



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

Our new trees have been watered mainly by Dianne and Bill for which the trees thank them.

PAWS has been the recipient of a very generous donation of a riding mower from Bill Cook and Lynn Ray. Many thanks for such a thoughtful surprise.

Now our "yard" looks like a golf course right to the back fence!!

We still need volunteers for:

- kitten and cat care – twice a day
- daily chores around the shelter
- regular staff for a Saturday shift as well as during the week

## **PET PROFILE**

**MacKenzie** is a beautiful very large purebred Malamute. He needs a home where he can receive the training he did not receive so far in his life as he was living at the end of a chain. This powerful fellow will soon be 3 years old. He requires someone with knowledge of the breed and willing to do the work of training with him to help him become one of those gentle giant companions we know he can be. He is neutered and his shots are up to date and he gets along well with other dogs and he loves people.

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

### **DOGS**

**Dennis** the Springer Spaniel mix is now in training as a service dog.

**Dot** is the young black Lab who is also trying out to become a service dog.

**Hanna**, the German Shepherd, is in good health and ready for her new home.

**Sheba** is an older black Lab who has health issues so will be in foster for some time to come.

**Panda** is a Karelian Bear dog who would also like a home of her own.

**Nikki** is also a permanent foster due to her health issues.

**Oliver** is a young dog who is probably a Lassa Apso-Pom cross. He loves people and other small dogs.

Since he is just right for a lap dog he would love a home where he could be a constant companion.

**Poppy, Curly and Moe** are 3 adorable puppies. They are Black Shepherd/Black Lab/Retriever mixes who are now camping out in the shelter lobby and are now ready to be adopted.

**Tinker** is a 2 year old toy poodle who weighs 8 pounds. She is black, spayed and has her shots. Tinker likes older kids and quiet dogs but does not care for pups. She would love to be a lap warmer and will even let you brush her teeth!!

### **CATS**

**Misty** is an older tortoiseshell cat with some health issues. She is in a good foster home where she is getting the care she needs and is even putting on some weight.

**Lola** is a long hair Manx cat about 2 or 3 years old. She is recovering from being shaved to remove the terrible mats she had when she came to the shelter.

**Lacey, Smokey and Tommy** are gray kittens from the same litter and are currently residing at the shelter. They are now ready for adoption.

**Anthony, Cesar, Cleopatra and Troy**, are a litter found in the open after their mother was killed on the road. They will be ready for adoption in about 2 weeks after their first shots.

**Barbie** is a very small black kitten. She will not be ready for adoption for 3 or 4 weeks yet.

**Otis, Tigz and Tagz** – are also litter mates: one black kitten and twin Tabbies whose mother brought them to a PAWS members home in the pouring rain. They will soon be ready for adoption.

**Rochester, Amos and Andie** are more littermates consisting of one black kitten and twin gray tabbies. They will soon be ready for adoption. They came from Oliver before finding refuge in our shelter.

### **HAPPY TAILS**

**Eddie**, the Great Dane has made himself so endearing to his foster parents that he has decided to stay permanently.

**Priscilla**, the fluffy tortoiseshell kitten, has found a great home just right for her.

**Mittens** – has found the perfect home for him so he can entertain his new family.

**Bibi** has found her permanent home with Eileen Turner!! They are both very pleased with their new roommate.

### **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Raffle winners were drawn on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the shelter during our Volunteer Appreciation Day. The winners were drawn by Cianna Ducharme, the daughter of Wes Ducharme who built the wonderful doghouse. The winners were: A. and G. Teed of Creston won the Doghouse; Chris Bennetts of West Creston won the hand crafted Afghan; Elsie Lepine of Creston won the Pet Feeding Station.

Many thanks to the wonderful ticket sellers over the last months.

Yard Sale - courtesy of Eileen Turner, earned \$286.93. Eileen did all the work of setting out, pricing and running the sale then gave the money to PAWS. Very much appreciated, Eileen!!

### **PURRS and GRRRS**

**Purrs** to the wonderful people who answer our need for work crews.

**Grrrs** to those who abandon their pets who get turned into the pound rather than pay the fees.

### **PET PANTRY**

**BEEFY GOODNESS** (for cats)

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½ cup raw trimmed beef      1 tbs beef broth      2 tbs cooked oatmeal

1 cooked minced vegetable      1 tbs dry barley grass powder

Cook beef in just enough broth to cover on medium to low heat. When cooked shred with a fork. Mix with broth in which it was cooked. Add vegetable and barley grass powder. Stir well.

