

SUN CITY PET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Exclusive to Pet Club Members

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2022 Club Information YTD

Membership: 738

Donations to Shelters YTD: over \$11,500

Dog and Cat Donations: We Take Donations and Have Equipment to Loan to Members

Got a new dog, cat? Need a leash, collar, bed, crate, toy, bowl, etc? Call us, we have items you are looking for. Items are free for our members to borrow or keep if we have them in stock. These are donated items from members and SC residents who no longer need them. We are happy to share them with our members.

Call Diane Daniel at 512-868-7393 for more information.

Have unwanted pet items? Want to make a donation? Please drop all clean, unbroken pet items at 240 Bonham Loop at the front door.

No appointment necessary.

Lost and Found Pet Alert Program

The Pet Club and the NRO have teamed up to provide a Sun City-wide Lost Pet Alert System.

To report a lost pet, click on the Lost Pet Icon on the SC Resident Home page, or on the Pet Club or NRO Website. After clicking on the Lost Pet Icon, follow the instructions to fill out the lost pet form, it will go out to everyone who Opted In.

To make it successful, we would appreciate that Pet Members **Opt In** to receive the email alerts of lost and found pets through the Sun City wide system. During this transition period, you will be receiving this notice twice if you Opted In. **Please do not Opt Out!** The sooner we get at least 1,000 residents to **Opt In**, the sooner we will use **only** the Sun City wide system.

To **Opt In**, follow these simple steps.

1. Sign on to your SC Website/Resident Page
2. On the left, Click on My Preferences.
3. Scroll down to EMAIL PREFERENCES
4. Check box for NRO Lost Pet Alerts
5. Click on SAVE DATA

Dog Adoption Saturdays

Looking for a new dog?

The Georgetown Animal Shelter has a Dog Adoption Saturday at two locations on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

The FURst Saturday of every month is at **Pupology** at 4236 Williams Drive from 11am to 1pm. For more information, call 512-688-5730 or check the Pupology Facebook page for additional information.

- › Meet and Greet with Adoption Pups
- › Sips and Samples

The 3rd Saturday of every month is at **Wag Heaven Pet Supplies** at their downtown location, 205 W. 6th St., Suite 115 (behind Monument Cafe) from 11am to 1pm.

With a pet adoption, Wag Heaven will provide:

- › Free Small Bag of Dog or Cat Food (selected brands)
- › Free Engraved ID Tag
- › Free Self-Serve Dog Wash
- › 10% off First Initial Purchase

For more information, call 512-887-5037.

Dog Training Class Ticket Sales:

Email alert reminders will go out from Ruth Olsen when tickets go on sale for all training classes. For any information pertaining to dog training classes, dog issues or Pet Partners Team Evaluations, contact Ruth Olsen at 6pawstraining@gmail.com

Upcoming Training Classes

JULY:

All Assessment/Walking classes are sold out.

July 10: Pet Partners Team Evaluations

Volunteers Needed, Contact Ruth Olsen at 6pawstraining@gmail.com

July 14: Dog Q&A Seminar. Tickets on sale June 16.

AUGUST:

Dog Assessment/Walking Class: There will be 4 classes offered in August. Tickets go on sale July 7th. Times and location will be announced about 1-2 weeks before tickets are available.

8/11: Dog Q&A

8/11: Puppy Seminar

Ticket Sales for the 8/11 Dog Q&A and Puppy Seminars go on sale July 21. Times and location will be announced about 1-2 weeks before tickets are available.

8/13: Pet Partners Team Evaluations

Volunteers Needed, Contact Ruth Olsen at 6pawstraining@gmail.com

HOW TO WALK A HUMAN A Dogs Guide

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.

1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up. Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you return home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.



by George

Pet Tips of the Month

Keep your trash secured

Dogs are drawn to the delicious smell of your trash and may eat things that are toxic, harmful, or not digestible, so make sure your trash is **secure**. Ingestion of foreign objects or toxic substances could lead to costly emergency surgeries.

Give your dog a safe space

Have a temperate area of your home with your dog's bed or blanket, some toys, and a water bowl, where your dog feels safe and can easily take naps during the day. This can help your dog to **self-soothe** during stressful situations, like parties, a baby crying, or thunderstorms. If your dog was crate trained as a **rescue puppy** or when joining your family, keeping their crate open and available even after they no longer need it for training, may provide them with a perfect place just for them that they'll love to have.

Lock up household toxins

Always keep your household chemicals, such as cleaners and pesticides, out of reach from your dog. Many clever dogs can and will get into products kept under the sink or in the garage. Try using baby proof locks to seal cabinets with toxic products.

Regularly wash your dog's things

Germs, dirt, pollen, and more end up on your dog's bedding, soft toys, and blankets. Make sure you're washing these items regularly to keep them fresh and clean for your dog. If your dog suffers from seasonal allergies, this can be especially helpful in reducing their pollen exposure.

Microchip Scanning

<https://georgetown.org/2022/05/20/pet-microchip-scanners-at-georgetown-fire-stations/>

Pet microchip scanners at Georgetown fire stations

Lost pets in Georgetown now have another way of finding their way home. Thanks to a new partnership between Georgetown Animal Services and the Georgetown Fire Department, residents who find loose dogs and cats will be able to take them to any fire station to have them scanned for a microchip.

Georgetown Animal Services has delivered microchip scanners to fire stations across the City of Georgetown and provided instructions on using them.

