



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Trees have been planted around a training area at the shelter. These were courtesy of Diana Miller and Ken Gerding who dug them and transported them for us. Then a great turn out of 13 volunteers for a tree-planting day. Kemle Equipment loaned us a tractor and auger to dig the holes for the trees. Thanks to all those who participated.

A Laundry Sink has been installed in the Groom Room and a Mop Sink in the Furnace Room.

The kennel walls are being installed with about 6 of them actually looking like kennels!

A large sliding door has been installed at the end of the storage room which will enable us to heat different areas according to their particular need as well as controlling dust and dog hair.

We would like to thank Al, Bill, Chris and Julius and for their many volunteer hours and their expertise in these great additions towards the completion of the shelter.

Grass cutting is a problem at this time. If anyone has a mower and would be interested in doing some mowing we would be very appreciative. This will help control thistles, burrs and fire hazard. Please call the office and let us know if you could bring a mower and help with this job.

PET PROFILE

Mittens is a 10 month old kitten who is white and orange, neutered and has his shots. He was taken to the vet clinic as a stray with a very nasty neck wound. This still requires ointment applied 3 times a day until it is healed. Unfortunately this youngster must be an "only" pet as he does not get along with other cats or dogs. He loves people though. If you would like a loving indoor pet this one is for you.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Misty is our special needs senior cat who really loves people. She is ok with other cats and dogs if they leave her alone. She has a thyroid condition which requires medication twice a day and she needs to gain some weight.

HAPPY TAILS

Linus, the tabby kitten, has been adopted by a PAWS member who could not resist his loving ways.

Bibi, the striking black and white cat, is being adopted, too. She is waiting for her new mom to be ready for her before making the great move.

Annabelle, the Coon Hound has also found her furever home with her very own Coon Hound pal.

Pepper, the Terrier cross, found a great home locally.

Eddie, the large Great Dane, has been bunking in with Murphy for a while and has found a home which seems to be the one for him. He will be travelling to Alberta soon.

Buzz, the Terrier mix, has gone on a trial visit here in Creston so may be well on his way to his new home and family and the new name of Gus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Carbon monoxide may be a real threat in your home. It can harm you and your pets. It is an odorless, colorless poisonous gas which can be absorbed into the bloodstream, forming a compound that causes a reduced oxygen supply to the heart and brain.

THE MOST COMMON CAUSES INCLUDE:

- Automobile exhaust in a closed garage
- Faulty exhaust system
- Non-vented furnace, gas water heater, or gas/kerosene space heater
- Smoke inhalation (for example, in burning buildings)
- Airplane cargo areas (may accumulate carbon monoxide)

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- Drowsiness
- Lethargy
- Weakness and/or incoordination
- Bright red color to the skin and gums
- Dyspnea (difficulty breathing)
- Coma
- Abrupt death
- Occasionally, chronic (low-grade, long-term) exposure may cause exercise intolerance, changes in gait (walking), and disturbances of normal reflexes.

DIAGNOSIS:

Diagnosis is based on possible exposure to carbon monoxide, physical exam findings and supporting laboratory results:

- Routine baseline blood tests, include a complete blood count, biochemical profile and urinalysis are generally within normal limits, with the exception of an elevated creatine kinase (muscle enzyme).
- Blood gas analysis usually reveals acidosis (low pH), related to poor oxygenation of tissues.
- Carboxyhemoglobin (hemoglobin with carbon monoxide attached) concentration in the blood is high. Blood samples can be transported to and evaluated in human hospitals. This test is not available for all veterinary clinics.

TREATMENT:

- Oxygen supplementation is essential. Ideally, delivering 100 percent oxygen is best.
- Respiratory support with a mechanical ventilator may be indicated.
- Supportive fluid therapy, electrolyte, and nutritional therapy may be indicated.
- The patient's cardiac (heart) and neurologic status should be monitored.
- Following the patient's clinical signs and decreasing carboxyhemoglobin concentrations, are helpful in monitoring response to therapy.

HOME CARE and PREVENTION:

Be aware that if the source of poisoning still exists, both you and your dog are at risk. Affected pets should limit physical activity for several weeks.

