



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

The heating will soon be installed and that chilly feeling will be gone. The floors will soon be finished and the walls on the “people side” can then be painted. Once these are completed and the bathroom installed we can look forward to moving the office to the shelter, hopefully sometime in March.

PET PROFILE

Elvis A gorgeous 5 month old Plott Hound mix – possibly with some lab. He is being fostered by PAWS and this young fellow is full of life and energy. He will make everyone laugh with his antics. It is suspected that he was removed from his littermates far too young as he did have social issues with other dogs. He loves to play but doesn't know when to quit, appears to play rough but the other dogs will let him know when he's gone too far and he wasn't sure how to greet strange dogs. He still needs a bit of support in these areas but he's a fast learner. Because he spent time fending for himself abandoned on the streets, he can be food aggressive towards other dogs, not to humans though and he will try to counter surf for food. He is currently working on this issue now and doing well but it will take more time to build trust. This fellow will be about 60 lb when grown. He loves to run and will have to have a fenced area. He will also need daily exercise. For Elvis there is nothing more true than the famous saying “A tired dog is a happy dog”. Elvis is alert and smart. In his short time in foster care he has learned to walk on a leash respectfully about 80% of the time – remember his age. He knows to sit, wait, and quit. He sits for his food all the time and most of the time will wait at the door before going through. He is 90% housetrained – the rest is up to the humans to watch for his cues to go out. Elvis is also crate trained. He is now vaccinated, neutered and given a clean bill of health.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Chloe and Meggie: This is a mother and daughter pair. Chloe (the mom) is a purebred Shih Tzu while Meggie is a Shih Tzu/Bichon cross. Both are older dogs – 9 and 12 years old. Both are spayed, leash trained, good with other dogs and cats and people friendly. It would be preferable for them to stay together as they have been together for all of Meggie's life.

Shanny is a 2 year old spayed female with all vaccines up to date who 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. Shanny would like at least one other playmate and even a couple of dog-smart older kids to keep her busy. She is fostered by PAWS and is now accepting resumes from prospective families from which she will choose the one most suitable for her.

Tootsie has returned to PAWS as she proved to be a little too active and time consuming for her new family. The people had some disruptions in their own lives which left too little time for her and she was having a problem accepting that. We hope she will soon be on her way to another home that will have the time to devote to this active and loving youngster.

Sidley is a large young neutered male who is looking for just the right home. He is part Irish Wolf Hound and (probably) Great Dane. He is brindle colored. Syd is truly a gentle giant who is good

with other dogs. He would benefit from obedience training and he needs lots of “work” such as jogging, hiking, etc. with his humans.

Midge (Royale) was a pound dog who came to us when no owner came for her. She is a young Australian Shepherd/Husky cross. She has lovely blue eyes. This little girl needs lots of action and would benefit from obedience training, too.

HAPPY TAILS

Nellie, the young Chihuahua/Toy Fox Terrier cross, has found her very own family who will be patient with her shyness. She has traveled to Revelstoke to join quite a menagerie of pets where her true self can shine through.

Wynn, the long haired tortoiseshell cat, has found that cat-free home she has been searching for where she can be the one and only feline. She will have a dog of her own to play with, too.

PET POINTS

DEGUS: These rodents look like large gerbils and are native to Chile. It's recommended that you get them in same-sex pairs.

PROS: Sociable; like to be let out to play; will bond with owners.

CONS: Do not like to be handled; need large habitats; voracious chewers, so degu-proofing rooms is important; do not like to be alone.

FOOD: Guinea pig food or chinchilla pellets; hay; fresh vegetables; nuts as an occasional treat.

HOUSING: Large, multi-tiered cage (minimum 61cm high by 61cm long by 46cm wide); aspen, pine or newspaper bedding.

EXERCISE: They need a lot, and on a daily basis – degu wheels, climbing frames, a box of soft soil for digging and toys for play.

POSSIBLE MEDICAL ISSUES: Prone to diabetes; chronic respiratory disease; teeth problems; mouth infections.

