



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

The shelter is beginning to seem more and more real. Most of the front part is completed. A little more work on the heating ducts, lighting and trim to be finished. A small but energetic crew met at the shelter on Saturday, August 22, for some clean up work. Most of the spattered paint has been cleaned in the front section so the floors look really good.

Most of the doors have been added and await their doorknobs.

The portico has been added and gives the entry door a grand look!

Anyone who would like to help with future clean ups or help with the final building projects, please let us know as we always can use more hands. The few who have been doing the most work are getting tired and need more hands to lighten the load. Please support PAWS in getting the shelter ready for our homeless animal friends.

PET PROFILE

Willie is a friendly, 3 year old, purebred Bichon with a cute hair cut. He is energetic and gentle. This young fellow loves to go out on his own so seriously needs a very securely fenced yard to keep him safe and at home. If you want a cuddly-bug this is the dog for you.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Wonders of wonders – we have no homeless animals waiting except for Willie at this time!!

Check out our “free listings” on *The Weekly Wag and Meow Mart* for other animals available.

HAPPY TAILS

Chloe and Meggie (fondly known as the Foofettes) have been looking for their own special home. It seems they have found it at last. They will be traveling to Spokane this weekend to become permanent family members. They will be missed but will be sent on their way with hugs, kisses and good wishes.

PET POINTS

Not only does PAWS help dogs and cats find new homes we also help other types of animals. This past week a ferret took up temporary residence with us while waiting to be reunited with her humans.

During the past few years PAWS has helped Guinea Pigs, hamsters, goats, budgies, owls and has handled calls on such animals as canaries, parrots, cockatiels, tarantulas, elephants, emus, tigers, horses, cows, etc. Come join the fun!! Where else can you practice your Dr. Doolittle impression?

- Birds can fall prey to disease if not properly housed and tended.
- Wild birds may pass on diseases to tame birds.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

One of the hardest times for pet owners comes when they have to make the decision to let their pet go – whether it be natural or they need you to help them escape from their pain and illness.

Right now is the time to start preparing for the hardest time to face when it comes to your wonderful companion. Many people are totally shocked at the dollar amount needed to make the final disposition of your pet. It is very popular to have your beloved pet cremated, placed in an urn and taken home. This can cost over \$200 and even more for a large pet or a particular urn. This may be on top of vet bills so it may not be an amount easily found by all pet owners. It would be a wise choice to make most of those decisions now when you can do so at leisure and with a clear mind. Check into the cost of cremation for your pet and the cost of the urn you choose. Then you can begin to put money aside for that day

You can also make a donation to PAWS to have a plaque in memory of your pet placed at the shelter. The location can be inside: on a kennel, cat room, etc. or outdoors: tree, bench, etc.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Good wishes to Dana Rittenhouse who is dealing with a problem back. Hope she soon is feeling much better and pain free.

Good wishes to Diana Miller who managed to take a nasty tumble. Hoping she soon feels better and is able to continue with the house renovations.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Ted Haynen has been a steady and welcome worker at the shelter. He has helped with many different stages of the building process from wielding a hammer to wielding a paint brush. Many thanks from the future furry residents of the shelter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Salt

Large amounts of salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, or even sodium ion poisoning in pets. Signs that your pet may have eaten too many salty foods include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death. In other words, keep those salty chips to yourself!

If you think your pet may have ingested too much salt and is displaying these symptoms, take them to your vet immediately.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Cats do not normally travel well, don't enjoy it and don't adapt well to travel. And as cats must go through an adjustment period in a new environment your cat will not look upon your friend's house as "home" and will try to escape from the strange house or hide out of fear. It is therefore best to arrange to place your cat in a boarding facility where the staff is trained to observe and handle any problems that might arise with your cat in your absence. Ensure that they have adequate security arrangements, a proper diet and find out if the cat's bedding or favorite toys are welcome.

