



Paws Newsletter

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TEXAS COALITION for *Animal Protection*

High Quality, Affordable Spay and Neuter Services

\$20 Spays & Neuters in October



This special is available on Mondays during October 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 limited.

Please [click here](#) for more information or call 940-566-5551 to schedule an appointment.

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.

Our Wish List

Please think of our pets on your next shopping trip or on your fall house cleaning. We take in many pets every year, and you can help us by donating:

- Blankets
- Bleach
- Dry Dog Food
- Puppy and Kitten Food
- Cat Litter
- Dog Crates
- Fabric Sheets
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Detergent
- Newspaper
- Paper Towels
- Pine-sol
- SOS Pads
- Towels



Become A Sponsor

Sponsorship Donations Needed

There are many ways you can help support our shelter. An animal can get a second chance by adopting or sponsoring. Sponsoring an animal helps save a life for a hard to adopt animal. The sponsorships of \$105 includes sterilization, medical check-up by our city veterinarian, first round of vaccinations, and a microchip. The result is a free healthy pet to anyone who is willing to provide a home.

The success rate of adoptions for sponsored animals is nearly 100% and is only limited by the amount of donations received. Donations of any amount are accepted and individuals donating \$105 or more can choose to have their name displayed on a Sponsored Adoption sign and receive a photograph of the animal that was saved through their donation.

Help a homeless pet get a second chance by sponsoring or donating. Thanks to all the citizens who have already donated to this program!

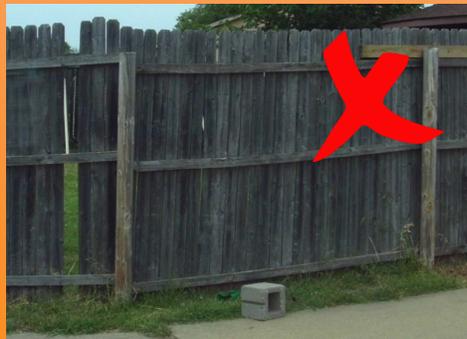


Pit Bull Fence Requirements

By Lead Animal Services Officer Adrian Olivarez

Pit bull dogs, and crossbreeds thereof, have been responsible for the majority of dog bites in Garland since 2004. Additionally, 27 percent of dogs caught running at large are pit bulls. In 2010, Garland Animal Services began enforcing an ordinance-based directive in response to this growing public safety concern. The directive requires American Staffordshire Terriers, pit bulls, American Bulldogs and crossbreeds thereof, be kept within enclosures that meet the following requirements:

- must be six feet tall, measured from the ground;
- must be constructed of wooden planks at least one-half-inch thick or 11-gage chain link fencing;
- no gaps or openings larger than 2 inches;
- must be firmly attached to brace posts buried no less than 18 inches deep; and
- must have a locking mechanism that keeps the gate securely closed.



American Bulldog



American Pit Bull Terrier



American Staffordshire

Halloween Safety Tips

By Shelter Supervisor Hugo Espinoza

Halloween is to some, their favorite day of the year. Who doesn't love getting some yummy sweets? Dressing up in costumes and walking around looking for those gems, the full sized candy bars! While we always practice safety with our kiddos, our furry forever friends don't have to be left out of the fall time fun of "Trick or Treating". We do want to share some must have safety tips to help avoid any real spooky situations.

First and foremost, never give your pets any sweets. Whether they woof or meow, avoid trick or treat candy for your pet. Do not offer them any and also be sure to stash the candy away. Do not leave it accessible to them to sneak in a few unnecessary treats. All chocolate is very dangerous for both dogs and cats, including dark or chocolate used for baking. Sugar free candies can also be toxic to your pets. They contain artificial sweeteners, including xylitol, which can cause serious problems. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately.

Costumes are fun, and there has been a big increase on pet costumes. Nothing like getting your pet dressed up to coordinate your costume theme. One thing to remember is to be sure that your pet is comfortable. Make sure that they can move around normally. Be sure there is nothing that will limit eating or drinking and nothing in the way of them being able to relieve themselves. While they look adorable, scary, or funny, you want to be sure that you do not create additional stress to this already hectic night. If you partake in dressing up or putting on a costume, your pet might not recognize you. There will also be all sorts of different things going. Let's be sure to help them remain calm.

