



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Work is progressing on the insulation. Visit our website for updated pictures. Testing for the local Therapy Dogs was held at the shelter with several dogs of all sizes and breeds receiving their scarves and photo ID so they can visit senior centers. This was organized by Diana Miller of *Helping Paws* which is her own training program for service dogs.

PET PROFILE

Squeak is a beautiful 7 month old little girl. Her mom was a calm, quiet, and lovely purebred Rottweiler and her dad a Border Collie. Squeak has the quality of both breeds. She is energetic, smart, calm and quiet when she needs to be and very loving to her canine and human friends. She has had her first set of vaccines and is recently spayed and is in excellent health. She weighs 38 pounds and likely won't be bigger than 50 pounds as an adult.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Recently a beautiful kitten has been added to the PAWS office. She was originally found trying to make herself at home in our partially completed shelter building. After being vetted for some minor problems she went on a trial visit with a wonderful lady. Unfortunately the condo board decided no pets allowed even one as cute as Miss Kitty. So she has temporarily taken up rooming with the resident office cat. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a loving young cat please come see her at the office. Still waiting for their fur-ever homes are Auggie, the Rottweiler pup (who is waiting to go to his new home in a couple of weeks), Raz, the senior retriever and Juanita, the senior Chihuahua.

DID YOU KNOW?

Remembering Rosie

Recently a local couple lost their beloved pet in tragic circumstances. The dog ran into 2 leg-hold traps and was injured so badly she had to be euthanized. There were no warning signs that these inhumane, cruel and lethal traps were in an area frequented by those enjoying the great outdoors that BC offers. All outdoor users should be made aware of the possibility of encountering traps when using these areas. Keep your companion animals as well as you and your children safe while enjoying these pursuits. Our sympathies to Steve and Edna in the loss of their wonderful companion, Rosie.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

PAWS will be holding our annual Walk-A-Thon soon. See our website for further information or call the PAWS office for details. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you don't have a dog to walk you can borrow one of ours. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served after the walk. Please pick up a pledge form, join us on the walk and help support our animals and our shelter.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

TOP 10 REASONS TO ADOPT OLDER DOGS

1.. Loyalty, Loyalty, Loyalty!

Chances are good that by adopting a senior dog, you have rescued a wonderful, loving canine from an untimely, unfortunate and unwarranted death. A senior dog can sense that he or she was saved and will be eternally loyal to his or her new "forever" family.

2.. Ease Of Guardianship

Senior dogs are mellow, relaxed and ready for a new home. They are past the puppy chewing and destruction stage and usually come with basic training. Most senior dogs are happiest sitting at your feet or curled up in their bed next to yours.

3.. No Huge Lifestyle Change

You don't need to worry about puppy proofing your house and constant training. ("No! Drop it! Not yours!") And older dogs let you get a good night's sleep!

4.. Stress Reliever

Life today can be very hectic. Studies have shown that animal guardianship can decrease blood pressure levels and reduce stress. Senior dogs enjoy leisurely walks, which will encourage you to exercise for even a few minutes on your busiest days.

5.. WYSIWYG ("What you see is what you get.")

Senior dogs are full grown and personalities are completely developed. When you meet your senior dog, you will know what kind of wonderful, loving canine he or she is and will always be.

6.. Doggie Wisdom

Senior canines have learned many of life's lessons. They know, for example, that shoes are for walking and bones are for chewing.

7.. Calm, Cool & Collected

Most senior dogs do not demand the time and attention that a younger dog does and are satisfied with casual walks and cuddling. Many senior dogs snooze the day away inside while you are busy at work and are waiting calmly at the door for you when you return home.

8.. Old Dog, New Tricks

Senior dogs can learn new tricks and be valuable family and community members. They also make excellent therapy dogs.

9.. Companionship For All

Senior dogs make wonderful companions for everyone, especially senior people and busy professionals.

10.. Save A Life

Senior dogs are often the first to be euthanized in area shelters. Passed over for cute and cuddly puppies, they often have little chance to be adopted.