Add oatmeal to consistency your cat likes.

### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Audrey Breitenbucher celebrated her birthday this month. Best wishes, Audrey!

Eileen Turner also celebrated her birthday this month. Many happy returns, Eileen!

Know someone to be included in the Birthday Club? Just let me know and I will add them.

## **PET POINTS**

**What Is Diarrhea?** Pets have abnormally loose or liquid stools and can be associated with increased frequency of bowel movements. Some dogs will have a large amount of liquid or abnormally loose stools once and others will have semi-formed stools frequently with straining

**What Causes Diarrhea?** Diarrhea is excessive water content in the feces and is an important sign of intestinal disease in dogs. It can be caused by:

- A change in the dog's food
- Eating garbage or food that does not agree with their system
- Eating indigestible objects
- Infectious agents including bacterial, viral or parasites
- Systemic problems such as pancreatitis, kidney disease or liver disease

### **Home Treatment of Diarrhea**

- If your pet has diarrhea once then has a normal bowel movement or has a normal bowel movement and is acting playful, then the problem may resolve on its own.
- If you can identify it, always eliminate any predisposing cause such as exposure to trash, abrupt change in diet and eating plants
- If your dog has diarrhea and vomiting (gastroenteritis), see your vet.
- If diarrhea occurs several times and you cannot take your dog to your vet, then you may try the following:
  - Administer only prescribed medications by your vet.
  - Stop feeding your dog for the first 12 to 24 hours.
  - If there is no vomiting, provide plenty of fresh clean water or oral rehydrating solutions to help prevent dehydration.
  - Temporarily change to a bland diet which can be made at home or a prescription type diets can be obtained from your vet. A homemade diet of boiled rice or potatoes (as the carbohydrate source) and lean hamburger, skinless chicken or low-fat cottage cheese (as the protein source). Feed small amounts at a time. Don't over feed as it may induce vomiting. Feed a meatball size portion and if there is no vomiting for a full hour, offer a small amount more. Give small amounts frequently – every 3 to 4 hours for the first day. Gradually increase the amount and decrease the frequency as your dog tolerates.
  - Feed a bland diet for 2 days.
  - Then gradually return to regular dog food over the next day or two. Mix in a little of your dog's food into the bland diet. Feed that for one meal. Then feed a 50/50 mix for one meal. Then feed ¾ dog food and ¼ bland diet for a meal. Then feed regular food.
  - Leash-walk your pet to allow observation of bowel movements while watching for normal urinations and any vomiting that may occur otherwise without you knowing.
  - Observe your dog's general activity and appetite. Watch closely for the presence of blood in the stool, worsening of signs or the onset of vomiting.
  - Some vets recommend Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate (**for dogs only!**) Two tablespoons of Pepto-Bismol contain almost as much salicylate as one aspirin tablet (which is toxic to cats). Do NOT give cats Pepto-bismol or Kaopectate! The typical dose administered to dogs amounts to approximately two teaspoons (10 ml total) per 10 pounds per day, ideally split between two to four doses for one to two days. **DO NOT USE IN CATS.**
- If your pet is not eating, starts vomiting, acts lethargic, has continued diarrhea or any other physical abnormalities mentioned above, it is important to see your vet.

**When Is Diarrhea an Emergency?** If the diarrhea continues after your pet eats or if your pet acts lethargic, doesn't want to eat and/or starts vomiting, then medical attention is warranted.

More Links:

Acute Diarrhea: <http://www.petplace.com/dogs/acute-diarrhea-in-dogs/page1.aspx>

Chronic Diarrhea: <http://www.petplace.com/dogs/chronic-diarrhea-in-dogs/page1.aspx>

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

**The Meaning of Rescue** Author unknown  
Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed  
All nicely tucked in my warm bed,  
I'd like to open my baggage  
Lest I forget,  
There is much to carry -  
So much to forget

Hmmm . . . Yes, there it is, right on the top  
Let's unpack loneliness, heartache and loss;  
And there by my leash hides fear and shame.  
As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave -  
I still have to unpack my baggage called pain.

I loved them, the others, the ones who left me.  
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me.  
Will you add to my baggage?  
Will you help me unpack?  
Or will you just look at my things -  
And take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?  
To put away my baggage,  
To never repack?  
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see.  
But I do come with baggage -  
Will you still want me?

## **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 at 2805 Lower Wynndel Road - 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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