We Need YOU!

- Donation Records & Management
- Board Member - Open Positions
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Social Media Assistant

Our volunteers are often juggling full-time jobs, families, and their incredible work for us. We are firm believers in "many hands makes light work." Consider volunteering with us in 2026 - if you already do, THANK YOU!! We don't exist without you.

THE TEAM

- **President Kelli DeCora**
- **Vice President Kris Slyman**
- **Secretary Avy Overstreet**
- **Treasurer Doris Bolliger**
- **Director Kathryn Eastman Curry**
- **Director Andrea Mcgrath**
- **Director Dawn Johnson**

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

- **Kappa Alpha**
- **Phi Sigma Rho**
- **WY Army National Guard**
- **First Interstate Bank**
- **WyoTech Give Back Club**
- **UW Freshman Football Players**



FOSTERS & ADOPTERS

- **85 Volunteers**
 - **32 kennel volunteers**
 - **34 fosters**
- **159 adopters**
 - **including barn cats**

We need more volunteers! Reach out today ❤️

Email us at laramieanimalwelfaresociety1@gmail.com

Looking Ahead to 2026 - Almost Home Project



From Dream to Reality... With Your Help: What's needed to bring us home

- Exterior parking and landscaping to meet city requirements
- New windows for efficiency and natural light
- Completed flooring, walls, ceilings
- Bathroom and laundry remodel
- Heating and ductwork expansion
- Fresh paint, fixtures, finishing touches
- Safe, animal friendly containment

Sponsorship Opportunities

Opportunities to sponsor:

- full rooms
- half rooms
- furnishings
- enrichment
- Permanently installed plaques will honor your contribution

Visit laramie-animals.org

As we look ahead to 2026, our biggest challenge remains the completion and move into the new building, proposed for May 2026.

We have huge hopes and dreams for this space. Please consider helping us get there in 2026, however you are able to contribute!

FACILITY OVERVIEW

- 5,966 sq ft
- Potential for free roam/cageless cat rooms
- Community pet pantry
- Dog kennels
- Special event space



ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR

- Purchase \$443,935
- Roofing \$41,965
- Heating system replacement \$4,395
- Updated electrical panel \$8,200
- Multiple cleanup workdays
- Winterizing

OUR GREATEST NEEDS

- Building Sponsors
- Donated or Reduced Cost Professional Services
- Parking lot buildout
- Almost Home Amazon Wishlist



[Link to Survey](#): Tell us what you'd like to see at the new building!

Our Donors 2025

We couldn't do this without you.

Thank you ❤️



LAWS Champion Donors

David Meyer	Judi and Robert Adams
Barbara & Christian Gunther	Linda (Lin) and Bob
Cathy and Michael	Bode
Harokopis	Sandra Brome
Jeannine Collins	Jonathan Fox
Patricia Parker	Stephen and Linda
Leslie and Maddie Park	Goldman
Hollis Marriott	Curtis Hutchens
Colin Walters	Kara Kieffer
James & Shellie Jo Anthony	Wendy King
Helen Coates	Kim & Chris Messersmith
Livingston Lannom	Donna Moulton
Donna Marburger	Doug and LaVonna
Janet Upchurch	Holbrook-Stinnette
Coulter Sunderman	Joan & Richard Trotter



LAWS All Stars: Monthly Recurring Donations in 2025

Erin Aurbach	Ashley Lair
Bernae Brown	Jan Leonhardt
Kema Bybee	Bren Lieske
Rebecca Cassity	Jason and Linda Lillegraven
Lindsay Christensen	Max Machalek
Cassie Clift	Patricia and Roger McDaniel
Alison Corcoran	Nancy McDonald
Sarah Echohawk-	Melissa Murphy and Mark Zieres
Vermillion	Kevin and Maria Oder
Nicole & Fred George	Cindy and James Petty
Allison Gernant	Breanna Powers
Thomas Gill	Linda Reitsma
Lisa Herold	Kara and Clara Robbins
Cricket Hoskins	Deborah Sanchez
Melissa Irvine	Emily Sloan
Dean Johnson	Sophia Volk
Amy Kopp	Susan Weidel
Sharon Kubichek	Bridget Zubrod

BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION SPONSORS

Albany County School District #1
Durlacher Co-Work Space
Elevation Dog Daycare & Pet Resort
Goodwill Industries of Wyoming
Harmony Home & Community Club
Laramie Boomerang
Laramie Mechanical & Heating Systems
Linford Elementary
Mikey Welper (MVP Real Estate)
Mountain West Farm Bureau
Motive Coffee
Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply
R & M Campbell Memorial Trust
Range Community Insurance
Rocky Mountain Shirtworks
Ruby's Vintage
Somkoda Design LLC
The Soda Pit
TownSquare Title of Wyoming LLC
Windy City Pet Store
Wolf Creek Radio Broadcasting LLC
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DONATION JAR LOCATIONS



Big D (West Laramie and East Grand Ave)
Elevation Dog Daycare & Pet Resort
Gateway Fuels Shell
Gem City Veterinary
Night Heron Books & Coffeehouse
Safeway Liquor Store
Snowy Range Station
Snowy's Store
The Feed Store
The Fly Store
Turtle Rock Coffee & Cafe



THANK YOU!!!



In Memoriam 2025

In 2025, LAWS received donations from loving family
and friends in honor of these beautiful souls.



Amy Bouse

Robert Campbell

Bridger Leo Christensen

Danny Nelson

Edward Campbell

Joan Trotter

Justin Carlton

Lewlew

Linda Dillon

Lois Chickering

Peggy Thompson

Phillip Bryant

Punch Williamson

Sandra Rardin

