



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Work is beginning on the interior of the shelter. Insulation will help keep the work crew a little warmer. The rooms are now framed and the electrical wiring is the next project.

It is really beginning to look like our shelter now that we can actually see where the rooms will be.

PET PROFILE

Yogi, the handsome Boxer/Lab mix is about 1 year old, neutered and vaccinated. He is very athletic and intelligent. He has been in foster care since July 2007 as he needed lots of special care. He came to PAWS extremely timid and fearful, the result of past abuse that we can only imagine. Yogi gets along very well with other dogs and is fine with cats, but he still has a lot to overcome with new people, new sights and new sounds, and he is extremely leery of children. In the right hands, with patience and training, Yogi has HUGE potential, perhaps in agility or some other active job. All he needs is a chance! Are you the person to help Yogi?

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

We have a few other animals waiting for a new home at this time.

Juanita, our little old granny of a Chihuahua is still enjoying her senior years along with some "senior moments" that surface occasionally.

Mickey Mouse is super friendly, fluffy, melt your heart cute, male kitten for adoption! He's about 8 months old now and is waiting in the PAWS office for his new home.

Polly is a female Rottweiler/Border Collie cross who was born October 8, 2007. She loves to romp and play with toys and other dogs. She is good with people and cats. Adorable, affectionate and cuddly.

HAPPY TAILS

Angel, the Chihuahua, has gone to make her home with Jean Paulus in Riondel. She will have a young Jack Russell for a playmate.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

A Concert Concession in January brought in \$229.57 which will go towards our fundraising efforts.

Our February Bake Sale earned us \$1517.28 in sales and donations.

PURRS and GRRRS

Purrs to the people who trap, alter and release feral cats which helps cut down the excess cat population.

Grrrs to the people who continue to support puppy mills by purchasing animals from live pet stores.

PET POINTS

CAT TRIVIA

- a.. 95% of cat owners admit they talk to their cats.
- b.. A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.
- c.. A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.
- d.. A cat cannot see directly under its nose. This is why the cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.
- e.. A cat in a hurry can sprint at about thirty-one miles per hour.
- f.. A cat will spend nearly 30% of its life grooming itself.
- g.. A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than that of a dog.
- h.. A cat's hearing rates as one of the top in the animal kingdom. Cats can hear sounds as high-pitched as 65 kHz; a human's hearing stops at just 20 kHz.
- i.. A cat's sense of taste is keener than a dog's sense of taste.
- j.. A cat's tail held high means happiness. A twitching tail is a warning sign, and a tail tucked in close to the body is a sure sign of insecurity.
- k.. Americans spend more on cat food than on baby food.

Source: Internet Pet Supplies (www.i-pets.com/petfun.html): Animal Trivia

BREED READ

BEAGLE

The beagle has dark eyes, droopy ears, and a long tail. Its coat is short and usually a combination of tan, black and white colors. They can also be orange, black, or tan dogs with white markings.

The Beagle can adapt to apartment life, but may prove to be annoying to neighbors if he constantly warns you of strange noises.

These dogs are tireless hunters and need a way to burn off some of that energy, so you will need to take your Beagle for long walks or go for a romp in the park.

Think twice before letting him off the leash, however, since a Beagle who is hot on the trail of a rabbit will forget all of his obedience training while he tracks down his prey!

The Beagle dog breed loves children and other dogs but will probably take every available opportunity to harass the family cat. They are very playful and affectionate, but they do tend to sulk if they don't get their own way. In fact, these dogs are so sensitive that something as simple as someone laughing at one of them when he has gotten into some mishap can cause the Beagle to brood for days. You may need to warn your children to avoid upsetting your dog's delicate sensibilities.

Although Beagles occasionally get too caught up in the chase to obey commands, they still should learn at least basic obedience. It will require patience and hard work to teach your dog, and you may want to consider getting some professional help by enrolling your little guy in puppy obedience classes.

The Beagle dog breed loves to eat and they aren't picky. If you put your dog on a diet, he will happily eat garbage. In fact, even if he isn't on a diet, he may still hit the trash cans for an after dinner snack.

