

Paws Newsletter

December 2017

December 1 - 23

All adoptions are half-price, when you bring in a new unwrapped toy!!!

Special excludes cost of microchip and Prepaid Adoptions.

Adoptions includes sterilization and rabies vaccine.



SHELTER HOURS AND LOCATION

Animal Shelter & Adoption Center
600 Tower St.
Garland, TX 75040
Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
972-205-3570



Pet Adoption Center
813 Main St.
Garland, TX 75040
Mon.-Wed. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thu. 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



GARLAND
ANIMAL SERVICES

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Pets as Gifts, Safety Tips, and a Happy New Year!!

By Shelter Supervisor Hugo Espinoza



With the holiday season now in full stride, the search for the perfect gift has taken upon many checklist. As one who works in the animal field, this is the common trend for the holiday season. Along with sharing stories of what our furry friends did during our gift giving season. Here some thoughts of adopting a furry friend as a gift, and few things you should know as an owner of furry pals during the holidays.

One major trend we have come to terms with is that puppies and kittens are highly sought out for as gifts for the holiday season. While we open our arms to any adopters, please remember that we have many great pets available for adoption. Don't be discourage because a shelter is out of puppies and kittens. Non puppy and kitten adoption may just work out for the best. One major piece of advice that I would share with anyone considering adoption as a gift is knowing they type of animal that would be best for whom this pet is a gift for. As usual any new addition to the home will require some adjustment. Remember some of the older dogs and even the pups will need to learn what doors they will need to go to, what your schedule consist of, etc. We all know puppies will require a lot of attention and training. If gifting a pup and kitten, or any pet really, be sure owner is allowed to have and willing to accept as a gift. Pets are an awesome surprise, no doubt about it, but let's not make it too much of a surprise which leads to returning the pet. We definitely do not discourage adoptions, but we want to ensure as much as we can that these are forever adoptions. We are here to help with any questions you may have. We also encourage to come meet the pets you are interested to see if they would be a great fit.

To all my fellow pet owners, we all know the holidays can get tricky. I hope all was well for you, your family, and furry ones this thanksgiving. Now that we have made that a success, the new challenge begins. Christmas decorations. Our boxer was still early in his boxer extended puppy stage last Christmas, and we learned that the hard way. Which brings me to my first tip, **keep all wires and ornaments out of paws reach**. My dog's awesome owners left his crate to close to the tree, and when we got home "tree down, tree down". Water spilled out and thankfully didn't short anything out. We also learned that ornaments did not go on the bottom of tree for us. Be sure to try your best to keep everything secure and away from Danger. Candles are common for decoration, but **be sure no open flames are left unattended**. Consider wick-less wax and warmers, or alternative methods if pets become too curious of flames. **Be careful with tinsel**. Cat can easily confuse this with a toy, and if left unattended can become a danger to them. **Avoid or try to keep away from mistletoe & Holly**. Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Consider artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet. Most of the foods to avoid in November's newsletter apply again, but one thing to remember, if you are enjoying adult beverages, **be sure to ensure your pets cannot access unattended adult drinks**. **Remember to remind your guest about the house rules**, also covered in November's newsletter. Last but not least, New Year's Eve can be noisy in more ways than one. If you have guest and your pets are shy, **consider placing them in a quiet room**. Be sure to check on the periodically and offer food and water if needed. When counting down to welcome the New Year, remember that noise makers, people yelling, and fireworks can scare your pets. Ensure exists are secure. Also, be careful with confetti left on the ground. Pet can choke on small paper or plastic, and it's not good as part of their diet.

Monthly

Stats



Incoming



Outgoing

424

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

135

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO
SHELTER

1,591

VISITORS

1,762

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

124

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

214

ANIMALS EXAMINED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

96

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY RESCUE GROUPS

92

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY GARLAND ANIMAL
SERVICES SHELTER

15

PETS WERE SPONSORED

92

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY
THEIR OWNERS

38

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY
GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES
&
PET ADOPTION CENTER



Five Items Your Dog Should Avoid

By Lead Officer Justin Craft

#1: Bread Dough

Rising bread dough may seem harmless, but it can be a killer if your dog gets hold of it. Even after being swallowed, the dough will continue to ferment and expand in the dog's stomach. This can lead to severe intestinal gas. In some cases, the dough will expand to such a size that it cannot exit the stomach. Watch your dough! If your dog swallows the stuff, call your vet.

#2: Chocolate

Most people know by now that chocolate is toxic to dogs. It contains theobromine—a substance similar to caffeine—which dogs have trouble metabolizing. However, the level of toxicity depends not only on the amount consumed and the size of the dog, but also upon the kind of chocolate involved. The least dangerous is white chocolate, and the most dangerous are cocoa beans. Other types of chocolate (milk, dark) fall somewhere in between. Mild signs of toxicity include vomiting, excessive thirst and urination, and diarrhea. More serious effects are restlessness, hyperactivity, panting, twitching, or even seizures. It is possible for dogs to die from chocolate poisoning.

#3: Cleaning Products

Cleaning products—especially toilet bowl cleaners, caustics like Drano and Ajax, and pine oils—are dangerous to your pet. All bleach and detergents are unsafe as well. Many of these products destroy tissue on contact, and pine oils can cause severe systemic disease. Keep all containers tightly closed and locked away from your dog. Luckily, most dogs do not find cleaning agents very attractive. If your dog is exposed to cleaning products, flush his skin or mouth with plain water to wash away the remaining chemicals, then call your vet.

