



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Please note our change of mailing address. It is now the same as our shelter address:
2805 Lower Wynndel Road Creston BC V0B 1G8

We have heat!!! Although some of the duct work is still unfinished the furnaces are working to keep the cold winter chill out of the building. The electrical stuff is done and a big bill of over \$6,000 is ready for payment so we need to raise more funds.

Mice have found their way into the building and are being offered snacks on traps – free of charge. Once we are able to move the office into the building we will also be able to move Brat Cat into the building for mouse patrol. He will have a wonderful time turfing out the little rascals.

PET PROFILE

Lucy is another of our seniors who is making the difficult late-in-life transition from a family pet to a pet without a home. She is probably a Multi-poo, off white in color, spayed, dental work recently done and can be quite active when the mood strikes her. As she is nearly deaf she won't hear you calling her so she needs a fenced yard to contain her wander-lust and keep her safe. She loves attention and petting. Please consider giving her the chance to live her remaining years in love and dignity.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Willie is still looking for that special home of his own. He is very energetic so requires lots of exercise and attention. He is a 4 year old purebred Bichon, neutered, shots up-to-date and loves going anywhere he can so requires a securely fenced yard. He loves kids and is fine with other dogs and cats, too. If you think you can offer this little fellow his dream family please call PAWS.

Linus is a young kitten about 8 weeks old. He is a dark tabby who thinks the world is his playpen and everything in it is his play toys. Linus comes to his name – especially if he thinks it is time to eat. This little guy was found on a local highway and now needs to end his travels as a pampered pet.

Spitz is another young kitten about 10 weeks old. She is a feisty little tabby with unending energy. She would love a home of her own where she can be a valued pet. Shy at first she will soon become friendly and loving and will supply hours of entertainment to her new family.

Flika is yet another little kitten who is homeless. She is a dark tortoiseshell who was found trapped in some junk. At barely 3 weeks old she needed food and warmth desperately. She is now enjoying the beginning of her new life in foster care. Flika will not be ready for adoption for a few weeks.

Mim is a spayed female Boxer/German Pointer 1 year old (born 23 May 2008). She is good indoors, comes when called. She is getting some much needed leash training. Mim has lots of energy, and loves to play fetch. She likes going for car rides and really enjoys getting out for a good run. Vaccinations are up-to-date. This beautiful spotted girl would love to enhance your family life with her energy, love and intelligence.

Within the heart of every stray...is the singular desire to be loved...



SIT - STAY

If your cat wants to sit on your sofa and you don't want it to, don't resort to yelling and screaming at the cat. Instead create its own special chair or "sofa". Put a pillow in an area where you want the cat to sleep and cover it with a fuzzy blanket or other item that she likes to sleep on. It can be on a chair, window sill, cubby hole in a book shelf or other area that you are ok with. Using positive reinforcement put her in the new place and whenever she jumps onto an area where you don't want her to be pick her up and bring her to the area that you have designated to be her special spot. Make sure you keep the area clean and wash her blanket as often as you would wash your own bed sheets.

When training your cat or kitten concentrate more on making your relationship with your pet fun, rewarding, playful and interesting and put an end to punishments and reprimands. Give your cat opportunities to succeed so that they will be in a position to be rewarded. Positive reinforcement through rewards and praise is by far the most effective method to train your cat and a much more pleasant experience for both you and your cat when training your pet.

DID YOU KNOW?



October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month

Pet Adoption is Personal - Pets may come from shelters, surrendered (usually injured) to clinics, or "found" by you -- either wandering homeless or helping out a friend who needed to find a pet a home.

Pet adoption is a serious life-long commitment to that pet. The natural lifespan, food and vet costs, and the other animals and humans in the household all play a part in the decision-making process.

Are you ready to adopt? - It takes consideration and communication with other humans who will be responsible for the pet's care. Shelter medicine and knowledge

of animal behavior (in shelters and post-adoption) has advanced considerably in the last few years, and many shelters are well-equipped to find the "best match" for each adoption. Online resources are plenty for pre- and post-adoption research and information. Careful consideration of your lifestyle, available time and the health needs and expected lifespan of the pet all come into play.

Even if you're unable to adopt a pet at this time, there are *many* ways to help animals waiting in shelters for their forever home. Donations of money, food, cleaning supplies and other everyday items are welcome, as is a donation of your time to help foster, socialize and care for the animals.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

There have been two fund raising events for PAWS in the last month.

The Concert Concession brought in \$174.17 thanks to our wonderful bakers and the table tending team of Vicki and Mary. Well done ladies!

Our first Bake Sale of this season has also been good to our funds by earning \$1070.17. We had a great variety of baking and a great team of table tenders which made this possible.

