



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE**

Claudia's Place is coming along very well. Insulation is now being installed. Once that is in place and the inspections are done we can start closing in the walls. Then the rooms will take shape.

If anyone would like a tour of the shelter please give us a call at the PAWS office and we would be happy to arrange a time convenient for you.

## **PET PROFILE**

AUGGIE is a very handsome Rottweiler/Border Collie cross who was born October 8th, 2007. He weighs in at 67½ pounds at 6½ months old so will be a large fellow. Auggie is gentle, easy-going and affectionate. He learns very quickly, is catching on to basic commands and loves to go for walks – on or off leash. He may want to satisfy his puppy curiosity but never goes too far and is quick to come back to his human companions. He is good with other dogs whether big or small, cats and children. He is learning the game of fetch and he likes car rides.

Auggie's special talent is his counter surfing ability. Don't worry about crumbs or any other food item within reach for that matter, if given a chance, Auggie can get it!

This sweet boy's biggest issue is separation anxiety. He is OK if he has another dog buddy for company but gets very upset when left alone. But who can blame him? In his 6 short months of life he passed through 4 homes before coming into PAWS foster care. He apparently because he outgrew that "cute little puppy" appearance so people forgot that he is still JUST A PUPPY!!!

Auggie has been neutered, vaccinated, and is waiting for his forever family to find him. If you think you might be that family please contact PAWS.

## **DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!**

It is fortunate for the homeless animals that we have so few to offer at this time.

**Juanita** is still our "senior" senior at nearly 18 years old.

**Auggie** is profiled above.

**Raz** (Urfel) is still waiting for his own home, too. This senior fellow is nearly deaf and loves to roam whenever he can. A fenced yard is simply a challenge to escape in his mind. He loves to be with people and loves to go for walks. Raz is a retriever type so is not very large.

**Amy** is a new comer as she has been returned to the care of PAWS since her owner is moving and cannot take her along. She is a beautiful boxer cross who even pulled our cart in the Blossom Festival Parade a few years ago. Since we are short of foster homes here in Creston she is at the Cranbrook SPCA and really needs her very own home where she can remain so she can love and be loved.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

Our Polly has gone to Mission to make her new home. She is doing well and enjoying her trips to the park. Her new mom says she is working on her carsick problem and hopes to have it cured soon. Polly has given many happy memories to her foster mom, Vicki, and is now sharing her talents and her love with her new family.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Watch for the PAWS group in the Blossom Festival Parade.  
Watch for our coming raffle – great prizes – for a great cause.

### **TAURUS** - 21 April - 21 May

*"Taurean pets have a placid nature, except when pushed to the extreme."*

**DOGS:** The Taurean dog is loyal, faithful and easy to train. They make the perfect guide dogs and are great with children. They are big softies and everyone adores their kind nature. They are strong when young but get fat with age. It is rare to find an older Taurean dog that's not overweight. Their first love is food but a close second is music. If you want to keep your Taurean dog happy, play him some Beethoven- he'll sit and listen for hours and may even howl along. They don't move much, or very quickly, except on those rare occasions they are taunted or threatened.

**CATS:** Many Taurean cats have big beautiful eyes- a gift from their ruling planet Venus. When young they could easily win at cat shows- particularly if your Taurean cat is a blue-eyed Siamese. But forget it when they get older- by then they'll look more like an overstuffed cushion covered with hair. And for heavens sake never, never feed a special treat such as fresh fish to a Taurean cat. If you do they'll refuse to eat anything else and you'll be forever out of pocket. The Venus ruled Taurean feline takes a sensuous delight in luxury and will be forever on your lap wanting continual pampering.

## **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

Pete Harris has been under the weather for some time. He has been our mainstay for the early construction on the shelter and a guiding hand for the present work. We wish him all the best for a complete recovery very soon.

## **PURRS and GRRRS**

PURRS – to those who think of adopting a homeless pet before thinking of buying one.

GRRRS – to people who sell unwanted pets without checking into the type of home they are going to have in the future.

## **PET PANTRY**

### **FRESH BREATH COOKIES**

(Mint and parsley are natural breath fresheners)

2 cups whole wheat flour	½ cup cornmeal
1/3 cup chopped fresh -or- 1 tablespoon dried mint	½ cup chopped parsley
6 tablespoons safflower oil	¾ cup water

Combine flour, cornmeal, mint and parsley in a large bowl.

Add oil and water and mix thoroughly.

Roll out to ¼" on floured surface and cut with cookie cutters.

Bake at 350' for 40 minutes until lightly browned.

Turn off heat and let biscuits dry out in oven for several hours.

