



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Dry walling is underway!! Next will be the heating and a bathroom. Then we can move the office into the building which will greatly reduce our insurance rates.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

We still have Sidley (possible Irish Wolfhound cross) and Tootsie (a Rottie cross) and our cat Wynnie who is a long haired dark tortoiseshell.

PET POINTS

Remember that the metal deck of pick up trucks can get extremely cold. This could cause pain in the paws of any animal forced to stand on it for some time. Please let pets ride with the rest of the family in the cab of the vehicle.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

For those who work in a business which supports matching donations – please consider making a donation to PAWS and applying for the matching grant from the business.

Our first Concert Concession (Oct 09) brought in \$139.84.

Our first Bake Sale (Oct 11-12) gave us \$875.88 towards our building fund.

Many thanks to our bakers and table tenders!!

If you would like to help bake or tend table at one of these events please let me know and I will add you to the list for future notices. You do not have to be a member to help with fund raisers.

Mary Johnson crafts beautiful “art quilts” and displays them at KingFisher Books here in Creston. The proceeds from the sales of these quilts she has kindly donated to PAWS. May thanks for this generosity.

PEOPLE and PETS IN THE NEWS

Several PAWS dogs have passed their Therapy Dog training. They are now visiting the Swan Valley Lodge on a regular basis. If you are interested in having your dog tested to see if he/she would be a candidate for this endeavor please contact the PAWS office for further information.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is time for antifreeze once again. Please request the pet-friendly type to prevent fatal accidents. Pets often are attracted to the sweetness of antifreeze and may lick any that is spilled. Since antifreeze is deadly to animals it is better to prevent this problem from the start.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

When traveling in the winter with a pet, make sure they have adequate water as a vehicle heater may cause them to dehydrate.

SIT - STAY

House training a pup during the winter months can be a challenge. The most effective method is to be consistent and stick to a regular routine for outdoor visits. Don't forget the all important praise-praise-praise when the mission is accomplished.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Jim McDonald added another birthday to his life experiences. Best Wishes Jim!

If you know of a birthday or anniversary you would like noted please contact me: leekitto@wynndel.ca

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our main fund raiser Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be held at the Rec Center on November 22nd. Watch for available tickets around town as well as from PAWS members. Music for the Dance will be by The Kings of Kitchener. Tickets are \$30 each.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

(extra stuff, poems, short stories)

Scorpio: The Paragon (24 Oct – 22 Nov)

There is a great strength of character hidden beneath the silky coat of the Scorpio Dog. On the outside, it will be necessary to watch out for the tail, which is capable of expressing much more feeling than that of any other canine. The Scorpio Dog will be a formidable dog to live up to, since this canine considers himself or herself to be the perfect dog. The life of the Scorpio Dog has but one purpose...self-mastery, which will occupy this canine as long as he or she lives. Sadly, few if any manage to achieve such perfection, often leaving the Scorpio Dog with a personality which is as difficult for the dog to understand as it is for his or her owner. The Scorpio Dog will either be a best friend or a worst enemy. This canine can love or hate with an equally passionate intensity and, if this dog is wronged in any way, then he or she will never forget. On the other hand, this canine will also never forget when he or she is treated well. Scorpio traditionally governs secrets and this may be why Scorpio Dogs tend to make the most proficient trackers, being able to sniff-out even the most subtle of scents. Thus, this sign is an ideal one for bloodhounds, cocker spaniels, or any dog who needs an acute sense of smell. The sexual prowess of the male Scorpio Dog also makes him an excellent breeder. Physically, the Scorpio Dog is thick-set with handsome features, but is not one to reveal feelings through body language. Inscrutable is a word that probably best describes this canine. If the Scorpio Dog is being scolded for some gross misdemeanor, then he or she will calmly sit there as though being told a bedtime story. Moreover, in the midst of a "rant and rave" for any reason, this canine will most probably simply fall asleep. Both genders of this canine will possess a deep interest in mating. Unfortunately, neutering or spaying does not seem to help much...particularly in the female. Some owners claim that the best answer is to allow her to have

at least one litter (assuming, of course, that a mate can be found whom the Scorpio bitch is prepared to allow come anywhere near her). The trouble here is that this can cause phantom pregnancies which are almost more difficult to cope with than the real thing.