LIFE EXPECTANCY: Five to ten years.

NOTE: Handle with great care. If the owners are not careful and they grab them by the tail, it will cause the tail to slough off. The skin comes off and you're left with the bone and muscle.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Christmas Card Fund: Thanks to those who donated money to this fund instead of sending local Christmas cards this year. It helped PAWS buy a roll of stamps before the price increased.

Concert Concession on February 1st earned us \$166.88. Thanks to those who did the terrific baking and special thanks to Vicki and Dana for tending the tables.

Bake Sale held on February 12th and 13th at Overwaitea earned us \$884.21 even though we had competition from another Bake Sale running in town at the same time.

Thanks to the multi-talented bakers – we have a great reputation for a wide variety of delicious home-baked goodies. Special thanks to those who helped tend the tables – without them we would not be able to continue this fundraiser.

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'
Mary Ann - age 4

TRIVIA and TIDBITS - Quiz

What is the major cause of pet house dogs who chew their owners' personal belongings?

- A. The owners give them their personal belongings when they leave them alone.
- B. The owners play tug-o-war with the dogs.
- C. Lack of effective Leadership by the owners.
- D. "Separation Anxiety"

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SIT - STAY

If you have a new dog please consider signing up for obedience classes. This will ensure a well behaved dog that is welcome anywhere and a well informed, confident handler, too!!

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Laryssa Pugh is our own pet groomer member. She has been kind enough to tackle grooming our new intakes regardless of how badly they are matted or smell. Laryssa has turned many "icky" hair balls into wonderful looking pets. Dogs and Cats have received her hair treatment – some willingly and some not so willingly! Thanks for caring and helping these homeless ones, Laryssa.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS – To the concerned citizens who report animals in distress. Without them many animals would suffer and perhaps die.

GRRRS – to the number of people who allow their dogs to run at large (which is against the law) and when their dog is placed in the pound decide they do not want to claim it because it will cost them some money. This puts **their** responsibility onto someone else.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Concert Concession – Sunday, 15th of March at the High School at 2:30pm.

Bake Sale – 15th and 16th of March at Overwaitea from 10am to 4pm.

If you are able to bake and/or tend table for these please call Lee at 866-6828 or the PAWS office

AGM (the Annual General Meeting) will be held on March 19th at the Creston Public Library Meeting Room. The Regular monthly meeting will follow. Come vote for your 2009 executive!!

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Happy Birthday to Ken Gerding!!

Happy Birthday to Angie Pawson!!

They are the Birthday Celebrants for the last month.

If you or someone you know would like to have their special day noted – please contact Lee with the information.

Quiz Answer: As simple as ABC, though any one of these can cause destructive chewing on its own.

DID YOU KNOW?

WINTER PAW CARE

- Repeatedly coming out of the cold into the dry heat can cause itchy, flaking skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in between the toes.
- Trim long-haired dogs to minimize the clinging of ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry on the skin. Don't neglect the hair between the toes.
- Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet's feet to remove ice, salt and chemicals. Check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes.
- Bathe your pets as little as possible during cold spells. Washing too often can remove essential oils and increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If your pet must be bathed, ask your vet or groomer to recommend a moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse.
- Dressing your pet in a sweater or coat will help to retain body heat and prevent skin from getting dry.
- Booties help minimize contact with painful salt crystals, chemical ice-melting agents and poisonous anti-freeze. They can also help prevent sand and salt from getting lodged in between bare toes, causing irritation.
- Massaging petroleum jelly into paw pads before going outside helps to protect from salt and chemical agents. Moisturizing after a good towel drying helps to heal chapped paws.
- Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime, sometimes causing dehydration. Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather and making sure she has plenty of water to drink will help to keep her well-hydrated, and her skin less dry.
- Remember, if the weather's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. Animal companions should remain indoors as much as possible during the winter months and never be left alone in vehicles when the mercury drops.

If you see wounds or redness on your pet's feet, please contact your veterinarian immediately.

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 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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