Prevent toxicity by minimizing exposure and using carbon monoxide detectors around your home.

PURRS and GRRRS

Purrs to those people who have made a point of checking the labels on the pet food they offer to their beloved pets. If you need help deciding on a good quality food please call the PAWS office.

Grrrs to those people who do not feed their pets good quality food and don't even supply them with food on a regular schedule. Pets like to eat and **need** to eat, just like their human owners.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Chris Dooley has been spending quite a lot of time donating his time and work for numerous jobs at the shelter. He has been the main force behind getting the kennel walls in place. Thanks, Chris!!

DOLLARS AND SENSE

The final Bake Sale for this season was held at the end of April and earned \$734 from the Bake Sale and the Hope Fund received \$188. Thanks to all those who supported the Bake Sales this year by tending tables and contributing wonderful baking. We couldn't do it without you.

Raffle Tickets have been selling a little slowly but they are selling. Some Raffle Ticket Tables have been set up and have been selling fairly well. We have 2 more tables on May 22nd and May 28th to be held before the draw date of May 31st at the shelter.

PAWS will be entered in the Blossom Festival Parade featuring the doghouse on the raffle. Come out and support us!!

This will end the PAWS events for the summer. There will be a meeting in June but none in July or August. See you all in the fall.

BREED READ

MALTESE

The Maltese can be traced back over 28 centuries and an ancient breed of Malta. It has been known to be a prized companion of royalty over the years. Unlike many small breeds, the Maltese was not bred down from larger sizes - it has always been a very small dog.

The Maltese has remained a dog breed of distinction - highly esteemed and quite sought-after. Towards the late 1800s, the Maltese was introduced to the US and was officially recognized by the AKC in 1888. The breed has remained relatively popular to this day.

The Maltese is a small, refined and energetic dog with long, soft white hair. Many owners choose to keep the hair trimmed short and it takes on a wavy and fluffy quality; others keep the coat long and flowing. This dog breed is intelligent and compact making it a conveniently portable little dog.

The Maltese is just one of many dogs thought to be hypoallergenic dog breeds. However, because of its coat type, routine grooming is an absolute necessity. The Maltese should be brushed out thoroughly every 1-2 days and haircuts are typically necessary every few weeks.

Like all dogs, the Maltese can benefit from basic obedience training. The breed is smart and therefore a quick learner. Some feel that the Maltese has an endearing stubborn streak and can be a little on the vocal side. An active little dog, the Maltese should get daily exercise. The breed is a brave and joyful toy dog, making it a wonderful companion for most households. The Maltese is rather gentle, making it an appropriate choice as a pet for most children (specifically older kids).

Size: 4 to 7 pounds.

Color: White

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; Collapsing Trachea; Portosystemic Shunts (PSS)

PET PANTRY

CHOCOLATE CAROB PUPPY COOKIES

2 cups whole wheat flour 1 tbs baking powder 1 cup milk (can be low fat)
2 eggs ¼ cup honey 1 cup peanut butter (smooth or chunky)
1 cup carob chips

Mix flour and baking powder. Mix eggs, honey, peanut butter and milk.

Add milk mix to dry mix. Mix with hand beater. Add carob chips. Mix only until combined.

Drop by teaspoon (tablespoon for larger pups) onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375' for about 20 minutes. When done let stand 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet.

Finish cooling on a wire rack.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Lucy Smale celebrated her own special day in April and Vicki McDonald had her special day this month. Best wishes to both our ladies.

PET POINTS

Never give ibuprofen (Motrin) or acetaminophen (Tylenol) to dogs. It can cause kidney failure.

Never give your cat aspirin or acetaminophen (Tylenol). They are extremely toxic to cats.

If your pet is bleeding profusely from a wound, apply a pressure bandage. If there is a gaping wound that penetrates the abdominal or chest cavity, cover the wound with a moist, clean cloth and wrap the entire chest or abdomen with a bandage. Take your pet immediately to the veterinary clinic.

- A dog was "King" of Norway for three years during the 11th century AD. The Norwegian king, angry that his subjects once deplored him, put the dog on the throne and demanded that it be treated like royalty.

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 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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