



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Drywall is nearly finished. Plumbing and heating are now being installed. The big garage door for the storage room is in place, too.

PET PROFILE

SHANNY is a 2 year old spayed female with all vaccines up to date. Shanny is looking for a family. She weighs about 60 – 65 pounds and is a solid built Rottweiler/Shepherd mix. She will endear herself to a firm, fair, loving and energetic family. She would like at least one other playmate and even a couple of kids to keep her busy

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

These pets are still waiting for their very own homes:

Wynnie – the long hair, tortoiseshell, spayed, 2 year old cat. She was on a trial visit but came back when the resident dog decided she was more prey than playmate.

Valentine – a white Shepherd/Husky cross. He is about 1 year old and loves to be loved.

Cherry – the orchard orphan who is a dark tortoiseshell color. She is used to dogs and kids. She loves everyone and everything.

HAPPY TAILS

Sidley has found his new home on the other side of the Summit where he is enjoying his new “siblings” who are greyhounds. He will certainly get his exercise with them.

Mocha-Latte has also found her new family. She is sharing with a Golden and a couple of children who are very happy she came to live with them.

Peaches has gone to her Furever Home in Wasa. She is enjoying a life of hiking and enjoying the great outdoors with her new mom.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Pet Pictures with Santa was a big success again this year. Our own special Santa listened to the lists of numerous dogs and cats. Even a few children joined in the fun.

Our final Bake Sale for this year was also successful thanks to all the great baking and the table tenders who generously gave a couple hours of their time.

Concert Concessions and Bake Sales have been good fund raisers for our building fund. If anyone would like to help with these fund raisers please contact us at the office.

We still need a treasurer as soon as possible. If you are interested please call the office.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

We are very sad to learn of the fire which took the Sunset Seed building. They have been a constant in the town for a good many years. PAWS has had good support from this company with extra pet food and supplies. We posted the Wag and PawPrints there as well. They will be missed. Our sympathy to all who worked there.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS – to all the wonderful people who supported our Dinner Dance which helped raise money to assist in the completion of the much needed shelter.

GRRRS – to the people who don't believe animals deserve or need to be given care. It is humans who have put animals into the position of needing to rely on people and it is people who must take that responsibility seriously.

BREED READ

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Shiba Inu** (also called the **Shiba Ken**) is the smallest of the six original and distinct breeds of dog from Japan.

A small, agile dog that copes very well with mountainous terrain, the Shiba Inu was originally bred for hunting. It is similar in appearance to the Akita, though much smaller in stature.

Inu is the Japanese word for dog, but the origin of the prefix "Shiba" is less clear. The word *shiba* usually refers to a type of red shrub. This leads some to believe that the Shiba was named with this in mind, either because the dogs were used to hunt in wild shrubs, or because the most common color of the Shiba Inu is a red color similar to that of the shrubs. However, in old Japanese, the word *shiba* also had the meaning of "small", thus this might be a reference to the dog's small size. Therefore, the Shiba Inu is sometimes translated as "Little Brushwood Dog".

DID YOU KNOW?

These items are toxic to dogs:

Alcoholic beverages

Avocados

Bitter almonds

Chocolate

Coffee/Tea and all related products

Grapes/Raisins [including juice and wine]

Green parts of potato [green peelings, sprouts and foliage]

Hops [used in home beer brewing]

Macadamia Nuts

Moldy or Spoiled foods

Onions or Onion Powder

Pits and Seeds from fruits [plum, apricot, peach, apple and some varieties of cherry]

Rhubarb leaves

Tomato foliage [leaves and stems]

Source: The ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

PET PANTRY

TWISTED TOOTSIE PRETZEL TREATS

1½ cups warm water

1 package active dry yeast

2 tablespoons honey

4 cups white flour

1 egg, beaten

Heat your oven to 375°F

In a mixing bowl, add warm water to 1 package of active dry yeast. Next, add honey and white flour. Knead the dough until it is soft and smooth. At this time, in a separate bowl, beat egg.

Separate 2-3 tablespoons of the dough for each pretzel. Roll dough into ½ inch thick lengths. Now, take those lengths and mold them into a pretzel shape.

Place the pretzels onto a non-stick baking pan, brush the egg on top of each pretzel, and bake for 15-20 minutes.

Make sure to cool these treats well before enjoying!

From Amanda & Doug L. – BCCR members

PET POINTS

UNUSUAL PETS

Before acquiring exotic “pocket pets” it is important to be an informed pet owner. Learn as much as possible about your pet of choice before you bring one home.

If you feel you can no longer keep your exotic pet, **do not simply release it into the wild.** The animals are unable to survive in the wild because they’re not a native species or they’ve been domesticated and won’t be able to survive. Instead of releasing to the wild contact a local registered rescue organization or SPCA which can care for the animal properly.

FERRETS: Inquisitive, carnivorous animals known for their playful nature and knack for mischief.

They enjoy human companionship as much as that of other ferrets, and are trainable.

PROS: Quiet, affectionate; enjoy human interaction; can be litter trained; very intelligent.

CONS: Mischievous; can bite if not properly socialized; can be destructive; have a strong musky odor.

FOOD: Commercial ferret kibble; cooked meat (chicken, turkey, beef) in moderation.

HOUSING: Large, well-ventilated cage; litter box with pellet-form litter, which should be cleaned daily.

EXERCISE: Ferrets require at least several hours a day outside their cages to play and explore.

POSSIBLE MEDICAL ISSUES: Rabies (require vaccination); Aleutian disease virus; heartworms or fleas if let outside.

LIFE EXPECTANCY: Six to ten years.

NOTE: Ferret-proof your home. Owners can’t leave anything out that could be chewed into small pieces and then swallowed, because ferrets will eat it and suffer blockages, which requires surgery.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

We have two more birthdays this month.

Pete Harris found another birthday on the 2nd of December. Our best wishes to him.

William Mitchell-Banks also added another special day to his calendar on the 5th of December (I think).

Congratulations to both.

If you would like your name added to our birthday list just let me know.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

While PAWS will continue with the office work, lost and found pets, ID tag program, Spay/Neuter Program, and numerous other jobs, we will be taking time off for the remainder of December. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

SIT - STAY

There will be obedience classes again in the New Year. If you are having some training issues with your dog it would be beneficial to attend. You can get more information from the PAWS office any time.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

A CAT'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the twelfth day of Christmas my human gave to me:

Twelve bags of catnip!
Eleven tasty cat treats,
Ten ornaments hanging,
Nine wads of tissue,
Eight peacock feathers,
Seven unstolen Q-tips,
Six feathered balls,
Five MILK JUG RIIIIIIINGS!
Four munchy house plants,
Three running faucets,
Two fuzzy mousies,
And a hamste-e-er in a plastic ball!!

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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