

# Protect, rescue or save

## Which one are you?

This year, we broke our work into 3 categories—Protect, Rescue, and Save—to illustrate some of our specific work. Read below and see which one speaks to you!

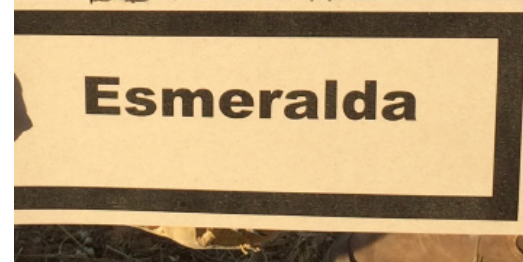
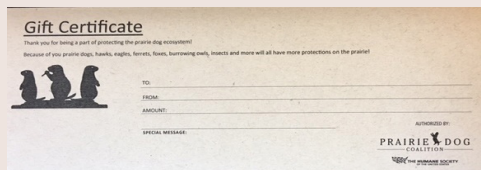
**Protect:** This is our work of offering non-lethal solutions to private landowners and wildlife managers to improve prairie dog protection on the lands they manage. If you donate in this category, we will add your name to one of our rescue vehicles, since a portion of funds raised in this category will help us improve our ability to protect prairie dogs during transfer by adding a topper to our field vehicle.

**Rescue:** These are the on-the ground translocations we do to move prairie dogs from an endangered burrow to one that is protected. If you donate \$50 or more in this category, we will take a personalized picture with a prairie dog during our next field season and send it to you (see enclosed pic of Esmerelda for the Patrick Family).

Mail in your \$40 & up donation by Dec. 10th, and we'll mail you a gift certificate to fill out as a gift or stocking stuffer!

**Save:** "Save the prairie dog; save the prairie." This is because prairie dogs are essential to biodiversity. This category of our work strives for long-term conservation strategies for prairie dogs, which includes reducing poisoning plans; creating more shooting closures; and setting aside more designated habitat for prairie dogs and their associates. If you choose Save as the category of your donation, we will add your name to a personalized card and take a picture of a burrow with your name on it. All burrows are different, and all burrows are beautiful!

Protect, rescue or save—which category are you? During this season of giving, we want to offer each of you an opportunity to help us protect, rescue, and save prairie dogs. Please mark a category on the enclosed envelope to share which category you want to be apart of!



Donate to our Rescue category and we will take a personalized picture with a prairie dog and send it to you!

Top photo, left to right: Amy Ackerman, Dan Paul, Lindsey Sterling Krank, Sharon Patrick



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### PASS IT ON!

Share this update with friends and family who care about the life of the prairie.



## From the director: It takes a village to make a village!



PDC staff left to right: Kristen Nelson, Noelle Guernsey, Lindsey Sterling Krank

Since our last letter, we have had our biggest year ever in the field and we couldn't have done it without you! We have been so blessed to meet such great partners, enjoy new team members and travel throughout the prairie dog's home range to help prairie dogs and their habitat! Thank you to each of you for being a part of it! Whether you are offering your land as a receiving site for prairie dogs; sponsoring our efforts at the annual fundraiser Living on Burrowed Time (or donating year round); volunteering on our field projects; or are a quiet supporter cheering us on from the sidelines, it ALL helps. So thank you!

The season started with our biggest 'smash and grab' we could have ever imagined... in Kansas! We rented a small bungalow in a town of fewer than 1,000 people, packed our bags and hit the dirt road. We were lucky to work with the Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Club, and Turner Endangered Species Foundation to spend just over a month moving 500 prairie dogs. These prairie dogs were moved from an imperiled lo-

cation into one that's forever protected and part of a landscape scale conservation project for grassland species. From Kansas, we went to Montana to improve prairie dog and black-footed ferret habitat. We have fabulous partners in that area, and this time, we got to collaborate with Canada's Grassland National Park and the Calgary Zoo to share some of our techniques with their leading biologists. We felt so honored to share our knowledge with other groups looking to increase their prairie dog colonies.

It's such an awe-inspiring feeling to get to collaborate with individuals and organizations that want to expand their prairie dog towns! It is truly too rare. In this day and age, we are not only expanding non-lethal prairie dog management, but now as a result of exotic disease, we are working tirelessly to keep our designated prairie dog areas occupied by prairie dogs. We want these animals to remain on the prairie not only because we love them, but because we need burrowing owls, ferruginous hawks, mountain plovers, black-footed ferrets and even the ferocious American badgers on the land to ensure a healthy prairie now and for future generations.

We also have loved having support from each of you, and there are so many ways that you have been a part of our team! If you are interested in getting more involved, you can volunteer with us, and as of now, we are working to finalize our upcoming projects in the 2017 field season—we could definitely use your help!

