Animal Services

Garland is a great place for the entire family, including those family members who are not the standard two-legged people-types!

The Garland Animal Services Department serves as a public health and safety agency that focuses on how people and animals interact. The department works to protect people from animal bites and animal-borne diseases through pet vaccination and registration requirements, investigating nuisance issues involving domestic and wild animals, and apprehending stray animals.

The department works to protect animals, utilizing community partners and City-based programs to encourage responsible pet ownership. Animal Services also intervenes when animals face abuse or neglect by their owners.

City ordinance requires all cats and dogs to be registered annually, which includes proof of rabies vaccination. When pets are lost and brought to Garland’s animal shelter, their registration is their ticket home. Shelter staff can contact the pet’s owner, and the family can be reunited.

Families can grow by visiting either of the two adoption centers operated by the City: the Abe J. Tuggle Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 600 Tower St. or the Pet Adoption Center at 813 Main St. in Downtown Garland. Animal lovers whose homes are full can sponsor a pet to be adopted. This program is effective for placing hard-to-adopt adult animals or larger breeds.

The Downtown Garland location is staffed partly by volunteers. Those 18 years or older may volunteer to help walk dogs, assist staff with adoptions, and help with other shelter activities. To volunteer, email PetVolunteer@GarlandTx.gov.

“Each year, nearly 10,000 dogs, cats and a few other species find themselves in the Garland Animal Shelter,” said Animal Shelter Manager Uriel Villalpando. “Our staff and community partners have worked hard toward placing every adoptable pet in a forever home. We’ve had several months this year where every adoptable animal was placed. But it’s critical that pet owners spay and neuter their pets and make sure they’re kept secure so we can reduce our unwanted pet population.”

Working Together

Thanks to community volunteers and a massive response from rescue groups from all over the Metroplex, Garland Animal Services was able to place every adoptable animal for the past three months in a row.

May intake total – 873 animals

When the shelter was full, staff reached out to the Garland community and rescue groups for help. In a span of three days, 23 animals were rescued and 33 were adopted.

For more information, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org.

To find out more about Garland Pawsibilities, visit GarlandPaws.org.

Trap-Neuter-Return Program

Statistics to Date:
• 272 feral cats sterilized
• 68 residents registered as colony managers

TNR informational workshops have been conducted once per month since the implementation of the program in October 2014.

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