



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Most of the electrical work has been finished and the heating equipment is being put into place. There is insulation in some of the walls and ceilings. Soon the plumbing can be finished, too. Once these are finished and the inspections made, the dry walling can go ahead.

PET PROFILE

Urfel is a dog who is lucky to have become a PAWS pet. He was found on the Highway by the RCMP and eventually found his way to PAWS through the Vet Clinic. After being nearly shaved to remove the many burs and bathed to remove most of the smell, he went to be fostered by Kaca from the Vet Clinic and PAWS member Lee. He managed to find a home but that was short lived due to his wanderlust. Once again he went to stay with Lee and is waiting to be taken on a nice trip to another home. He needs a home with the patience and care required by an older dog gentleman who is losing his hearing but finding arthritis. This is a Retriever/Collie cross so is a medium size with a really bad haircut at the present. At least this will cure itself with time.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Not many foster animals waiting for their forever homes: Juanita is the only one at this time.

HAPPY TAILS

Yogi has gone way over to Castlegar to make his new home. He has a playmate there so is not lonely. By the pictures and reports coming back he is settling in and seems not to have had any shyness problems so far. We wish him well.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS – to all the wonderful people who donate food, litter and other supplies so PAWS is able to continue to help those less fortunate.

GRRRS – to those who insist on leaving their “pets” outdoors in all weather with little or no shelter and depriving them of the “pack” security. YOU are their pack – accept the responsibility.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

When traveling with your dog please be considerate of his comfort and safety. If the dog must ride in the open back of a truck by law he must be secured. PLEASE make sure the dog is tied so it cannot slip or jump over the side. Too many dogs have been drug to death or hung when they fall or slip out of the truck box. Remember those animals depend on you for their safety and their very lives.

SIT - STAY

Today is the day to ensure your dog is wearing his collar complete with his own Creston Town Tag if you live in town. For those living out of town (as well as those in town) add a free Identification Tag from PAWS. If your pet is found wandering, the person finding it can call us and we can locate the owner from the number on the tag. This is a permanent tag and only needs to be updated if you change your contact information. Help the lost pet get home safely and quickly.

If you lose your pet – call PAWS. We will monitor the calls so anyone finding your pet can let us know. If you find a pet – call PAWS. We will monitor the calls so anyone losing the pet can let us know.

PETOSCOPE

ARIES - 21 March - 20 April *"Pets born under the sign of Aries are bold and adventurous."*

DOGS: As the first sign of the zodiac it is only natural that Aries pets want to be the leader of the pack. Take your dog into the countryside and he'll soon be picking up a scent or act like a trailblazer. Gun dogs, whippets, lurchers and hunting dogs thrive under the sign of Aires. Most Aries dogs cannot bear to be tied down and must frantically explore every nook and cranny in their environment. They want make their mark upon the world. He'll also be completely intolerant of other dogs, get into inevitable scraps, and will try to dominate every pet and person in the household.

CATS: Aries cats are loners and sometimes you'll hardly see them for days as they would have been eating at every house in your street except yours. Like their canine counterparts they are intolerant of other pets who they see as intruders. Keep the gold fish and budgie under lock and key or there'll be trouble. At night you'll hear your Aires cat hissing at any cats that have stayed into their territory. He's probably already covered in battle scars and may have a piece or two missing from his ear. Aries cats are certainly not dull. You'll love their exuberance and character.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Diana Miller has added a birthday to her experience for the year. Best Wishes Diana!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Watch for our last Bake Sale of this season coming in late April.

The ever present Walk-A-Thon is also coming soon. Get yourself and your dog into shape to come and enjoy the camaraderie with other pet lovers. Leave room for the lunch, too!!

Think Spring! Think Summer!! Think fishing, boating, sunning, and all the other water wonders. PAWS has a boat for sale to help you with these relaxing times. Check it out on the PAWS website.

PET PANTRY

HYPOALLERGENIC DIET FOR DOGS

¼ lb lamb or chicken 1 cup cooked rice 1 tsp safflower oil

1 ¼ tsp dicalcium phosphate –OR- bone meal –OR- powdered milk

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

Yield: 2/3 pound

DID YOU KNOW?

