



Paws Newsletter

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CLEAR THE SHELTERS

Adoption fees waived!



SATURDAY
AUGUST 19, 2017
10 AM - 5 PM

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.



Did you know?

By Animal Services Officer Chad Miller



Cats are free to run here in the City of Garland, but there are laws preventing them from causing nuisance. When feeding cats outside, you must remove all food when you are not present; not doing so will result in wild/feral animals which is a violation of City Ordinance. It will also help with keeping the number of stray cats down.

Another issue with cats creating a nuisance would be feces and cat urine. Cats will use flower beds like they would a litter box. They will also “mark” their areas which will cause foul odors. Another issue that comes along with the “marking” is unwanted cat pregnancies. That will lead to cat over population.

We have a program to help with the unwanted cat population. The program is called TNR. What the program does is that the animal is humanely trapped and brought into the shelter. At that point TNR will come in, pick up the animal and then Spay or Neuter the animal. After the animal has been sterilized the animal is released back in the same area that the animal was picked up in. Which in turn, the sterilized cat will likely push the unwanted cats out of the area.

What is a Feral Cat?

Feral cats, also called community cats, are members of the domestic cat species just like pet cats, but are not socialized to people and are therefore not adoptable. Cats have been living outdoors near us for more than 10,000 years. They typically live in groups called colonies and have strong social bonds with their colony members.

Remember if you want to help in the program TNR, you will need to let the officer picking up the cat know that you are wanting to do the program, so that he or she is able to put a hold for TNR on the cat. Contact our dispatch line at 972-205-3570, option 1 for Water Department Dispatch. Let them know that you want a trapped cat picked up and you want to do the TNR program.



Happy Tails



Animal Services Officers Travontay Jones and Jose Martinez were called out to the 2100 block of Walnut Creek for a small Shih Tzu that was found by a citizen. The dog was immediately scanned and was found to have a microchip. Animal Services Officers called Homeagain and obtained the owner's information. The dog was returned to the owner on the spot, and the dog was nearby. Down the street actually. A great benefit to having your pet microchipped.

Donations

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.

Bryan & Monica Elertson

Jamie Aldridge

Joann Wooters

Linda Barlow

Lynda Miller

Melinda Miranda

Petwell Veterinary Texas, LLC

Phillip & Mary Dudley

Teresa Devine

Tonia Silva

Warren Stovall



Memorial Donations:

In Memory Of:

Bailey
Becky Gates
Debbie Sands



Animal Services Reminder

The Animal Services Officers want to remind residents that you do need to have control of your dog at all times on or off leash. Remember NO dogs are allowed at to be running at large at any Garland Parks. Also if your dog does defecate please pick it up be a responsible pet owner. Carry baggies with you.



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Sample Items Needed:

- Bleach
- Dry Dog Food
- Cat Litter
- Fabuloso Cleaner
- Hand Sanitizer/Soap
- Pine-sol
- Laundry Soap
- Paper Towels
- Puppy and Kitten Food



Any and all donations, including monetary, are appreciated. As always, we thank you for your donations and continued support.



Dog Recipe

By Lead Animal Services Officer Justin Craft

It has been a rather sweltering few days here in Garland, TX, which means a little bit of innovation has been called for in the kitchen to keep pups cool. Peanut butter and jam is one of those classic food pairings that everybody absolutely adores.

What you need:

about 12 medium to large strawberries (organic is preferable)

3-4 spoonful's of all-natural peanut butter

1/4 cup of cold water

Directions:

1. Wash strawberries and remove tops.
2. Blend strawberries and water together until pureed.
3. Fill the empty slots of an ice cube tray approximately 3/4.
4. Gently place a small, yet generous dollop of peanut butter onto each filled ice cube tray slot. (NOTE: You want to be sure that the peanut butter sinks INTO the strawberry liquid, not just rests on top).
5. Place tray in freezer for several hours and allow to freeze.
6. Pop, serve and chill!



MICROCHIPPING - JUST DO IT!!

