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Still searching for a home for Great Plains SPCA's longest term resident

Merriam, KS (June 24, 2024) – Lucas, a 4-year-old labrador retriever mix, has been at Great Plains SPCA for more than 500 days. Since our last announcement, he has had a lot of interest, but unfortunately none of those home situations have worked out. Lucas needs to be the *only* pet in the household.

We are seeking a home for Lucas, as he is showing signs of depression in the shelter environment. The facts don't make sense as to why Lucas is still here; he somehow keeps getting overlooked by adopters. He is loveable and great in a home environment with kids ages 9 and up. Lucas is 84 pounds of pure love – he is affectionate and cuddly. He is house trained, crate trained, knows a variety of commands, and does well on walks with a no-pull harness. Lucas spends his day watching out the office windows and snuggling with staff members. He does need to be the *only* pet in the household.

Anyone interested in meeting Lucas can email adoptions@greatplainsspca.org to set up a playdate.

We also ask that potential adopters be aware of the "Rule of 3s." For newly adopted animals, in the first three days, the animal might be shut down, testing boundaries, not wanting to eat or drink, and feeling scared and overwhelmed. After three weeks the animal starts to settle in, figuring out their environment and routine, and letting their guard down to show more personality. After three months, the animal should feel completely comfortable in their new home and build a true trustful bond with the owner.

The public can support GPSPCA by sharing Lucas's story and helping him find his forever home. Donations are always welcome, as the cost of care per animal has risen to \$1325. All donations are matched up to \$150,000 during our Lend a Paw Match Campaign, running through July 31st.

Members of the media are welcome to come to the shelter for interviews about Lucas and to meet all adoptable pets for human interest stories.

About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA is one of the largest animal shelters in the Kansas City area serving 5,000 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior training. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).