ANIMAL NEGLECT

The most common type of animal cruelty is neglect or abandonment - people not providing adequate care for animals in their charge. These types of cases often involve situations where an animal is left without food, water or shelter, or when proper veterinary care was not obtained. In many of these cases, the underlying reason can sometimes be explained by the caretaker's ignorance. This is why many animal control officers and humane law enforcement officers will first attempt to educate the neglectful caretaker, rather than immediately citing or arresting them. Ignorance can be blamed in some situations, an additional cause that is a major contributor to neglect and abandonment cases is that the pet owner simply does not care. Even people with only the most basic knowledge of animal care can see that an animal has degenerated to the point where it is only skin and bones. Many times, animals are purchased as pets, and simply forgotten. Animals in this situation do not merely gather dust. They are slowly starved or dehydrated to death, literally bled dry due to parasite infestations, or slowly garroted by their own collars.

BODY CONDITION - The Body Condition System has been developed to help pet owners (and investigators) judge if their pet's appearance is normal or not. The following are guidelines:

EMACIATED: Ribs, backbones, pelvic bones, etc. all prominent from a distance. No visible body fat, obvious loss of muscle mass.

VERY THIN: Ribs, backbones, pelvic bones easily visible. No palpable fat. Minimal loss of muscle mass.

THIN: Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat. Top of backbone visible. Pelvic bones becoming prominent. Obvious waist and abdominal tuck.

UNDERWEIGHT: Ribs easily palpable with no visible fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident.

IDEAL: Ribs palpable without excess fat covering. Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above. Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side.

OVERWEIGHT: Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering. Waist is discernable viewed from above but is not prominent. Abdominal tuck apparent.

HEAVY: Ribs palpable with difficulty, heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent or barely visible. Abdominal tuck may be absent.

OBESE: Ribs not palpable under heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure. Heavy fat deposits on backbone and base of tail. No waist or abdominal tuck. Obvious abdominal distension may be present.

GROSSLY OBESE: Massive fat deposits on chest, spine, and base of tail. Waist and abdominal tuck absent. Fat deposits on neck and legs. Obvious abdominal distension.

If you witness animal cruelty in progress and do not know the number to the appropriate agency, CALL 911. Animal cruelty is a CRIME, and the police dispatcher will be able to determine which department should respond. Repeat offenses of animal cruelty crimes are a rule, not an exception. There are many times when an investigation into an animal cruelty crime uncovers human-related crimes as well. When officers go to the home to investigate an animal cruelty issues, they often find evidence of domestic abuse, child neglect, drugs and other dangerous situations. Reporting animal cruelty could save a human life.

When a violent crime is committed against anyone you love, there is always a flood of emotions: anger, outrage, hurt, worry, helplessness... Your pets are no exception, and when someone deliberately causes them harm, the reaction isn't much different than if they had attacked a human family member. The fact is, there are some things you can do. Animal abuse is a crime and it can be a serious one. Several states consider animal cruelty a felony.

Do NOT attempt to deal with the crime yourself. The authorities are there to help you, and the sooner they are involved, the better. Patrol officers will show up almost immediately after you report the animal cruelty/neglect.

These innocent animals don't deserve such a miserable and lonely life. Animals deserve to live a happy and healthy life. If you witness an animal being neglected, please call your local authorities or humane rescue group/organization immediately. You can choose to give your name and information or choose to remain anonymous. If the animal neglect is severe enough, the charge could be taken to court and you may be needed to testify against the abuser. It may be frightening, but please remember that these animals need you to protect them from abusers who would hurt them or make them suffer. Please think of these animals' safety and well-being. You have a voice that can speak on behalf of these animals who are suffering in silence. Please be their voice.

A FOSTER DOG POEM by Diane Morgan

I am the bridge
Between what was and what can be.
I am the pathway to a new life.

I am made of mush,
Because my heart melted when I saw you,
Matted and sore, limping, depressed,
Lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.

For one little time you are mine.
I will feed you with my own hand
I will love you with my whole heart
I will make you whole.
I am made of steel.

Because when the time comes,
When you are well, and sleek,
When your eyes shine,
And your tail wags with joy
Then comes the hard part.

I will let you go -- not without a tear,
But without a regret.
For you are safe forever—
A new dog needs me now.

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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