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### **SHELTER PLAY YARDS IMPROVED BY LOCAL SCOUT Latourette achieves Gold Award goals**

Williamson County Animal Center (WCAC) in Franklin is pleased to announce that Itchy's Play Yard for shelter dogs and the two public dog parks located at the shelter have received significant upgrades thanks to the Girl Scout Gold Award project of Rachel Latourette, a Franklin High School senior.

The WCAC property at 106 Claude Yates Dr. features Maggie's Bark Park—Tennessee's first off-leash dog park—as well as Rascal's Run Around, a park for smaller dogs. Itchy's Play Yard is also on the property, providing a fenced area for potential adopters to visit with shelter pets.

With a goal of improving safety for park users and increasing shelter adoptions, Latourette identified all the equipment and structures that needed repair or painting. Worn wood surfaces and broken boards were replaced with new all-weather decking. Shade structures were also painted, and the dog park obstacle course features got new coats of paint. Overgrown bushes were trimmed and weeds removed.

Shelter Community Outreach Coordinator Debbie Sims said, "Through her 90 hours of work, Rachel has enhanced the usability and safety of the dog play yards on our property. Her commitment to this project is very much appreciated by the shelter, and will help potential adopters and dog park users for years to come. We congratulate her on competing her Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest honor."

Williamson County Animal Center is located at 106 Claude Yates Dr., next to Franklin High School, and the phone number is (615) 790-5590. Adoptable animals can be viewed at [www.adoptwcac.org](http://www.adoptwcac.org) or follow the shelter on Facebook.