

Laredo Animal Protective Society

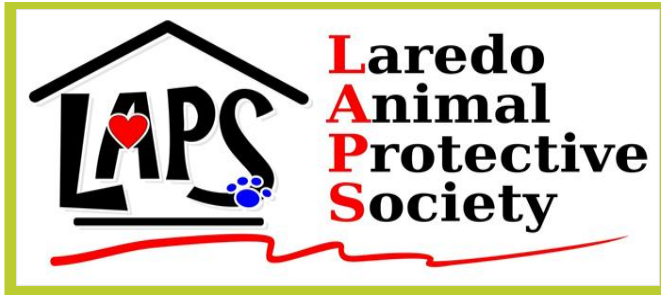
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L.A.P.S Mission

LAPS Mission is to:

Provide shelter for homeless, adoptable dogs and cats in Laredo and Webb County until they can be successfully adopted into permanent homes; address the dog and cat overpopulation crisis by helping to provide affordable spay/neuter services to the community; and, working to eliminate animal cruelty and neglect through education.



LAPS, no longer serves as an impound facility and has returned to its original mandate, embracing its status as a No-Kill shelter... returning to **providing** for unwanted pets, **A pathway to a second chance.**

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, LAPS LOOKS FORWARD WITH HOPE

“House of Hope”

The holiday season is upon us! Animal-friendly merchants around town are helping the Laredo Animal Protective Society by displaying “Houses of Hope” donation boxes. Each “house” is original, lovingly created by Executive Director, Michelle Deveze and her family, but some have been decorated by friends of LAPS.



In Picture LAPS Executive Director, Michelle Deveze (left) and Sylvia Quiroga, LAPS Member/Volunteer and Foster Parent.



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Looking Forward

This has been a year full of many changes for the animal welfare group. As the year comes to a close, they look to the future with hope. The new Executive Director is brimming with ideas and cheer.

Adoption events have resulted in the adoptions of many unwanted pets that need a second chance. LAPS is cooperating with other animal-welfare groups such as PAWS, Pet Haven, Gateway Gatos and the City of Laredo Health Department sponsoring low-cost spay/neuter clinics to combat the overwhelming cat and dog overpopulation crisis, with growing success.

Located at 2500 Gonzalez St in Laredo, The LAPS Laredo Animal Shelter, is no longer an impound facility and is now fully embracing its status as a No-Kill shelter... it returns to the hope of being an unwanted pet's pathway to a second chance.

According to Shelter Director Michelle Deveze, "The single most important thing we can do as a community to save cats and dogs from terrible suffering and death due to the over-population crises, is to spay and neuter our pets. As of November 2012, no pet will leave our facility until it is spayed or neutered!"

In 2012, LAPS helped to spay and neuter over 1,000 dogs and cats. Over 300 credit vouchers have also been granted to help lower the cost of spay/neuter for those who otherwise might not have afforded it thanks to The United Way of Laredo,

Michelle Deveze, L.A.P.S. Executive Director

"I have seen LAPS struggle through many transitions and now I will see LAPS at its best. LAPS staff, Board of Directors, our community and I are a team and will overcome any obstacles put in our path. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful organization. We are the only No-Kill shelter in Laredo and I am grateful to be part of this"



Our Furry Orphan's Wish List

- Dry Dog/Puppy Food (preferably Pedigree)
- Kitty Litter.
- New/Used Collars and Leashes
- Dog biscuits
- Kong toys (all sizes)
- Peanut Butter for Kong™ toys
- Frontline™ Plus (all sizes)
- Heartgard Plus™
- Any Local Store gift cards
- Towels



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Pawsitively Together

The Laredo Animal Protective Society (LAPS) ends this year of transition with gratitude in our hearts. Although it has been a year fraught with challenges, we have met each one with a positive attitude and with the loving support of our community and local veterinarians, giving us the strength to move forward. We are happy to report our present status as a No Kill Shelter, the result of our transition away from serving as the impound and euthanasia facility for Laredo Animal Control. We are grateful to start each day with peace at our facility and in our hearts and focused on our mission.

The LAPS mission is to provide shelter for homeless, adoptable dogs and cats in Laredo and Webb County until we can successfully find them permanent homes; we address the dog and cat overpopulation crisis by helping to provide affordable spay/neuter services to the community; and we are working to eliminate animal cruelty and neglect through education.

The Laredo Animal Shelter pioneered bringing mobile clinics to Laredo. We are also grateful to be working with like-minded non-profits Pet Haven, PAWS and Gateway Gatos as well as the City of Laredo by helping to organize these low-cost spay/neuter clinics. Together we have successfully “fixed” hundreds of animals that will no longer reproduce! Hooray!



LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER

LAPS brought the SNAP Mobile Veterinary Spay/Neuter Clinic to Laredo in July and over 60 pets were “fixed.” Also, thanks to a grant from the Gateway Rotary, the Clinic was brought back in September, allowing us to spay/neuter over 60 more pets in our community for those who otherwise would not have been able to afford it. We still have big job to do as Laredo moves towards becoming a “No Kill” Community.



We ask you to please remember, when you adopt a LAPS pet, you are not only saving one life, but two...the one you are adopting and the one who will take its place at the shelter! Our Laredo Animal Shelter has successfully found stable homes for over 600 pets in the year 2012.

“LAPS...AN UNWANTED PET’S
PATHWAY TO A SECOND CHANCE”

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Thank you!

Friends of LAPS, we have come a long way and we are looking forward to the New Year! For LAPS to provide much-needed services to our community, we ask for the public's continued support, as we search for grants. Thank you Laredo, for helping LAPS continue to do what we have done for over 60 years – providing a pathway to a second chance for innocent creatures. As we move forward into this New Year help us spread the word, "No-birth is the first step to no-kill!" Spay or neuter your pet! And please microchip them so they can find their way home in case they are lost!

We wish our beloved and loyal friends a glorious Christmas and we look to the future with optimism and hope for the sake of the homeless ones we care for.



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