



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE**

Our washer and dryer are now hooked up and in use. Certainly makes doing puppy laundry much easier. The kitchen has received a nice sink, counter top and cupboard thanks to Jim McDonald.

Having the puppies there for over three weeks has been a lot of work for the staff but even more entertainment and love.

We still need office staff as well as clean-up staff. If you would be interested in helping please call the PAWS office.

## **PET PROFILE**

**Dennis** is a recent PAWS pup. He is 4 months old, black and white and very playful. Dennis will be continuing his learning and training experience while waiting for his own home and family.

## **DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!**

**Zeus** is looking for a home where his special issues will be understood and managed.

**Rufus** is still waiting for just the right family before he decides to pack his suitcase.

**Annabelle** is a lady-in-waiting, too. She may have a new home on the horizon though.

**Ushi** is proof that even large dogs can be lap dogs!! This big boy wants a family of his own and would be a great candidate for obstacle courses and perhaps agility courses.

**Shylo** is another lucky dog who was taken under the protection of PAWS while looking for her own home and family.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

**Teddi, Terri, Tobi, Toni** are four little puppies only 3 months old. They are all girls and are Shih Tzu/Wire Hair Jack Russell. Ever so cute and ever so cuddly!! They have all found their very own homes where they can trade puppy love for family love.

**Hazel** will be heading to her new home in about a week. She had a double hernia surgery and is recovering before changing her residence.

**Tivoli** was a beautiful collie from the pound. She went to be cared for by Carol while waiting transport to the Okanagan Collie Rescue. Once again Laryssa of *Hound 'N Mouse* came to our rescue by grooming this big beautiful girl on Sunday morning. She managed to make the "chop job" to remove mats actually look like proper grooming. Well done, Laryssa!!

## **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Another Birthday for Bill Cook who certainly knows how to cope with it while helping to do odd jobs around the shelter and the grounds!!

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Raffle tickets for a Custom Dog House, Afghan or Pet Bowl Set is an ongoing project.

Concession on February 28<sup>th</sup> brought in \$168.52.

Bake Sale on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Overwaitea brought in \$667.44.

HOPE Fund (Helping Owners Pay for Emergencies) is now being established around town with donation jars. Watch for them and donate to them.

## **PET POINTS**

### **BUDGIES (Parakeets)**

Budgies are originally from the grasslands and woods of central and southern Australia.

They are about 8" in length from beak to tail tip and live 5 to 9 years and some even live into their teens.

#### **Temperament:**

Budgies are jovial little birds that love to play and explore their surroundings. While they look forward to time spent with their human companions, they can be quite independent, making them perfect for novice bird owners. Those that wish to form an especially strong bond with their pet budgie should resist the temptation to add other birds to the home, as budgies can sometimes be less enthusiastic about people in a flock environment.

#### **Colors:**

In the wild, Budgies are striped green and yellow, with dark green flight feathers that appear almost black. Captive breeding programs, however, have produced Budgies in just about every color of the rainbow -- with more appearing every day. Budgies are known as dimorphic, meaning that the sex of the bird can be determined by the bird's coloration. Male budgies develop bluish-purple ceres (the top part of the beak) in maturity, while adult females have ceres that are tan or brown.

#### **Feeding:**

While many commercial budgie diets consist of only seeds, they alone do not provide adequate nutrition for pet birds. Most veterinarians recommend that budgies are placed on a diet of extruded pellets, as they contain important vitamins and nutrients and can be fortified with additional supplements. Budgies should also be offered a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, including apples, grapes, and leafy greens.

#### **Exercise:**

Budgies are active little birds and need exercise every day to keep themselves in top shape. Captive budgies, particularly those that live in small cages, should be allowed out for at least a couple of hours daily in a secure area so they can explore and stretch their wings.

#### **Budgies as Pets:**

Budgies are such wonderful birds that it seems every bird enthusiast has owned at least one. Bred in captivity since the 1800's, they remain popular and common as pets around the world today. Because of their small size, they are easy to keep and care for, making them a wonderful option for children or those that lack the time required to maintain a larger bird. They are a snap to clean up after, inexpensive to feed, and can easily be kept in a small condo or apartment.

In spite of their small size, Budgies are big on brains and personality. Many have been taught to whistle tunes and talk, and are just as intelligent as some larger bird species. With proper training and socialization, they can be a delightful addition to most any family.

## **INDOOR vs OUTDOOR**

- Indoor cats live longer healthier lives than outdoor cats.

- Outdoor pets are susceptible to more diseases as well as traffic, larger animals and predators.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**Raffle Ticket Sales** will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at Extra Foods from 10am until 2pm.

**Concert Concession** will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the High School.

Bakers and table tenders are always welcome for these events.

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

**The Way I Feel** (From a Foster mom's side)

The arrival; in their eyes

The feeling of nervousness

The feeling out of place

The feeling of finding acceptance

The feeling of love and trying to find the way

In time

Finding the way to love

The feeling of openness

The feeling of acceptance

The feeling of happiness

the feeling of being part of a FAMILY

The day to let go; in my eyes

The feeling of sadness

The feeling of let down

The feeling of anxiety

The feeling of abandonment

Missing their smell

Missing their sounds

Missing their silly ways

Missing their happiness

Missing their dependency

Missing their love for each other

Missing the way they look at me, eyes filled with love for ME

Missing their wonderful kisses

Missing their new discoveries

MISSING MEGAN AND WILLOW

Although it feels as though healing is impossible

And the sadness will never go away

I know ONLY TIME heals and TIME can not be controlled

Dedicated to my Megan and Willow

Submitted by: Lee McWilliams of CCRT

## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

With the Easter Season about to descend upon us many people start taking road trips to visits family and friends. If your trip takes you to Grand Forks, BC, you may want to make note of the fact that the Western Traveler motel welcomes pets!

Thanks to Lynn and Bill for this tip.

## **PURRS and GRRRS**

**Purrs:** Congratulations to the growing number of potential pet owners who are taking time to check out the pet they want and what the pet needs instead of impulse buying.

**Grrrs:** To all the people who continue to treat their pets as if these animals had no feelings and no need for adequate food, water, shelter and love.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Common examples of human medications that can be potentially lethal to pets, even in small doses, include:

Pain killers

Cold medicines

Anti-cancer drugs

Antidepressants

Vitamins

Diet Pills

*Approximately 230 dogs have lived in the White House, more than all the presidents, first ladies and presidential children combined - The Pawprints of History*

## **TAIL END**

Important Links:

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance – 250-352-2228

PAWS office – 428-7297

Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910

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 the Vet Clinic, Sunset Seed and Lil' Mutt Grooming. Or check with PAWS - 1420 Northwest Boulevard - or check 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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