

# LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

## **Puppies in peril Sun-News report**

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They're adorable, energetic, wriggling - and tragic. The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is again over-capacity with 125 puppies, including two litters of just-born pups who need foster homes until they're able to be adopted, shelter director Beth Vesco-Mock said.

Heeler mixes, shepherd mixes, chihuahua mixes, rottweiler mixes and collie mixes are part of the recent wave inundating the shelter, after several months with a low 37 percent euthanasia rate.

"We do not need more puppies in this community," Vesco-Mock said. "They need to be out in this beautiful sun, in someone's backyard, frolicking around."

Pet adoptions today are 8 a.m. to noon at the Farmer's Market in downtown Las Cruces and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats and kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and microchip.

More information is available by visiting the shelter at 3551 Bataan Memorial West, visiting the shelter's Web page, [www.ascmv.org](http://www.ascmv.org) or by calling (575) 382-001