



Celebrate Gold

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Paw Prints Nonprofit

Neha has been a Girl Scout for twelve years as part of Troop 14 in Service Unit 675. She is currently a senior at Blue Valley West High School. She plans to study Biology and pursue a pre-Dental track in college.

After adopting her senior dog from a shelter, Neha understood the severity of overcrowding in animal shelters. While most people focus on pet adoption as a solution to overcrowding, Neha wanted to address the problem of people losing their pets, which often end up in shelters until they are found. She identified microchips and GPS collars as an easy, but underutilized, solution for lost pets. Neha spoke at shelters and created pamphlets, social media accounts, and a website to share information on GPS collars and encourage pet owners to purchase one for their pets.

Neha's website and brochures will continue to be distributed by local animal shelters, as well as a dog bakery and shop to help spread the word. With Neha's project, fewer dogs will end up in shelters simply because they got lost.



Because of Girl Scouts...I have learned the importance of giving back to my community, cultivated important skills like networking and being assertive, and created connections with other Girl Scouts that will last a lifetime.