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# El Paso Animal Services Highlights Holiday Pet Safety Classes

## Workshops on Bite Prevention & Helping Pets in Need

**EL PASO, Texas**—El Paso Animal Services provides year-round educational opportunities for all ages, and with the holidays approaching, a time when homes become busier and overwhelming for pets, the department is highlighting these upcoming classes to help families prepare for the added activity this time of year brings.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, most dog bites occur inside the home, often involving children. Many of these incidents happen simply because a stressed pet was trying to communicate discomfort, but the humans around them didn't recognize the warning signs.

"When we teach families how to read animal body language, we're preventing injuries before they happen," said Jessica Navarro, Education & Outreach Coordinator at El Paso Animal Services. "The more we understand our pets' stress signals, the safer everyone is, especially during the holiday season when routines change and visitors come over."

These workshops empower families with real-world skills on everything from recognizing early stress signals and understanding pet consent-based handling, to creating safe spaces and enrichment for pets in the home. And in the spirit of giving, many of these classes include opportunities to make enrichment items, cat shelters, and other support items that directly benefit animals in our community.

**WHAT:** Pet Masterclass Age 18+  
**WHEN:** Nov. 8 | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**WHAT:** Kindness for All Ages 6-10  
**WHEN:** Nov. 13 | 4 - 6 p.m.

**WHAT:** Family Pet Workshop Age 18+  
**WHEN:** Nov. 15 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**WHAT:** Shelter Helpers Ages 5+  
**WHEN:** Nov. 22 | 9 - 11 a.m.

**WHAT:** Cat Shelter Workshop  
**WHEN:** Nov. 23 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**WHAT:** Paws of Gratitude Ages 6-10  
**WHEN:** Nov. 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Families can register online at [ElPasoAnimalServices.org/PawtasticLearning](https://ElPasoAnimalServices.org/PawtasticLearning) or by emailing [EPASoutreach@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:EPASoutreach@elpasotexas.gov).

These workshops are open to caregivers, classrooms, homeschool groups, youth organizations, and community members of all ages to register online at [ElPasoAnimalServices.org/PawtasticLearning](https://ElPasoAnimalServices.org/PawtasticLearning) or by emailing [EPASoutreach@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:EPASoutreach@elpasotexas.gov).

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