



December Newsletter



Christmas time brings lots of joy and cheer everywhere you go! We'd like to share the positive and heart felt stories that take place here at the shelter each and every day!

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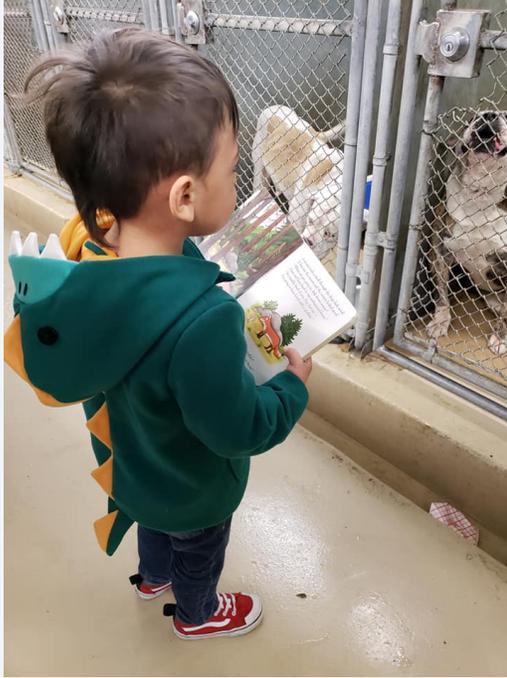
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Jackson Middle School had a "cutest pet" contest to raise money for the animals at the shelter. Each class room picked a pet to post a picture of and students donated money to which ever animal they felt was the cutest. They managed to raise \$225.00 and put it on an amazon gift card. Not only that, but they made dog toys for us to hand out to each person that adopts from us! Thank you Jackson Middle School for loving on our shelter animals! Kindness happens in Garland!

Reading at the Shelter



It was a cold and rainy Saturday when we hosted our reading event! But did that stop people from coming out? NO! We had lots of parents and children come out to read to our dogs and cats. Everybody brought their favorite book and got cozy next to our animals. We had special appearances from Mayor Dodson, Councilman Morris, and Councilman Smith. Thank you everybody for coming out to the shelter and loving on our animals!

Girl Scout Troop #1993

To the right you will see

some girl scout showing off the books they brought to read to our dogs and cats! Later, the leaders told us that they had a blast!



Off-Site Adoption Events



Karma was extremely nervous to be at the shelter. She spent most her time trying to hide in her kennel. We decided to take her to Deck the Paws to help her socialize. The owners of **Modern Paw Furniture** were selling their mid-century modern furniture at Deck the Paws when they fell in love with Karma. Immediately, they

Deck the Paws

We kicked off the Christmas season with a bang! Deck the Paws was a 2 day event that took place December 1 - 2 at Fair Park. It was a huge Pet/Christmas themed expo full of vendors, rescues, and fun activities. 4 dogs found their forever homes this weekend. Including Jose who is pictured on the left and Karma, formally known as Bodi below.

knew Karma belonged in their home. Thank you for adopting Karma and sharing her "happily ever after" pictures with us!



Christmas Parade



An FFA student from Sachse High School had the great idea to take some of our shelter dogs out to strut their stuff at their parade! The dogs had a fantastic time walking around and getting loved on by everybody they met along the way. One of our dogs were lucky enough to get adopted that night! Thank you FFA for the invitation. Our animals enjoyed a night outside the kennels!

Winter Wonderland at the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center

On December 15th
Garland Animal Services
participated in the



GRCTC's Winter Wonderland. We took 8 dogs and 2 cats to the event. Garland Animal Services is happy to announce that all 8 dogs and 1 of the cats found their forever homes that day! We are very happy with the results and look forward to doing more events at the GRCTC.



Meet Garland's Mascot!

The City of Garland has launched a new campaign known as "Make Your Mark." This campaign will help highlight all the great things that happen in the city of



Garland. Use the hashtag #MYMGarland to see where our dog will go!

To the right you will see where the doggie went to Webb Middle School to help teach the students about Animal Services at Career Day!



Garland's First Pet Transport



"Home For Christmas" has a new meaning this year. On December 20 over 20 dogs began a 2,000 mile adventure to partner with organizations in need of adoptable animals in the states of Washington and Idaho. No Stress Pets and humane societies in the Northwest are partnering to help find Garland pets a furrever home.



Thanks to a generous and

caring Garland shelter supporter and many people who funded the transport costs, Garland dogs will soon meet their new families. We hope to continue working with these organizations to the Northwest on a monthly basis.



Click on the links below for more information.

No Stress Pet Express
SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.
Idaho Humane Society

For more information on donating to please email deliamclinden@live.com.

Christmas Cheer at the Shelter

Christmas time brings people together this time of the year. Garland Animal Services enjoyed being able to play white elephant together and have some team bonding!



Facebook Shout Outs!

Recommendation



Caitlyn Godfrey recommends Garland Animal Services.

18 hrs · 🌐

This place is amazing! Although I don't believe in euthanasia it's more at the risk of owners surrendering than that of the shelter! I've had the privilege of volunteering for an adoption even a few years back and was able to take my son for a book reading to the animals. All the staff members are so sweet and caring and they make sure to make sure all adopters are educated before taking the babies home. They've done so much more to this shelter since I was little and I hope the community steps up more so these guys don't have to be flooded with sadness. Thank you guys so much for everything!

Recommendation



Tiffany Sandel LeMay recommends Garland Animal Services.

December 8 at 12:26 PM · 🌐

I love all the work yall do!!! So happy to have adopted our sweet Buddy a few days ago. Thank you for all you do!!



Patricia Ann Hanson Keep up the great work and continue to save lives. You are changing lives and the reputation of the Garland Animal Services. Thank you to whomever is in charge of this marvelous positive upswing! What do we have to do here in Garland to get stricter animal control laws, assist in making/helping folks become responsible pet owners, and get the overpopulation of dogs and cats down within our city?

Love · Reply · Message · 4h



Lori Barnett Dodson Thank you to everybody involved that made this happen. I am extremely grateful!

Love · Reply · Message · 1d





Jim Holmes Thank yall for helping all the beautiful fur babies. Gid bless you all and merry Christmas

Love · Reply · Message · 1d



Jennifer Serna What a wonderful thing! Hoping each of these animals find their forever home 🐾❤️🐾

Love · Reply · Message · 1d



Tina Gerhart Thank you all and hope those furr babies get good homes ❤️

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Lucy Hunt Deterding YEAH!!!!!! Thank you so much for giving these precious babies this chance of a new happy life.

Love · Reply · Message · 5d



Vicki Dessart Garland is really trying to turn a bad reputation into something good !

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Peggy Paus Ned I don't know what has happened over the last year, but WOW! What great things I'm seeing as I follow GAS! 👍

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Luna BT My daughter enjoyed it so much, she read for one straight hour and she didn't want to leave, thank you GAS for this opportunity!

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



Mercedes Morales 🌟 recommends Garland Animal Services.

5 mins · 🌐

The staff is wonderful. And they go out of their w sa y to help you and your furry friend become a family. Panda and I are very happy now. Thank you all at Garland Shelter for making it possible. Love you all.



Congratulations Hugo!

CONGRATULATIONS to Shelter Manager Hugo Espinoza on his acceptance to the Maddie's Lifesaving Leadership Master Class. This is a 4 day conference designed for community and organization leaders interested in

transforming their community's approach to animal services.



Christmas Gifts

Abby asked Santa for one thing this Christmas. She wanted to make sure all the animals were nice and warm at the shelter, so she asked for blankets to bring to the shelter. Thank you sweet Abby for the 3 large bags for blankets for our sweet fur babies.

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