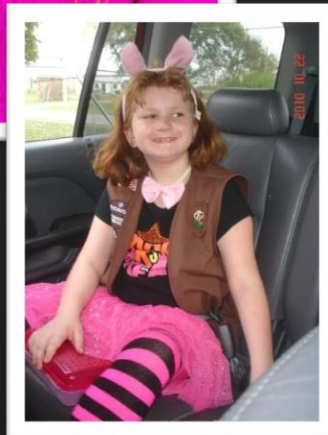




Paige John

Basehor, KS



The Golden Dog Event

Paige John has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Troop 1543 in Service Unit 664. She is currently a junior at Basehor Linwood High School.

Paige's Gold Award project addressed the need for more information on animal fostering and adoption to help decrease the homeless pet population in her community. She found that many people didn't have much information about how fostering an animal worked. In addition to educating the public, Paige wanted to offer another opportunity to perspective adoptive families to meet pets available for adoption. To achieve both goals she hosted a pet event with eight vendors who educated the public and showed off adoptable pets. In addition, she also hosted a fundraising carwash to provide funding to the shelters.

Paige worked with Rescue k911, Girl Scout troops and local vendors for her project. Paige was committed to helping homeless animals find forever homes and supporting her community members to learn about the potential of fostering. If more animals were fostered, it improves their quality of life and can lead to an increased adoption rate. During the process she faced issues with location restrictions regarding pets, scheduling conflicts and finding volunteers. Because of her work, animals now have a greater chance of finding forever homes, happier lives and have better funding for their time in shelters.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned how to be more outgoing. I also learned how not to be shy and nervous around new people. I also learned how to come outside of my comfort zone.

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