We are also offering the opportunity to adopt a prairie dog for yourself or as a holiday gift! If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Kristen at [knelson@humanesociety.org](mailto:knelson@humanesociety.org). But for now, pat yourself on the back and

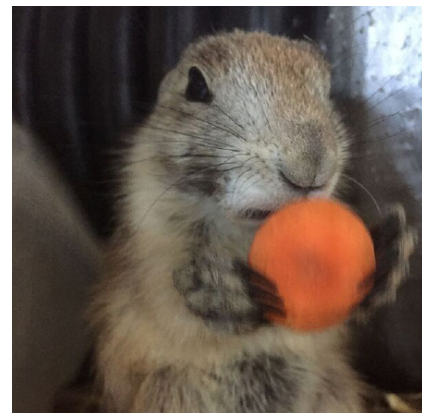
do a jump yip because we did it! We saved more prairie dogs than ever this year, and we were all a part of it.

Thank you!

For the Life of the Prairie,

Lindsey Sterling Krank

P.S. Thank you to our favorite family in Satanta, Kansas... the Clarks!



The Prairie Dog Coalition is an alliance of non-profit organizations, concerned citizens and scientists dedicated to the protection of prairie dogs and restoration of prairie dog ecosystems. Survival of the prairie dog is critical to the continued existence of the prairie ecosystem—one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world.

The Prairie Dog Coalition is a program of The Humane Society of the United States.

# 1,537 and still counting!

In addition to our projects in KS and MT, we have had a busy field season in CO that has truly showcased the wide-reaching impact the PDC is having on prairie dogs and their associated species throughout their range. 2016 has been a historic year for us in Ft. Collins, CO. We have relocated more than 715 prairie dogs from a colony that spanned more than four private properties in a collaborative effort that was spearheaded by a fantastic group of concerned citizens, Fort Collins Prairie Dog Relocation Group, which followed the steps outlined in the PDC's Action Packet to secure a relocation site at one of the city's Natural Areas. Sadly, a fifth private property was on board to relocate their portion of prairie dogs from this colony and for undisclosed reasons abandoned this responsible plan and poisoned the prairie dogs on their property. This was truly a loss for all who were involved, but nonetheless we all pulled our boots back on and worked tirelessly to relocate the rest of the colony in the first private to public relocation in Ft. Collins. We have also been

collaborating with the City of Ft. Collins as they overhaul the Wildlife Management Guidelines to better protect urban prairie dogs and to encourage opening more release sites with large scale conservation implications.

We also worked with Colorado Horse Rescue in Longmont, CO, to relocate prairie dogs that were in undesirable portions of the property and to help design a prairie dog preserve on part of the property. Those that were relocated are getting cozy at their new digs in Boulder County's Cohig Open Space. Finally, in addition to our large projects, we have completed passive relocations for the City of Ft. Collins and a private landowner, and we've conducted a passive relocation training for Pawnee National Grasslands. All this work contributes to our productive field season of protecting as many prairie dogs as possible!



Prairie dogs at their new home at Cathy Fromme Prairie in Fort Collins, CO

## JUMP YIPS FOR NON-LETHAL MANAGEMENT!

Kudos to the U.S. Forest Service in Boulder with Prairie Preserves LLC; developers Bruce Dierking, Jim Loftus, & Armory Community, LLC. for the Boulder Armory colony; and New Belgium Brewing Company for showing responsible stewardship!

Show your support  
for these folks!



Pam Wanek of Prairie Preserves LLC worked with Sylvia Clark, the US Forest Service's District ranger, to passively relocate 55 burrows out of harm's way.



## PDC members rising to the challenge!



On October 15, 2016, we held our annual Living on Burrowed Time fundraiser—and what a great prairie dog party it was! This was our 11<sup>th</sup> year hosting this event, and we decided to add new and fun elements by switching venues. This year, we hosted the event at Pastures of Plenty in Longmont, CO, which provided beautiful local food grown and prepared right on the farm! It also was our privilege to honor several people during our program who are Rising to the

Challenge to help the world become a better place for prairie dogs both in Colorado and across the United States—including local advocate Helen Taylor, Boulder City Council Member Lisa Morzel and wildlife researcher Shaun Grassel. We also awarded a group of local children who spoke up for prairie dogs at a Boulder City Council Meeting—they are the next generation of prairie dogs supporters! So many people and businesses helped us with this event, and we are so grateful to all of them. We look forward to this event next year, when we have another chance to host a great party in honor of our favorite keystone species!



The HSUS Wildlife Protection department's vice president Nicole Paquette and PDC volunteer Melissa Clark having fun at LOBT!

## Living on Burrowed Time

### Sponsors and Coalition Leaders

Jump Yips to everyone who helped our LOBT event be a success!

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