



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

There is still a need for shelter volunteers for office and maintenance work around the building both inside and outside. We also still need foster homes for cats and dogs. If you could help, please call us. We had a great turn out for the latest clean-up day. The weather did not co-operate as well as it could have but we accomplished a lot. Hot dogs and baked goodies were supplied to all including the dogs. Next meeting is April 15th, 7pm at the shelter. See you there!!

PET PROFILE

Rufus is a cute, cuddly Cairn Terrier, bundle of fur. He is about 18 months old, neutered and has his shots. He is in good health. Rufus is quite active and loves to play with other small dogs as well as the resident cat. This little fellow weighs about 16 pounds and is a great lap dog.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS

Annabelle is still looking for that perfect home. Her new family will get a lot of love from this great girl. She is active and playful. This 18 month old Coon Hound is spayed and has her shots.

Zeus is a special needs dog who is only 3 years old. He has a few issues so is very willing to exchange love for patience from his new family.

Pepper is a 3 year old terrier cross. She is spayed and has her shots. She is house trained, good with other dogs, cats, and people of all ages. This friendly and lovable girl is ready for her forever home.

Sydney was a PAWS pet some time ago. Unfortunately his family circumstances have changed and he is once again a PAWS pet. He is a young, very large, Irish Wolf Hound. Right now he is getting back on his feet and getting some health issues sorted out.

CATS

Linus is a 7 month old grey tabby cat. He loves people and loves to play with dogs. He is house trained and harness trained. This little guy was hand raised since he was a tiny kitten.

Misty is an older, spayed calico kitty. She has had dental work and is presently on thyroid medications. Misty is now ready for a loving new home and warm lap to curl up on for her retirement years.

Bibi is about 1 year old female cat. She is spayed and has her shots. She is very friendly, house trained and good with other cats. She will talk to you and loves to cuddle.

PURRS and GRRRS

Purrs to the pet owners who make sure their pets have Identification tags which help reunite pets and owners in case the pets should be lost.

Grrs to the pet owners who do not make sure their pets are safe and secure inside the house or a fenced yard and do not keep Identification Tags on them to ensure their safe and swift return.

PET POINTS

PET IDENTIFICATION

Microchips are an excellent way to find a lost pet. These are available from your vet clinic and you can also get your pet micro-chipped at PAWS for a fee. We can also check a pet to see if it does have a microchip as can most vet clinics.

PAWS ID Tags are available from the office. They have a number unique for your pet which is entered into our database. Someone finding your pet calls us and we can notify you where to find your pet.

Licenses from the town can also help the Town Hall Office reunite pet and owner. By law you must have a Town Tag on your pet if you live within the town boundaries.

Tags from a private source with your contact number will also enable the finder to find you. Contact a vet clinic, a groomer or a pet supply store for this type of tag.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Raffle Tickets Sales are on-going. If you would like tickets on the wonderful doghouse, the handmade afghan or the pet dishes and stand drop into Kootenay Medical Services, Black Bear Books or the PAWS office.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Bill Cook has been hard at work setting up shelves, adding tool hangers, painting, cleaning up around the building and is always willing to lift and carry the heavy items. We are very glad to have Mr. Bill as one of our valued volunteers. Thanks Bill.

BREED READ

PEKINGESE

The Pekingese is a bold and hardy toy dog with an independent spirit. With a long history as the pampered companions of nobles, it's no surprise that they act a bit on the regal side. The Peke can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty of China sometime during the 8th century. For many centuries, they were highly regarded by the Chinese as divine canines.

The Pekingese may be small, but the breed is not at all fragile. Lift one up and you'll notice a muscular frame and sturdy build. Those who do not know Pekes well may find them a bit aloof and distant. Indeed, some of these dogs take a little time to warm up to new people. However, once you bond with a Peke, you'll see a loyal and affectionate lap dog.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cocoa Bark/Shell Mulch, which is sold by many garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine' which can be lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest the mulch and die.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is also toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog who ingests a quantity of this mulch can develop severe convulsions and die several agonizing hours later.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

When planning for trips this spring and summer where you will be stopping in motels along the way, don't forget your pets. Call ahead to make sure they will be welcomed, too, and if there is an extra charge for the pet so you won't be disappointed upon arrival.