Cats regard people as warm blooded furniture. Jacquelyn Mitchard

PET PANTRY

SPECIAL DINNER FOR CATS

1 tbs minced cooked green beans 1 tsp shredded carrot
1 egg 2 tbs baked minced skinless chicken breast
1/3 cup cooked brown rice 1 tbs olive oil

Mix all ingredients in blender.

Cook in skillet on low heat stirring and chopping constantly until egg is cooked.

Refrigerate. Use within 36 hours.

NOTE - Good for cats with diabetes or kidney problems.

BREED READ

CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has a long-standing history as a companion dog to the wealthy and elite. The breed was developed in England, most likely from toy spaniels. The Cavalier was never bred to work, but it does have some traits of sporting dogs because of its spaniel heritage. Cavaliers have been popular for hundreds of years in England and even portrayed in many paintings. The breed was not brought to the US until the 1950s. Later, in the 1990s, the Cavalier was admitted into the AKC.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is a happy, outgoing dog with silky hair, a puppy-like face, and a small well-balanced body. This adorable little dog is friendly, loyal, intelligent and playful, making it a suitable companion for all kinds of families.

It has a soft, silky medium-long hair coat with moderate shedding. Routine grooming is important for the breed - especially brushing three to four times per week and cleaning of ears to prevent infections.

The Cavalier, like all breeds, should be thoroughly trained. It is quite smart and should learn quickly.

The Cavalier does have a fair amount of energy that can be easily managed with routine exercise.

This is a people-oriented lap dog with a bit of a sporting side. It is ideal for those who want a compact but energetic companion dog. The even-tempered and affectionate demeanor of this breed makes it a good choice for families with children.

Size: 11 to 18 pounds.

Colors: Blenheim (chestnut and white) Tricolor (black, white and tan)
 Ruby (solid red) Black and Tan

Health Problems: Responsible breeders strive to maintain the highest breed standards as established by kennel clubs like the AKC. Dogs bred by these standards are less likely to inherit health conditions. However, some hereditary health problems can occur in the breed. The following are some conditions to be aware of:

Patellar Luxation

Degenerative Valve Disease

Syringomyelia (<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=2415>)

and is "out there somewhere" possibly in danger. PAWS, vets and RCMP can all help.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS – to all the wonderful people who try to help the stray animals that show up at their homes.

GRRRS – to those temporary Care-Givers who do nothing when their animal charges escape.

- Dachshunds were bred to fight badgers in their dens.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

During the month of September PAWS will be offering refreshments at the Millenium Park during the evening entertainment performances on Monday evenings. Many local groups will be performing. Come out and support them as well as helping PAWS.

On September 6th PAWS will have an information table set up at the Mudders day at the Wynndel Hall. These wonderful people will be making pet dishes for sale that day with proceeds to PAWS. Come buy a new bowl for your special companion. These would make great gifts, too. Christmas is coming!!

SIT - STAY

While cats generally don't enjoy water they can be trained to tolerate being bathed. Use warm not hot water as a cat's body temperature is higher than humans. If your cat shivers the water isn't warm enough and if it's panting the water is too hot. Cats should be able to stand securely in the bath so ensure the surface is flat. Add a towel or rubber mat so it won't slip. Begin with just enough water to cover the cat's feet. Immerse them then dry them immediately. Provide treats and praise. Increase the water's depth and length of time spent in the bath. Gradually fill the bath to the cat's knees which should be enough for a proper cleaning. Use a cup to pour water over the cat instead of a hose or sprayer.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

- Chained dogs may become despondent, aggressive or destructive. Fence rather than chain your dog.
- Chained dogs may be attacked by larger animals or predators. They cannot escape or defend themselves.
- Dogs left alone in small yards may become despondent, aggressive or destructive.
- Dogs need to be members of the family. This is their "pack" and is essential for good health.
- Well fenced yards are the safest place for your pet when unattended.
- Make sure pets in a yard have adequate water and shelter from sun, wind, rain or cold.

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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