It will be important for any owner of a Scorpio Dog to remember that, as the human, he or she will always be bigger than this canine. Even when the Scorpio Dog attempts to tower over an owner by leaping upon the table, the human should remind himself or herself of that fact. Thus, an owner should be able to keep on top of things and, by so doing, will discover that the Scorpio Dog is basically an affectionate canine...beneath his or her prickly exterior. The Scorpio Dog has a tendency to overweight in middle age, so any owner would be well-advised to take great care over the diet while this canine is still a puppy. Later, maintenance levels of food should be given, otherwise the naturally heavy build will look wonderful for a few years and then, almost overnight, become gross and distinctly unattractive. On the whole, the Scorpio Dog will be a healthy specimen with tremendous powers of physical endurance. Thus, he or she is not one to spend long at the vet's office or run up large veterinarian bills. Where there is Scorpio Dog, then there should always be a dog-run house. This house will belong totally to the Scorpio Dog and an owner will be expected to maintain it according to this canine's exacting specifications. The Scorpio Dog demands (and gets) a full eight hours of undisturbed sleep every night and those hours of rest will be spent in the warmest and most comfortable place...even if that just happens to be the chair where his or her owner wanted to watch the late night movie. Nearly all Scorpio Dogs are psychic to some extent and, despite this canine's ability to remain inscrutable in times of stress, he or she will make it only too clear when something is being "seen" or "heard." This behavior is far from ideal to an owner who possesses a nervous temperament or who lives alone. However, most of the invisible beings noted by the Scorpio Dog will be harmless...it will only be when he or she hides under the bed, too frightened to emerge, that the time will have arrived to call in the police.

Socially, Scorpio and Scorpio make for the best combination. The same urge for power is shared, but each will understand where the other is coming from. However, a house with one Scorpio...let alone two...could never be described as haven of peace and harmony (neither would want it that way in any event since life would be far too dull). The Scorpio Dog revels in personality clashes and tension...it provides proof that he or she is growing in strength and improving along the way. The only other native who will truly stand much of a chance as the owner of a Scorpio Dog would be Cancer. No human governed by any other sign is advised to take the risk...it simply would not be worth it.

Scorpio: The Cat's Pajamas (24 Oct – 22 Nov)

The Scorpio Cat is a powerful cat with more than a mere sting in his or her tail. This resourceful and intelligent feline will delight in organizing things and people, finding the normal business of the domestic cat to be boring and mundane. Determination is the guiding force of the Scorpio Cat...and it is indeed a force to be reckoned with. Felines in general are never easy to fathom and this particular feline is akin to a never-ending pit, being secretive, self-controlled and devious. Deep inside (if the owner is ever able to delve that far), the Scorpio Cat is truly a rather mixed-up cat, desperately seeking love and security. A Scorpio Cat may usually be recognized by a muscular body and beautiful eyes...the ideal specimen being one with jet-black fur and eyes of deep emerald green. However, the most notable feature will be the mask of imperturbability. Later in life, this feline stands out from the rest by his or her waddling walk...the result of over-eating...and often has bow legs. Normally healthy, when this cat does become poorly, then he or she will be extremely ill. Under such circumstances, the Scorpio Cat expects (and usually receives) all the tender, loving care due to such a sick member of the family. At the first sign of ill health (often a dry nose and labored breathing), even if it is suspected that this feline is malingering yet again, it is vital to book him or her into intensive care at the vet's office. If this is not done, then the Scorpio Cat considers the owner to be a failure who did not respond as expected. It will take a very long time for the Scorpio Cat to forgive this and the damaged relationship may never be repaired.

The Scorpio Cat will always remain a puzzle to the family...never where an owner thinks he or she might be...never doing what he or she should be doing. This is all a game to the Scorpio Cat...fooling the owner and leaving his or her human guessing. However, any owner of this feline will be in dire trouble if he or she guesses wrong. When this cat is cold, then he or she fully expects that the heating should be turned on. But, the Scorpio Cat will not hover by a radiator and shiver...he or she is far more likely to sit by the refrigerator, washing his or her paws. If the owner offers food and not heat then, in the eyes of the Scorpio Cat, that owner has failed. This all comes about because the Scorpio Cat finds it well-nigh impossible to express true feelings. Conversely, he or she will be deeply intuitive of others where feelings are concerned, possessing the gift of empathy and the ability to read emotions. This feline senses when an owner desires companionship and when he or she would rather be left alone. The Scorpio Cat is always strangely drawn to those unfortunate humans who are not fond of cats. If such an individual is invited into the home and tries to banish the Scorpio Cat, it will fail to work. This feline somehow manages to get into the room and insists on paying the visitor in question an abundance of attention...sitting on the guest or rubbing against the guest, or dribbling all over them. However, at the end of the day, the Scorpio Cat is basically a one-person cat. He or she will single out a member of the family with whom to bond and the rest will be virtually ignored. This feline does become genuinely attached, but in a rather aloof sort of way...offering companionship in return for a high standard of living. The Scorpio Cat likes to crawl around inside of objects...such as boxes and cabinets...and, being a born hunter, adores being outside.

A Scorpio Cat usually does best with a Scorpio owner. However, a native of Cancer would also a good choice, despite the fact that both are strong-minded, tenacious and complex. The next best owner would likely be a Pisces subject, although such an owner would need to be careful lest his or her "watery" instincts add further confusion to the Scorpio Cat's inclinations. Most owners of Scorpio Cats tend to develop a special telepathic bond with this mysterious feline. The Scorpio Cat always seems to know just what his or her human is thinking, easily senses danger, and will arrive for dinner just moments before being called. If there is a death in the family, then the Scorpio Cat is likely to be the first to know. This feline is the sacred cat which was revered by the Egyptians. Strange and arcane, the Scorpio Cat brings luck and protection to his or her owner. In short, the Scorpio Cat is pure magic.

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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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