



Paws Newsletter

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GARLAND

ANIMAL SERVICES

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Shelter Technician

Randy McNair

Have your outdoor cat fixed for free at any **TCAP** location during September!



Free Spays & Neuters
for outdoor cats

If left unaltered, feral and stray cats can produce large quantities of unwanted kittens, flooding local animal shelters and leading to higher euthanasia rates. This FREE program is available to all North Texas residents, anywhere TCAP works in September. All stray and feral cats under this program must receive a rabies vaccination and an ear tip at time of surgery. Cats for this program must be in individual, hard-sided carriers or live traps. Only 4 cats per caretaker per day are allowed under this program. Additional fees may be incurred for males with undescended testicle(s) or females in heat or pregnant, as well as if owners purchase take home pain medications, e-collars, or antibiotics.

Please call at 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 am. - 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Did you know?

Did you know the SPCA offers pet owners a new way to find home for their pets without ever taking them to the shelter? Their website allows users to post their pets online in order to find a new home. To use this service, pets must be healthy, up-to-date on all vaccinations and sterilized. The SPCA offers a \$50 spay/neuter & vaccination package for re-homing clients. Visit the [SPCA Re-homing Website](#) for more details.

REHOME

FINDING YOUR PET A NEW HOME

WELCOME ABOARD

We would like to welcome Orlando Mendoza to the team. Orlando started on August 21st, and is enrolled in Richland Community College studying criminology. He loves animals and working for Garland Animal Services has always been a goal of his. He has hopes of one day being a DEA agent.



Saving the Day by Saving Lives

By Hugo Espinoza Shelter Supervisor

Often our staff is visited by volunteers on a regular basis, or families who keep coming in to visit to search for their new forever family member. Contrary to some people's beliefs, we are humans with real feelings and often strike a casual conversation with our visitors. We like getting to know our visitors, and we like to hear people's stories of their pets and what kind of pets they are looking for. We often share personal experiences owning certain breeds and so on. One question or comment we get asked and often is usually around the lines of "How do you do this job?". While we all understand this isn't the easiest job, we do it for the love of the animals. We, like the visitors, have a hard time not adopting a lot of these animals ourselves. There are also many rewarding aspects to our job. We cannot help but feel ecstatic when we know we have helped animals get placed into a better situation.

Recently, our officers were called out to assist at a residence with multiple dogs running at large. It was later found that multiple pets were not living in the best condition. We had to do something. After jumping into action, we were able to take over 30 animals from this residence. We immediately contacted our friends at the SPCA of Texas for assistance. We were able to successfully and immediately improve the quality of life for these pets. The answer to the question we get asked over and over. The positive outcomes that we directly have an impact on. That is why we stay. That is why with a thick skin, we disregard false perceptions from situations that are out of our control. This is why we focus solely on what we can do to place as many animals into homes and rescues. We know it's about helping the pets that need the help. That is the most rewarding. We do what we can, with what we have the ability to do, in the quest to see these animals in need get another chance. We thank our volunteers and rescue groups who have hand in hand helped us achieve these goals. We will continue to strive in helping animals.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Animal Services Officer Emmanuel Vargas for getting his Master of Public Administrations Degree. Emmanuel faced several obstacles and challenges but never gave up. Congratulations Emmanuel we are so proud of your accomplishment!

"I credit my success to a few things. First is my parents, they worked so hard to ensure that all their kids had enough to be successful even if that meant that my dad had to work two jobs for three years to support us as kids and make up for my sick mom who could not work anymore. The degrees that I have earned all have the last name Vargas on them. These degrees not only represent me but also represent my family. The second is the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps taught me to never give up no matter what is in front of you. You must keep pushing hard to complete the mission at any cost. The third is my kids. I want to not only give good life advice to them but I also want to show them that anything is possible if you work hard and don't let anything or anyone bring you down."

"My career goal is to stay in the City of Garland and one day work in City Hall and become City Manager. This goal will take time but I am sure that I can accomplish it as long as I keep my eye on the prize."



Emmanuel Vargas with his son and daughter, Aaron and Emma.



9TH ANNUAL

2017 Wags & Waves

Fun in the Sun and Surf!

Benefitting local rescue groups.*

Get ready for the Ultimate Pool Party for You and Your Pooch!

Saturday, Sept. 9

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Hawaiian Falls Garland

4550 N. Garland Ave., Garland, TX 75040

Paddle alongside your pup in the pool or float down the river!

Separate activity pool areas for large and small breed dogs.

Costume Contests | Pet Tricks | Vendors | Goody Bags | Food

Celebrity Emcee & Judges



Steve Noviello - Emcee
News Anchor/Consumer Reporter,
Fox 4 News - Dallas



Erin Hartigan - Judge
Host/Reporter,
Fox Sports Southwest



Sybil Summers - Judge
On-Air Personality AMP 103.7



Amanda Guerra - Judge
Newsradio 1080 KRLD AM



Keith Russell - Judge
CBS 11 Sports Anchor

Admission \$22 per person online or at the door. No charge for dogs (max 2 dogs per person).