Refrigerate in airtight container.

## ***TRIVIA and TIDBITS***

### **TEST YOUR DOG'S INTELLIGENCE**

1. With your dog watching, pretend to reach for a snack and eat it. The dog:  
A - Watches you intently as if you are actually eating.  
B - Investigates the spot from which you took the "food" to see if anything is there.  
C - Couldn't be less interested.  
D - Seems to realize you're just pretending.
2. If the way was blocked by a fence too high for your dog to jump, what would it probably do?  
A - Run alongside the fence and look for a way around it.  
B - Forget it and run off in a different direction.  
C - Try to burrow underneath or get through somehow.  
D - Wait for you to lift it over.
3. Does your dog seem to recognize any of the following words (or your own variations) and, if so, how many?  
Supper, the Vet, Bed, Good-bye.  
A - Yes, three or four words.  
B - Yes, two.  
C - Yes, one.  
D - No, none.
4. If you're in the kitchen and begin to unwrap some food with your dog in earshot, what would it probably do?  
A - Come into the kitchen as soon as it heard the sound.  
B - Come in only if it felt particularly curious or hungry.  
C - Not realize you were unwrapping food unless you did so right in front of it.
5. If your dog is near a door and hears a strange noise outside, its first reaction would be:  
A - Begin to bark and want to go outside.  
B - Ignore the noise.  
C - Quietly monitor the noise.
6. When out on a walk, if you and your dog came across a much larger dog, or even a horse, what would your dog be likely to do?  
A - Run up and nip at the animal's feet, barking at it and harassing it.  
B - Growl or bark fiercely, but only from a safe distance.  
C - Stay out of its way.  
D - Approach the animal cautiously or playfully.
7. If, when walking your dog on a leash, you come to a busy road, would your dog:  
A - Stop on the pavement, assessing whether it's safe to cross.  
B - Rely on you to decide when to cross.  
C - Continue forward, forcing you to pull back tightly on its leash.
8. If you try to stop playing with your dog but it still wants to play, how will it let you know?  
A - By whining softly.  
B - By trying to start the game with you again.  
C - By growling.
9. Does your dog remember people, such as relatives who come to visit only occasionally?  
A - No.  
B - Yes, especially if they were friendly to it on the last visit.  
C - Sometimes.  
D - No, but it will act as if it remembers if they offer it some food.
10. If your dog needed a drink of water but there was none in its bowl, it would:  
A - Wait for you to notice that the water bowl is empty.  
B - Look for other means of refreshment, such as the toilet bowl or a puddle.  
C - Find you and begin to whine.  
D - Summon you to its bowl to show that it's empty.  
E - Sit next to its bowl and whine.
11. How does your dog behave when it has been caught doing something wrong and know that it's in serious trouble?

- A - It looks guilty and slinks away, ears and tail down.
- B - It dashes off with a worried look in its eyes.
- C - It dashes off with a gleeful look in its eyes.
- D - It cowers in front of you.

12. How curious is your dog when it finds itself in new surroundings?

- A - Very curious, exploring every nook and cranny.
- B - Reasonably curious.
- C - The only thing your dog's ever curious about is what's for dinner.

**Scoring:**

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| 1. A=2, B=3, C=1, D=4       | 2. A=4, B=1, C=2, D=2  | 3. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 |
| 4. A=3, B=3, C=1            | 5. A=2, B=1, C=3       | 6. A=1, B=3, C=4, D=2 |
| 7. A=4, B=3, C=1            | 8. A=2, B=3, C=1       | 9. A=1, B=4, C=3, D=2 |
| 10. A=1, B=4, C=3, D=4, E=2 | 11. A=4, B=2, C=1, D=3 | 12. A=3, B=2, C=1     |

**How did Your Dog Do?**

Score	Description	Percentage of Dogs More Intelligent Than Your Dog
14 and below.....	Blissfully ignorant .....	99%
15-18 .....	Generally thick .....	92%
19-23 .....	Occasionally clever.....	85%
24-27 .....	Average .....	50%
28-31 .....	Brighter than average.....	33%
32-37 .....	Very smart.....	15%
38-41 .....	Extremely smart.....	5%
42 and above.....	Canine genius.....	2% or less

From: "Definitive IQ Test For Dogs" by Melissa Miller.

There is no one on earth more deserving of help than a good dog who has given its heart and soul to its family and then lost its home. Annie Simon

**TAIL END**

**Important Links:**

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751                | Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494                  |
| Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910                    | Kootenay Vet Clinic – 428 2822                   |
| Nelson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance – 250-352-2228 | 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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