If a found animal has a microchip, firefighters can collaborate with microchip companies, veterinarian offices, and others to obtain the owner's contact information, with the goal of returning the pet home without taking up a spot at the local shelter.

"The shelter has a finite amount of space," Animal Services Manager April Haughey said. "When we have high intake numbers and no space, it is extremely helpful to keep even one animal out of the shelter. By returning an animal home without ever passing through the shelter, we not only reunite families, but also create valuable space at the shelter for other animals who need to come in."

Fire stations are strategically placed around town to have the fastest response time to any call for service and will help keep animals in their neighborhoods.

"The objective of this program is to create options to get pets back home faster," Deputy Fire Marshall and Community Risk Officer Jonathan Gilliam said. "We have good people in Georgetown who truly care about animals. This will save time and get the animals back home."

Each microchip company is different in how they go about contacting an owner, Haughey said.

"If the owner is okay with the finder bringing it home after being contacted, and the finder is willing, they can meet up and get the animal back home," she said. "If an animal does not have a microchip, the finder can still bring it to the City's shelter."

The fire stations are not able to take possession of any pets. If owners cannot be reached or identified, fire personnel can give guidance as to the next steps.

Wag Heaven Pet Supplies also has a reader:
They will provide chip reading at not charge.

Emergency/Disaster Pet Guidelines Update

PET EVACUATION CENTER INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency/disaster, Sun City Residents with pets need to have a plan that includes provisions to care for their animal(s). Based on the size and nature of the event, a short-term Pet Evacuation Center will be opened and staffed with volunteers to provide information and assist in identifying resources for continued care if needed.

Due to health and safety regulations, residents with pets and those without pets will be in distinct Evacuation Centers. The primary Pet Evacuation Center will be located in the Texas Dr Activity Center. In the event an alternate site is needed, the Incident Management Team will designate where this will be located. In accordance with the Texas and ADA laws, **ONLY Service Dogs** will be permitted in Sun City Evacuation Centers. All others, including emotional support and therapy animals, will be directed to the Pet Evacuation Center. Although not required by the ADA, a blue vest, ID tag, etc. may help identify a service dog.

Upon arrive at a Pet Evacuation Center you will be asked to provide your name, address, the name of your pet(s) and any other helpful information about your pet. After registering, you and your pet(s) will stay together.

Pet Grab 'n Go Bag

Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit (Pet Grab 'n Go Bag) which is easily accessible in the event you must leave home quickly. Bring your pet's Grab 'n Go bag containing the following items with you: ID tags, leash, harness or collar, veterinary records, pet medications, food and/or treats, water, bowls and can opener if needed. You will also need to include trash bags, flashlight, kitty litter and container for cats. If possible, bring a crate or travel carrier for your pet.

Pet Center Rules

ALL animals must be leashed or in a carrier or crate.

All dogs and cats must wear a collar with a current rabies tag. Animals appearing ill will not be permitted in the center.

Owners or designate must remain with and control their pets at all times.

Animals displaying aggressive behavior will not be permitted to remain in the Center.

Owners shall be responsible for clean up in the event of an accident **Pet**

Preparedness

Pet owners should view pet-friendly long-term evacuation centers as a last resort and are encouraged to locate and arrange a safe location, such as a pet-friendly motel or a relative's home, where they will evacuate with their pet(s).

Alternatively, they can make arrangements to board their pet(s) at a kennel or veterinary clinic outside the emergency/disaster area.

Looking Ahead

September: (New) Rally O Class, Dog Q&A, Final Snake Aversion for 2022, Training Classes, General Meeting, Pet Partners Workshop.
Details coming soon.

October: Blessing of the Animals, **BIG** Pet Club Social in the Ball Room (no dogs), Pet/Owner Photo Portraits, Training Classes.
Details coming soon.

Pet Partners Treats and Sweets Day

Thank you from Pet Partners Organization to the Pet Partners of Williamson County (Pet Partners of Sun City new name)

Thank You for Participating in Treats & Sweets Day!

Baker Team Highlight



We would like to give a special shout out to Pet Partners of Sun City Texas! Their Treats & Sweets Day fundraiser was a huge success on National Therapy Animal Day. With more than 65 bakers using their *flour* power, they **raised more than \$2,500 in less than two and a half hours!** Their local community was very excited to come out and support their bake sales and they even had some vendors selling dog toys to help spread joy and awareness about the healing benefits of the human-animal bond. High paws to all of you!

Pet Partners Williamson County (formally Sun City) earns "TOP COMMUNITY PARTNER TEAM AWARD 2022"



Youtube video below: start about 4:45



Cat Corner

Success Story: Meet Louie



"In October of last year, I made an appointment at the Williamson County Animal shelter. I was looking for a cat, not a kitten. You look around and ask if you could see a certain cat and then you can take the cat to get acquainted in a little room. I saw several cats but only one came up to me and started to lick my nose. He had picked me. When we got home, there was an instant connection. I have had several cats in the past, but he was the first one who really connected to me that quickly. I was worried how he would travel since I spend 5 months in North Carolina. He was the best. He slept on my sister's lap the whole way. He likes to sit on your lap, he knows his name and comes when I call, and even though he is a little timid at first there isn't anyone he doesn't like. He is an inside cat but loves to look out the window."

JENNY IS THE NEW KID IN CLASS...
EVERYBODY HISS UNTIL YOU GET
USED TO HER...