Your Beagle should be groomed once a week to alleviate shedding.

Beagles usually get enough exercise to wear down their toenails on their own, but you may want to check your dog's nails to see if they need to be trimmed at least once a month.

Beagles are generally a healthy breed. However, some of these dogs can develop heart disease or epilepsy. With their propensity to overeat, Beagles can also develop weight related diseases.

If you want a dog who is a happy, well mannered little companion, then the Beagle dog breed may be the right dog for you.

The Beagle is a breed of medium-sized dog. A member of the hound group.

Beagles are scent hounds developed primarily for tracking hare, rabbit, and other game.

They have a keen sense of smell and tracking instinct that often sees them employed as detection dogs for prohibited agricultural imports and foodstuffs in quarantine around the world.

Beagles are popular as pets because of their size, even temper, and lack of inherited health problems.

Although beagle-type dogs have existed for over 2,000 years, the modern beagle dog breed was developed in Britain around the 1830s from several breeds.

Snoopy of the comic strip Peanuts has been promoted as "the world's most famous beagle."

PET PANTRY

MUTTLOAF RECIPE

½ cup amaranth	1 ½ cups chicken broth	1 ½ lbs ground chicken -OR- turkey
½ cup cottage cheese	2 whole eggs	½ cup wheat germ
¼ cup finely chopped carrot	¼ cup finely chopped spinach	
2 cloves garlic	¼ cup finely chopped zucchini	
1 tablespoon olive oil		

Bring amaranth and broth to a boil.

Simmer for 20 minutes. Set aside and let cool.

Mix meat, cottage cheese, veggies, and eggs. Mix well.

Add wheat germ, cooled amaranth and olive oil. Mix well. Put into loaf pan.

Bake at 350' for 1 hour or until done.

NOTE - Amaranth can be found in health food stores.

- Amaranth may be replaced with barley. Cook barley in 4 cups of broth for 50 minutes.

Source: "<http://www.doggieconnection.com/recipe/>"

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Our Treasurer Angie Pawson had a birthday on the 15th of February. Best Wishes, Angie!!

PISCES - 20 February - 20 March

"Piscean pets will know if you're happy or upset".

DOGS: Mongrel dogs fair best under the sign of Pisces for this is the sign that is said to contain qualities from all the other eleven signs. It's confusing being a Piscean dog. No sooner an idea springs to mind than another better idea replaces it. You may notice your Piscean dog pacing between the fire, his basket and bowl. The Piscean is also a salty dog and his favourite day out would be a walk by the sea shore. He may even enjoy eating fish! Traditionally Piceans have very weak ankles and paws so keep an eye on these areas should he start to limp.

CATS: These are the Elizabeth Taylor's of the feline world. A diamond studded collar is an absolute must. Sometimes she may strut around with her nose in the air and her tail straight as a stick and you may wonder how you offended her. Then moments later she's craving for your affections. The Piscean cat is a peculiar mixture of conflicting emotions. If Piscean cats could talk an oft used phrase would surely be "I don't know what I want but I want it now!" However they also are extremely intuitive and will know straight away if you're happy or upset.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

A Puppy's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep.
I sleep tight in the center groove
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night
No one disturbs me or dares to intrude
Till morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin
My nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up quickly, I have sharp teeth -
I'm a puppy, don't you see?

For the morning's here and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night!

TAIL END

Important Links:

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751
Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910
Nelson 2nd Chance – 250-352-2228

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494
Kootenay Vet Clinic – 428 2822
Animal Control (Town of Creston only) – 428-2214

If you are interested in adopting a new companion, need to re-home one or have found a pet or lost one – please check out our ***Weekly Wag and Meow Mart*** which is posted at both Vet Clinics, Iron Kettle Restaurant, Sunset Seed or Lil' Mutt Grooming. Or check with the PAWS office - 1420 Northwest Boulevard - or on our website.

Everyone is invited to participate in PAWS events, projects, meetings and fund raisers.
If you are interested in volunteering, fostering or becoming a member please contact us.

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