Going out to collect candy or staying in to give out some candy? Both are fun, but both can create challenges to your pet. If you plan on walking your pet, be sure that your dog is on a leash at all times. This is probably the busiest nights for Garland Animal Services. There is zero tolerance for your dog not being on a leash. If your pet is not on a leash, under your control, you will receive a citation. Tying a leash or stepping on a leash is not considered to be in your control. You can carry your pup or kitten if you wish. If you plan to give candy away, use your pets normal behavior as a guide to know if your pet would be better off with you giving out candy, or maybe taking a break from all the activity in a quiet room.

Decorating is what some people love to do. It's awesome to see how many creative neighbors we have around. Be mindful of jack-o-lanterns and decorative corn. While they most likely are non-toxic, they can cause upset tummies. Be careful with open flames and candles, especially with those curious kitties.

Garland Animal Services wishes you and your pets a FUN and SAFE Halloween!!



DID YOU KNOW...?

By Animal Services Officer Joe Dineen

Did you know that Garland Animal Services leases traps to catch all of the bothersome critters roaming around your yard? With a deposit of \$50 for a large trap, and \$25 for a small trap, you can catch all of the animals that you don't want causing a mess in your yard for 7 days. Feel free to call us with anything you trap and we can send an Officer out to pick up the animal. Best yet once you return the trap you get your deposit back! If you have any questions about trapping feel free to call us and an Officer will be more than happy to help!



Fox Squirrels

By Animal Services Officer Diego Ortiz

Fox squirrels are strictly diurnal, non-territorial, and spend more of their time on the ground than most other tree squirrels. They are still, however, agile climbers. They construct two types of homes called "dreys", depending on the season. Summer dreys are often little more than platforms of sticks high in the branches of trees, while winter dens are usually hollowed out of tree trunks by a succession of occupants over as many as 30 years. Cohabitation of these dens is not uncommon, particularly among breeding pairs.



Dog Shelter

By Animal Services Officer Emmanuel Vargas

Now that the winter is coming to a close it is vital that all dogs that live in a house or in a back yard must have the ability to have access to shelter. According to city ordinance 22.18 (A) an owner shall provide the owner's animals with sufficient, good and wholesome food and water, **proper shelter and protection from the weather**, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment.

It is recommended that all shelters should have three well supported walls so that water and wind are not able to enter the shelter and a well-supported water proof roof. The shelter should have a blanket and or hay when temperatures begin to drop. It is important that dogs have access to the shelter and that it's placed where the wind is not blowing into the door of the shelter. The shelter should be at least 5 foot away from a fence so that dogs do not attempt to use it to get over its enclosure. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that their animals have a proper shelter so that they are not in violation of city ordinance 22.18 (A).



WHY TAKE THE RISK?
GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

Shelter Monthly Statistics



Incoming
Animals

552

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

154

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO
SHELTER



Outgoing
Animals

111

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY RESCUE GROUPS

75

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY GARLAND ANIMAL
SERVICES SHELTER

17

PETS WERE SPONSORED

107

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY
THEIR OWNERS

35

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY
GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES
&
PET ADOPTION CENTER

1,651

VISITORS

1,896

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

108

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

232

ANIMALS EXAMINED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

Please Don't Litter



Spay or Neuter Your Critters!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5 & 19
Thursdays 5:15 p.m.
Garland Pawsibilities
Volunteer Training
Pet Adoption Center
813 Main St.
Garland, TX 75040

[Click Here To Volunteer](#)

October 5, 12, 18, 19

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In)

Garland Pet Adoption Center

813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

For Additional Information and Sterilization
Scheduling call 940-566-5551 or email TCAP.

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Garland Pawsibilities
Animal Adoption Event
2402 Firewheel Parkway
Garland, TX 75040



Thank you

We would like to thank the public for donating food, pet supplies and monetary donations. Your generous donations mean the world to our animals and to all of us.

Charles & Sheri Kennedy

Leroy Worm

Piscioneri Domenico

Daniel Tamez

Linda Liebman

Robert Davis

Debra Hardin-Ploetz

Lynda Miller

Stephen & Mary Pahs

Doris Leao

Marie Monk

Walter Moore

Ellenore Grover

Marlene Feck

Kathy Secor

Marlene Lyczak

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.