

# **Future Builders of Ideals**

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# Irresponsible Pet Owners



#### Issues



- Uneducated pet owners are the result of certain people impulsively adopting a pet without having any knowledge or research of the animal.
- 47% of pet adoptions are impulsive or unplanned
- There is currently an overpopulation of dogs in the Fort Worth area. This causes a spike in euthanasia rates, and rehoming.

## **Goal Statement**

"Our goal is to reduce impulsive pet adoptions by starting a program, P.A.A.W.S(Protecting Animals and Wildlife Society) for potential pet owners about the responsibilities of owning a pet."



#### How to Take ACTION

- We will collaborate with shelters to start this program to lower rehoming rates and overpopulation of said shelter.
  - Speak out against animal cruelty
  - Spay and neuter your pets (it's the law)
  - Report suspected cases of abuse to animal control
  - Think carefully before adopting a pet
  - Support your local shelter
  - Know all of the responsibilities of having a pet
  - Consult to a veterinarian to find out the perfect needs of your animal

### What We Learned

Zoe: "I learned how anyone can be a good citizen no matter how big or small their actions are"

Zach: "I learned how to work together and compromise with my fellow teammates"

David: "I learned that some things may be difficult but my teammates can help"

Conley: "I learned more about AI and how it works "

Mia: "I learned how to collaborate and what it means to be a good citizen."

Julie: "I learned that when you're advocating, it's important to not only be passionate about the problem, but also make others feel it too."

#### **FUN FACTS!!**

Mia: She has 2 first names, Mia Katerina

David: He likes GORILLAZ (the band)

Conley: He plays soccer

Zach: He plays trumpet and guitar

Julie: She has been playing the violin for 7 years

Zoe: She plays volleyball

#### Resources

- How Many Healthy Dogs Are Euthanized Each Year (animalialife.club)
- How to Take Care of Animals: The Ultimate Guide for Pet Owners | <u>PetRadar</u>
- What Responsible Dog Ownership Means, According to a
  Veterinarian (akc.org)
- <u>How To Adopt A Dog Your Step-by-Step Guide</u> (rescuedogs101.com)
- Texas Is The No. 1 State For Animal Shelter DeathsReform