- *The American Animal Association estimates that 53 percent of owners vacation with their pets.*

PET PANTRY

Isn't my pet bored eating the same food day after day?

Probably not. Dogs have fewer taste buds than humans, so your dog doesn't have the range of tastes that you do. A dog's greatest sense of taste is sugar, which is why many dogs have a "sweet tooth." Dogs are attracted to a combination of taste and odor.

When should I change from puppy to adult food?

Puppy food is designed for a rapidly growing pup. In his first year, your puppy will grow very quickly. Begin to switch to an adult diet when he reaches 80% to 90% of his anticipated adult weight. For most dogs, this occurs around 9 months of age. Giant breeds, such as Great Danes, have special needs. They require a more specialized diet until they are 12 to 18 months of age.

The MOST important thing you can do is feed a good quality food that meets the nutritional needs of your pet. Not all dog foods are created equal. Recently there has been a new development in the dog food industry. Many dog foods now include prebiotics. Prebiotics and probiotics are substances that work to restore the balance of good and bad bacteria in the digestive tract. You promote strong defenses through a healthy gut.

Keep your dog on a good quality premium food - that is one of the best things you can do for his health. And don't worry - most dogs don't get bored. People get bored.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Raffle Ticket Sales will be held on several occasions at Extra Foods:

April 24th as well as May 8th, 15th, 22nd and 28th

Table Tenders are needed for these. Draw date is May 31st, 2010.

Bake Sale (last of this season) will be held on April 30th and May 1st at Extra Foods.

We need people to tend tables and contribute baking. If you can help please call the PAWS office.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

PET SELECTION

- Make sure your breed of choice is right for your lifestyle. Check their special needs.
- Most "gift" kittens and puppies are abandoned or given away within a few months of the gift.
- Consider if someone really wants that particular pet before giving it to them.
- Do not condemn a pet to a lonely or abused life - research before purchasing.
- Do not accept "free to good homes" pets as you have no idea of their health or temperament.
- Do not purchase pets from live pet stores. This supports puppy mills condemning the parents to lives of misery as breeding machines.
- Abandoned unwanted pets are often killed by local animals, cars, predators or they starve to death.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Happy Birthday wishes go to our own Diana Miller. Hope you had a great day!

MEOW-SSAGES

Does your cat howl in the tub? If so he may be reacting to being given a bath. If he is getting into an empty tub on his own and then yowling – he is trying to tell you something important. He could just be thirsty but he could have a bladder problem. Cats will often try to pee in a tub or a sink if they are straining to pee but can't. This requires a vet visit quickly.

Spaying a cat will prevent unwanted litters and repulse the amorous attentions of male cats. But if your cat has a urine infection she could be sending scent messages that males will read as if she was in heat. This could lead to a “bullying” tactic from the male. A Vet visit is required.

Ear mites are very small but can present a large problem. These are common in cats but not as common in dogs. If the condition keeps returning the cause may actually be a chronic yeast infection (causing dark brown waxy discharge and moderate discomfort) of a bacterial infection (look for creamy or yellow debris and more pain). These can occur together. If chronic this can permanently damage the eardrum and cause scarring and narrowing of the ear canal, which will predispose your pet to even more infections.

Medicated drops and regular cleaning help control a problem limited to the outer canal, but middle- or inner-ear infections are more serious. Your Vet will be able to treat this problem.

MAINE COON CATS

Maine Coons are some of the largest domestic cats around, with some weighing in at 25 pounds or more! Although there are similar characteristics among the Maine Coon, Siberian, and Norwegian Forest Cat, they are all separate breeds, from entirely different lineages

TAIL END

Important Links:

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494
Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751
Nelson 2nd 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 come to the PAWS office – 2805 Lower Wynndel Road - or check our website. If there is something you would like to see in the PawPrints please let me know. Submissions welcome.

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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