#4: Grapes & Raisins

Grapes can cause kidney failure in dogs, although so far only about 10 grape-poisoned dogs have been officially reported to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. The amount of grapes or raisins ingested has been between 9 ounces and 2 pounds; however, even a single snack-sized raisin package can induce symptoms. Keep them away from your pet. If he does swallow a large number of grapes, take him to the vet—he may need blood tests and intravenous fluids. Your vet may want to induce vomiting, pump the stomach, or give activated charcoal.

#5: Christmas Trees

The biggest danger to dogs during the Christmas season is the Christmas tree. To ensure a safe holiday, place the tree near an outlet so you don't have long, tempting electrical cords for the dog to chew. Any visible cords should be taped down. It is best to anchor the tree to the ceiling or wall with hooks and clear fishing line, so the dog doesn't grab it and start pulling it around the house. Some decorations, including angel hair, flocking, and artificial snow, are all somewhat toxic as well.

Remember to attach ornaments with a bit of ribbon or string rather than hooks. And place tempting chewable ornaments (or glass ones) well out of reach. No ornament is completely safe if it can be swallowed. Tinsel and garlands can be especially dangerous; dogs tend to swallow them, and they then get stuck in the intestine, which means dangerous and expensive surgery. Always sweep up pine needles, since they can irritate the mouth and perforate a dog's intestines.

Tree preservatives, which are sugar based and therefore tempting to dogs, are also dangerous. There's no telling what else may be lurking in the tree water (bacteria, fertilizers, insecticides, and flame-retardants are all possibilities). Cover the tree stand with a skirt and supervise your dog.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7, 14, 20 & 21

Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In Basis) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040
For Additional Information and Sterilization Scheduling call
940-566-5551 or email TCAP.

Saturday, December 23, 1 - 3 p.m.

Trap-Neuter- Return Clinic
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

Thursday, December 21 & 28, 5:15 p.m.

Volunteer Training
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040



Have your dog or cat fixed for just \$25*!

*This special is available anywhere TCAP works during the month of December for cats, male dogs under 80 lbs, and female dogs under 30 lbs with the purchase of a full set of vaccines for \$25 or a microchip for \$20. Pets must be more than 10 weeks but less than 5 years old and they must weigh between 2 lbs & 80 lbs with no pre-existing health conditions to qualify for this special. All appointments for female dogs 30 lbs and over are fully booked. Availability is very limited for female dogs and female cats.

Please call us at 940-566-5551 to schedule an appointment.

The fine print includes: Proof of a current rabies vaccine is required or can be provided at the time of surgery for an additional \$5. Additional fees may be incurred for females in heat or pregnant and males with undescended testicle(s). Shelters and rescue groups may not participate in this program. Additional fees will be incurred if owners purchase take home pain medications, antibiotics, or additional vaccines. All cats must be in a hard-sided carrier. This special cannot be combined with any other specials or coupons. Only four pets per owner, per day.

A \$25 down payment per pet is due for this special at time of scheduling.

DID YOU KNOW...

By Animal Services officer Tray Jones

Did you know: Have you sometimes wondered what to do when your pet passes away, or you find dead wildlife on your property? Most would just bag it up and throw it away. DON'T!!!! It is illegal in the City of Garland to place animal carcasses in your trash bin, the proper thing to do is to contact animal services to humanly dispose of animal carcasses for you.

Sec. 52.26 Disposal of animal carcasses

Except for bagged animal waste material resulting from the preparation, processing or consumption of food, no person shall place any animal carcass in or around any residential solid waste containers, or place an animal carcass in piles of landscape waste or bulky waste placed for collection.

Get to know our latest Animal Services Officer, Uriel Martinez

Interviewed by Animal Services Officer Stephen Bernal



- Where do you live? *Dallas*
- If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? *Barcelona, Spain*
- If you could be any animal, which would you be? *Lion*
- What super power would you like to have? *Moving at the speed of light*
- If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet? *My grandfather.*



Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Donation

I wish to support the Trap, Neuter, Return program by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help spay and neuter TNR cats.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the "Garland Animal Services - TNR"

Please mail this form and check to:

Garland Animal Services
TNR Program
P.O. Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046



****Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. *****

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

All donations are tax deductible and we will mail you a receipt.

Garland Animal Shelter Adoption Sponsorship Program

I wish to support adoption of hard to place: (check one of the following) dogs cats dogs and cats

by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help prepay the \$105 or \$60 adoption fee.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the "City of Garland Animal Adoption Sponsorship."

Please mail this form and check to:

Garland Animal Services
P.O. Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046

****Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. ****

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

NOTE: Your contribution toward Garland's "Adoption Sponsorship" program will be used to prepay the adoption fee of an animal that would otherwise likely not be adopted. We put a "prepaid" sign on the animal's cage at the shelter, and those looking for a pet will be much more likely to adopt a prepaid animal. Your contribution is tax deductible, and we will mail you a receipt. For contributions of at least \$80, we will email you the photo of the dog(s) and/or cat(s) you sponsored when they are adopted if you would like to receive the photo. We will also include your name as a "sponsor" on the "prepaid" sign on the cage if you would so desire.

I would like to get an E-mail photo: Yes No

I would like to include my name on the "prepaid" sign: Yes No

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Hugo Espinoza at (972) 205-3571.