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Shelter Supervisor Hugo Espinoza represented Garland Animal Services at the City Manager's Hispanic Outreach initiative Informato! Noche Informativa event hosted by the City of Garland. The night was dedicated to bring awareness and information about many city departments. Animal Services, along with other departments shared helpful information and answered lots of questions regarding the services our department provides.

SHELTER HOURS AND LOCATIONS

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.

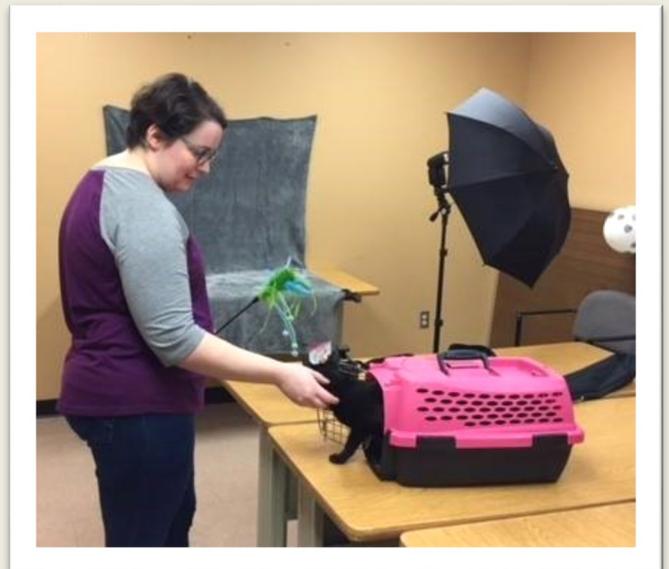
Thank you for your Donation!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners Arlington Animal Services for their food donation. Anyone interested in donating to our shelter is encouraged to visit us at 600 Tower St. Garland, 75040 or email us at animalservices@garlandtx.gov to get a list of specific shelter needs. THANK YOU!!!

Volunteer Photographer

Sarah Plagens, one of our volunteer photographers began volunteering with us with the goal of improving the way we market and advertise our shelter pets. Sarah, along with other volunteer photographers will be coming to the shelter to take professional pictures of our adoptable animals. We anticipate that better pictures will bring in more visitors which in turn will lead to more adoptions. Anyone with photography experience interested in volunteering with the Garland Animal Shelter is encouraged to email animalservices@garlandtx.gov.





FAREWELL CELEBRATION!

— *Best of luck Randy* —

Staff got together to wish farewell to our most senior employee and Vet Tech, Mr. Randy McNair. Randy joined the City of Garland Animal Services family on September 11, 1998, and after 19 long years, Randy’s wife decided that it was time for him to spend more time at home. Over the course of the last 19 years, Randy has worked multiple positions ranging from Shelter Attendant, Kennel Technician, Animal Services Officer, Shelter Supervisor, and Veterinary Technician. Randy closes this chapter of his life with these words “Thank you for the great years and being the best coworkers in the best department in the city! I will surely miss each of you!”

We will miss you too Randy! Take care and remember that there is no shame in having your wife as your new BOSS.....



Gator spotted at Lake Ray Hubbard



Fox 4 news ran a story about alligator sightings in Lake Ray Hubbard near the Rowlett Bridge in South Garland. Although, it not uncommon to see alligators in Lake Ray Hubbard, we urge our citizens to stay away from them and do not try to catch them. If the alligator is out of the water and in somebody's property, the home owner can call the Texas Parks and Wildlife at 281-842-8100 and request removal of the animal, citizens can call 24/7. If the alligator is in the water, it's best to leave them alone and do not disturb their habitat.



Officer Miller responded to a call to pick up a rooster found at an elementary school. Officer Miller took advantage of the opportunity and decided to educate the children on city rules pertaining to roosters and chickens in the city of Garland. Additionally, Mr. Miller showed the kids how to properly do the chicken dance! Thanks for representing us so well Mr. Miller! Great Job!



Our Wildlife Neighbors

By Shelter Supervisor Hugo Espinoza



Garland is a great place to live. You get the best of small town living and big city feel all in one. You have your small town feel downtown with shops that have been within the city for decades. Then you have places like Freewheel that bring an updated version of city shops. We have wonderful parks throughout and green belts that travel from one end of the city to the other. As we have continued to grow through the years, we have expanded. This obviously leads homes and business closer to areas that have been previously occupied by wildlife. In Garland, it's not uncommon to see opossums, raccoons, squirrels, ducks, turtles, owls, hawks, skunks, snakes and many more. Don't be alarmed, Garland Animal Services is one of the few cities in DFW that responds to wild life calls. Primarily, if you are encountering these little creatures in or near your home, we recommend using a live, humane, trap to capture this little guys. Once in the trap them, you can contact animal services for removal of the animal. If you live near a wooded area or the green belt, you may already known this. If you don't know exactly what the course of action is when you encounter a situation with wildlife, please call us, we'd be happy to assist! Safety is our number one concern, and our staff is trained to handle most of your wildlife removal needs. We, however, are not allowed to climb ladders, crawl underneath spaces, or rearrange your garage to capture an animal. Humane traps work best.

We ensure that our officers take courses in this area to stay current with trends that may be developing. In March, we were able to host a training/refresher course at our shelter for staff. Marcus Stephens from 911 WildLife presented two courses so that all of our officers could have a chance to take his course and learn the latest on wild life response. Staff were very happy with the information provided to them. Learning how we can better serve our citizens and the animals that have been nears us since the beginning, is very important to us. If you have question about wildlife at your home, feel free to contact us.



The live release rate for domestic animals for the month of February was 95.9%. This is the 4 month this fiscal year in which we have a live release rate of 90% or higher. We would like to thank the Garland Community, adopters, rescue groups, and volunteers who have been key players in helping us find permanent homes for our shelter pets. Our department goal is to finish the fiscal year with a live release rate of 90% or higher. Remember, don't shop, ADOPT! Thank you!



Uriel Villalpando was interviewed by TV station Univision to promote the upcoming City Manager's Hispanic Outreach Initiative. Univision is the largest Hispanic TV network in the US with a huge audience in the City of Garland. The event was held on March 27 at the Gale Fields Rec Center and multiple city departments were in attendance for the event.

March Statistics

397

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

139

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO SHELTER

102

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY RESCUE GROUPS

28

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES

98

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER

83

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY THEIR OWNERS

26

PETS WERE SPONSORED

1,946

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

85

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY CITY VETERINARIAN

1,761

VISITORS





Free Spays & Neuters *for outdoor cats*

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

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 April.

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. Appointments are required for all cats.

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

 +  X 7 years
equals 420,000 cats

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 _____

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.