If you are not on our Baking List or Table Tender List and would like to be (or know someone who would) please contact the PAWS office and we will be happy to add your name to our list. You don't have to be a PAWS member to help at these events. This also goes for receiving the PawPrints!

PET PANTRY

FLEA HATER DOG BISCUITS

Yield: 5 dozen biscuits

1 cup flour
1/4 cup wheat germ
1/4 cup brewer's yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon plus 1/2 teaspoon canola oil
1 chopped medium garlic clove
1/2 cup chicken stock plus 3 tablespoons for basting

Mix flour, wheat germ, brewer's yeast, and salt. Mix oil and garlic.

Alternately add 1/2 cup stock and flour mix in 3 parts. Mix to combine well.

Knead 2 minutes by hand on floured surface; dough will be sticky.

Roll out dough on floured surface to 3/8" thick. Cut into bone shapes.

Put on bake sheet lined with parchment paper.

Bake at 400' for 10 minutes, rotate bake sheet, and baste with remaining tablespoons stock.

Bake 10 minutes longer. Turn off oven, leaving oven door closed.

Leave pan in oven for 1 1/2 hours longer.

BREED READ

PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI

The loyal and lovely Pembroke Welsh Corgi has been known for centuries as a hard working herder (especially of cattle), a worthy guard dog and a family companion. These things have not changed much, except for the fact that they are even more commonly known as companion dogs these days. They are also more popular than its relative, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Though similar in many ways, the two are distinctively separate breeds. The easiest way to tell the difference is that the Cardigan has a tail while the Pembroke does not. There are also many subtle differences.

Pembrokes can be wonderful companions, but they must get plenty of exercise! Ideally, they should also participate in mind-stimulating activities like herding, agility and competitive obedience. If not given an outlet for all that energy, one might assume the Pembroke is a "misbehavior" when, in fact, this breed can be one of the most obedient and attentive among dog breeds.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

Upper respiratory infections or colds are the most common cat diseases. They are highly contagious and spread by airborne viruses. Viral infections cause the same feeling in cats as they do in humans; lack of appetite, fatigue and occasionally a fever. Severe infections sometimes lead to pneumonia but this is rarely the case. Breeds with short nasal passages such as Persians seem to be more severely affected than other breeds. The infections are often seasonal and also tend to be epidemic. Visit your veterinarian for more severe cases and have antibiotics prescribed to prevent secondary infections.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our next Concert Concession will be on October 27th at the High School. If you can bake for this or if you would like to tend the table just give the office a call and we would be pleased to put you to work.

The Event Calendar is then clear until the Dinner Dance on November 21st at the Rec Center.

Our next meeting will be on October 15th at the shelter – please bring your chair. Come out and support PAWS and find out what we have been doing. If you haven't had a tour yet just let us know and we will be happy to show you the rooms and explain how they will be used.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS – To all the wonderful people who stop to donate even a few dollars at our events. It all helps.

GRRRS – To the irresponsible people who do not spay or neuter their pets then expect others to find homes for unwanted litters. They often abandon these little ones to die of starvation, cold, cars or larger animals. Can you imagine their suffering?

PET POINTS

Secondhand Smoke: Silent Killer Hurts Pets, Too

Health officials often talk about the dangers of living with a smoker, but few pet parents are aware that our animal companions face similar risks—from respiratory problems to cancer—when exposed to secondhand smoke. New research suggests that secondhand smoke is unsafe at all levels—for humans *and* pets—so it's time to get serious about ditching those butts for good.

One recent study shows that nearly 30 percent of pets live with at least one smoker. This is a grave concern since secondhand smoke can damage the nervous systems of both cats and dogs.

Tobacco smoke has been shown to contain numerous cancer-causing compounds, making it hazardous for animals as well as humans. Exposure to secondhand smoke can cause many of the same harmful inflammatory changes in the airways and lungs of dogs as their human counterparts.

Cats who live with smokers are prone to developing malignant lymphoma, perhaps as a result of ingesting carcinogenic residue when it settles on their fur. Dogs are especially vulnerable to secondhand smoke's respiratory effects, and can develop life-threatening nasal and lung cancers.

Nicotine—found in cigarettes and other tobacco products—is also highly toxic to animals if ingested. A dog who accidentally eats tobacco may develop weakness, muscle twitching, decreased breathing rate, and finally collapse, coma and possibly death. It is strongly recommended to keep your pet away from tobacco as well as secondhand smoke.

Since colder weather often brings smokers indoors why not resolve to avoid smoking around your pet? Smoke outside and brave the elements and preserve the lungs of your two- and four-legged family members. Or better yet, toss those cigarettes in the trash—your pet (and your health) will thank you!

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 Creston Vet Clinic, 7-11 Store 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.

CRESTON PET ADOPTION & WELFARE SOCIETY

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