Order your tickets online: WagsAndWaves.org

*All dogs must have complete, up-to-date vaccinations and current rabies shots. As well as be spayed/neutered. Each person, regardless of age attending Wags and Waves must have a signed waiver. *Wags and Waves benefits: Cat Matchers, Dallas Companion Animal Project, DFW Rescue Me, Feral Friends and Legacy Boxer Rescue.*

Field Operations with Joe Dineen

By Animal Services Officer Joe Dineen



This was an injured hawk that had a broken wing after flying into a barbed wire fence. I was able to catch the hawk with a net and impound it. At that time a gentleman from Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (shout out) showed up and offered to take the injured hawk on the spot to provide medical care so the hawk can soar high again.



These opossums are from a call that they were trapped in a concrete underground water meter box. How they got in there I have no idea! I was able to retrieve the family and safely relocate them to a nearby wooded area. They found a nice home to claim as their new home.



Kitty Delights

Homemade Cat Treats

Simple Kitty Delights are easy to make

Ingredients:

5oz can of tuna

1/2 cup white cornmeal

1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup water

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together until it forms a ball.

Break off tiny pieces and roll into a small bite size ball and place on baking sheet.

Flatten ball with a finger— just like you're making thumbprint cookies.

Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.

Flip and bake an additional 5 minutes.

Let cool and have your kitties enjoy!

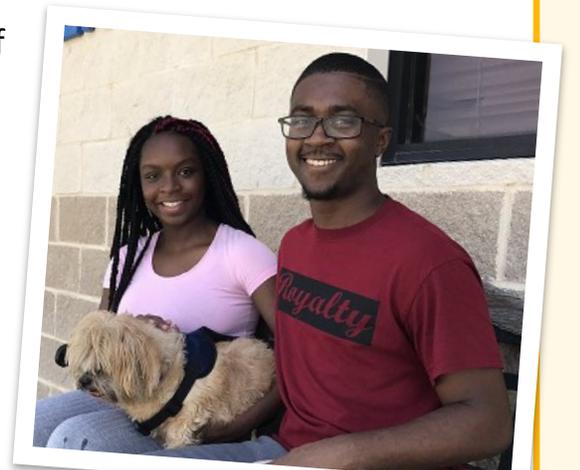
[Recipe from SerendipityandSpice.com](http://SerendipityandSpice.com)



CLEAR THE SHELTERS



We are extremely happy to announce that 102 pets were adopted during our Clear the Shelter event!!! We would like to thank the Garland community, everyone that came out and adopted from us, all the volunteers, staff members, photographers, and news media crews. Thank you for making this the best Clear the Shelters day in the history of the event!





102 Pets Adopted!



Shelter Monthly Statistics



Incoming
Animals

564

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

225

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO
SHELTER



Outgoing
Animals

124

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY RESCUE GROUPS

190

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY GARLAND ANIMAL
SERVICES SHELTER

8

PETS WERE SPONSORED

95

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY
THEIR OWNERS

46

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY
GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES
&
PET ADOPTION CENTER

2402

VISITORS

1,783

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

140

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

289

ANIMALS EXAMINED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

Please Don't Litter



Spay or Neuter Your Critters!



WHY TAKE THE RISK? GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

Hello Garland Community! This is a friendly reminder to encourage every pet owner to get your pets microchipped. During the month of July, more than 200 citizens took the initiative to microchip their pets at the Garland Animal Shelter, increasing the possibilities that if their pets ever get lost, they will be reunited right away. Additionally, the Garland Animal Services Department will make every effort possible to return your pet in the field if found to have a microchip, saving you hundreds of dollars in fines and preventing your pets from entering the shelter. Please help us spread the word and tell every pet owner the importance of having pets microchipped. This safe and simple procedure can be done at the Garland Animal Shelter for the low fee of \$25 during normal working hours and no appointment is necessary. We'll see you soon!

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.

Ana Newturg

Ashley Rhoden

Barrett & Kayla Terry

Carolyn Darby

Chuck Collins

Chunxia Li

David Cooper

Deborah West

Donald & Sheryl Noack

Douglas Casady

Edna Montealegre

Joseph St. Germain

Leonor Norris

Monica Haun

Santiago Contreras

Vicki Nielsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7, 14, 21, Thursdays 5:15 p.m.

[Garland Pawsibilities - Volunteer Training](#)

Pet Adoption Center

813 Main St, Garland, TX 75040

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up at <https://www.meetup.com/garlandpaws/events/238846288/>

Training is required to volunteer at the Pet Adoption Center and to volunteer with Garland Pawsibilities at their events. Age Requirements: 14 years old and up. Younger volunteers can participate with parental/adult supervision on a one on one basis. Parents and adults will need to attend volunteer training also. A waiver will need to be signed by all volunteers and they will be given out at this training session. Ask for Charlotte when you arrive. We will see you there!

September 7, 14, 20 & 21 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[Low-Cost Vaccinations \(Walk In\)](#)

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813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

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



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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.