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## **City of LaGrange Animal Services Staff Honored by Mayor and City Council**

*LaGrange, Ga. February 25, 2021* – The LaGrange Animal Services staff members were honored at the LaGrange City Council meeting Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> for their hard work in achieving “No Kill” shelter status for 2020 and for receiving a \$10,000 grant distributed by the Atlanta Humane Society.



Pictured from left to right. Back row, Councilman Nathan Gaskin, Councilman Mark Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Gore, Councilman LeGree McCamey, Councilman Jim Arrington and Councilman Willie Edmondson. Front row, Captain Mike Phiel, Animal Services Officer Dakota Davis, Nataly Johnson, David Mixon, Chris Bussey, Mayor Jim Thornton & Chief Lou Dekmar.

Mayor Jim Thornton read a proclamation in their honor and gave each of the four Animal Services officers a copy of the proclamation. Those

honored for their dedicated service include Supervisor Chris Bussey, Officer David Mixon, Officer Nataly Johnson and Officer Dakota Davis.



Mayor Thornton presents a proclamation to Animal Services Officer Dakota Davis

LaGrange Animal Services achieved 'No Kill' shelter status for 2020. The city must have a 90% save rate to be considered a no-kill shelter. In 2020, the City of LaGrange Animal Services achieved a 91% save rate.

LaGrange Animal Services also received a \$10,000 grant distributed by the Atlanta Humane Society to help save more animals.

"Chris and his team have really come together and deserve this honor," said LPD Captain Mike Pheil, who oversees Animal Services. "They do a great job taking care of all the animals that come through the shelter."

"To see what Chris has been able to achieve with his team is remarkable," said LPD Chief Lou Dekmar. "This team has done an outstanding job and is often called upon throughout the state for their expertise. We are proud of them."

The LaGrange Animal Services building is at 1390 Orchard Hill Road in LaGrange. You can also reach them at (706) 298-3606 or via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityOfLaGrangeAnimalShelter/](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfLaGrangeAnimalShelter/).

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