Nothing makes us happier here at the shelter than reuniting lost pets with their owners. Their perked up ears and happiness in the dogs' faces when they hear their owners' voices is really a site to see. Sometimes they find each other after a few hours, but sometimes it is days or weeks. Sometimes they do not find their family and get adopted to a new one. As they wait for their people, dogs (and cats) can become depressed, and it is apparent that they are missing their families. If only they had a microchip!

A microchip is a tiny, rice grain-sized piece of plastic that uses RFID (radio frequency identification) technology to store data, which would be your pet's unique microchip number. The sterile microchip is implanted into your pet at the nape of the neck (between the shoulder blades) under the skin and above the shoulder muscles using a large gauge needle. Though the needle is large, it is very sharp and causes minimal discomfort. A microchip reader is a device that can be waved over your pet, which shows the microchip number on the LCD screen. Shelters use this number and look it up in a national database, such as **"Universal Pet Microchip Look Up"** to locate owners of pets and make contact, notifying them where their pet is. When you have your pet microchipped, you will register the number with that database, and all of your contact information is attached to that number. Microchipping is a winning situation for the family, for the shelter, but most importantly, to the scared little fluff ball needing to get home.

Please save the trip (to the shelter) and microchip!!

(Available at Garland Animal Services for \$25.00 and your local vet!!)

For more information about microchipping, please click on the button below:

[How Pet Microchips Work](#)



Dr. Autumn Paul, Veterinarian, City of Garland



Shelter Monthly Statistics



Incoming Animals

461

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

224

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO
SHELTER



Outgoing Animals

118

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY RESCUE GROUPS

87

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED
BY GARLAND ANIMAL
SERVICES SHELTER

14

PETS WERE SPONSORED

102

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY
THEIR OWNERS

37

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY
GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES
&
PET ADOPTION CENTER

1,878

VISITORS

1,701

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

89

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

249

ANIMALS EXAMINED BY
CITY VETERINARIAN

We can't save them all!

TCAP offers low-cost spay, neuter and vaccinations. These services are available four times a month at the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 Main St. in Downtown Garland. Please visit [TCAP](#) or call 940-566-5551 for more information.

Spay & Neuter your pets!



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!



HomeAgain®
A lost pet's best chance



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3, 17, 31, Thursdays 5:15 p.m.

[Garland Pawsibilities - Volunteer Training](#)

Pet Adoption Center

813 Main St, Garland, TX 75040

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!

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

Dogapoolooza

August 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Holford Park
2420 N Shiloh
Garland, TX 75040



August 3, 10, 16 & 17 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

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

Clear the Shelter

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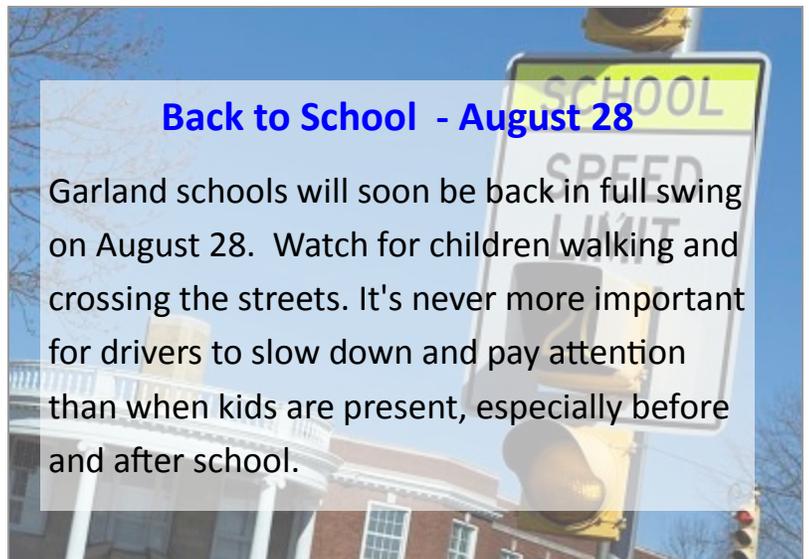
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Back to School - August 28

Garland schools will soon be back in full swing on August 28. Watch for children walking and crossing the streets. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school.



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.