Sources: Senior Mutt Match (www.seniormuttmatch.com); The Sanctuary for Old Dogs (www.sanctuaryforseniordogs.org); The Senior Dogs Project (www.srdogs.com)

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

With the coming of the hot weather and holiday traveling it is important to keep in mind the comfort and welfare of your companion animals traveling with you. Make sure they have a supply of water at all times and a cool shady place to enjoy.

Pet food spoils rapidly in hot weather so you need to ensure they have fresh food that has been kept refrigerated (if canned) and is free of insects. Insects are even attracted to dry pet kibble so check that it is also kept free of insects. Insects can cause stings, allergic reactions, digestive problems or intestinal parasites. Please keep your pet healthy and safe so they can enjoy their holiday with you.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS to all those wonderful people who report animal abuse or neglect. Without you we would not be able to help the animals out of bad situations. Please keep on being “our eyes” in the community.

GRRRS to those people who obtain animals for the wrong reason then blame the animal for their own failings. Getting an animal because it is cute or “the thing to do” right now is not conducive to a good life for any animal. Please check out the breed you are seeking to make sure it is compatible with your life style. PAWS can help you choose the right animal so give us a call before making your selection.

PETOSCOPES

Since I managed to duplicate one of the Petoscopes I will include 2 of them here.

GEMINI - 22 May - 21 June

"Gemini pets are intelligent, entertaining, and quick to learn tricks."

DOGS: Your Gemini dog can never settle. They get bored so quickly that they require constant attention. They thrive in new environments and will love it if you ask a friend to have them for a few days. If you can overcome their impatience you'll soon be able to teach them tricks from playing dead to somersaulting through flaming hoops. They love to show off. With fleet footed Mercury as their ruling planet Gemini greyhounds are some of the fastest runners of them all. But keep an eye on your Gemini dog for they are unfaithful and may run away forever!

CATS: It's not often that cats obey a human command but Gemini cats are the exception. Being the most communicative sign of the zodiac they seem to understand what we're saying. They may meow back as if to answer us. They are also high strung and hyper active. The Gemini cat is sleek, long limbed and has good eyesight. They are exceptionally bright and will soon learn to open the cat flap for themselves. The ancient astrologers made Gemini the ruler of sparrows so don't be surprised if your moggie drops the occasional dead offering at your feet.

CANCER - 22 June - 23 July

"Your over sensitive Cancerian pet thinks it's one of the children."

DOGS: Don't bark commands at your Cancerian dog or he's liable to burst into tears. Cancerian dogs are the most sensitive of all the zodiac signs and are likely to be very moody. They need to know that you need them and consequently require constant patting and reassurance. You'll be saying 'good boy' until your throat is sore. They make wonderful parents. They are also good with children and think that they are one of them. Your dog should have been born with flippers not paws for the Cancerian dog will jump into water at every opportunity.

CATS: With the moon as the ruler of Cancer it is not surprising that cats born under this sign are true to their nocturnal nature. You'll have trouble rousing them during the day but at night they're extremely active. And they love the sound of their own voice. If you hear a ginger Tom wailing in the early hours it's most probably a Cancerian. Fortunately, they're not prone to a fight and will timidly back off - the lion in Wizard of Oz is a typical Cancerian. You'll just love your Cancerian cat- she'll melt your heart with her constant need for affection.

PET POINTS

Running through bushes and grass puts dogs at risk for exposure to fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Most dogs are of the height that their sensitive underbellies pass through the grass at just the right height for fleas and ticks, which are desperate for a blood meal, a bite to eat and to hitch a ride. Some common tick species can transmit diseases within minutes of attaching to a dog, so combing out at the end of the day could be too late. Make sure your dog has protection that repels AND kills.

PET PANTRY

FRUITY PUP-SICLES

1 quart orange juice

1 mashed banana

½ cup plain yogurt

Mix all ingredients in a container with a spout. Pour the blend into ice cube trays.

Freeze. Serve up a cooling tasty summer time treat for you dog.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Our own Vicki McDonald had a birthday in May. We won't tell her age though!!

Not to be outdone - Audrey Breitenbucher also had a birthday – hers was in June and we still aren't telling ages!!

Rescuing one animal may not change the world, but for that one animal, the world will be changed forever.

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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