

Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter

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505 Saint Francis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629
Dog Adoption Line: 830-445-9279 **Cat Adoption Line:** 830-857-1616 or 830-857-1598

Kitten & Puppy Season !!

They're everywhere! They're everywhere!

We took in 830 cats and dogs last year and we're on the same pace for this year. They're lovable and helpless and adorable. And there are just so many.

Our warm climate allows our dogs to have two litters a year while local cats often have three. In some colder areas, "blessings" season is only once a year, but we definitely are doubly blessed.

Fortunately we are able to find homes for almost 60 dogs/cats per month between our own direct adoptions and those rescue groups who are our adoption partners.

We want to acknowledge and thank PetCo and PetSmart for allowing us to adopt out animals in their stores.



Panting for a good home. Please?



The Magnificent 7 (10 days old) say, "THANK YOU".

FOGAS Contracts with City of Gonzales for Animal Care Services

Last November the City agreed that FOGAS would operate both the City's shelters, including animal care and impoundment services. It's been a favorable arrangement for both parties, but especially for the dogs and cats who now have full time care even when the animal care and control officer has emergencies to answer. The City did not have to hire another officer and FOGAS receives 1/2 what an additional officer would have cost plus the City's supply budget. We're proud of the relationship that FOGAS has with the City and appreciate the trust they have placed in us. We're all on the same team....just different uniforms!

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FOGAS State Grant for Spay/Neuter

Of Pets of Low Income Owners

For the last 4 years, ending this month, FOGAS has executed one of the Texas Dept. of State Health Services grants for spay/neuter. We have utilized **\$95,000** to sterilize **1245 cats/dogs** belonging to our low income residents. This should show positive results in the coming years in reducing our pet overpopulation problem. None of this money can be used for the shelter animals who remain our primary concern, but it has enabled us to teach the importance of spay/neuter to many who otherwise would not have fixed their pets.

Only about a dozen organizations are awarded a DSHS grant each year. Others were selected this year and we will probably have to wait some years before we are selected again. For now we'll seek other grants for this important community outreach.

Paws in Prison

This exciting program pairs inmates with dogs needing socialization and training. Each dog has an inmate of his own, spends all day with him and even sleeps in his inmate's cell. The results of this bonding and training have been very positive and have made our 27 "prison dogs" much more adoptable.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Money:** We take in about 830 cats/dogs each year and it costs us on average \$120 to spay/neuter, vaccinate, worm, treat minor skin issues, etc. Our adoption fees cover about 1/3 of that cost. (Return envelope enclosed.)
- **Pet taxis, carriers, etc.** We're always transporting somebody somewhere. If you aren't using them, our little orphans surely would.
- **Adopt a new best friend.** All they need is love and a place to be.
- **Foster!** Socialize kittens or puppies in your home for two weeks.

Thanks for your support and friendship!

FOGAS Board of Directors