



# **PAWPRINTS**



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

Cement work has been progressing at the shelter thanks to our wonderful concrete crew.

We have an outdoor emergency kennel set up in the event we need to hold a dog for a while.

Volunteers are still needed to cover the shelter shifts from Wednesday to Saturday. Two people per shift would be best so one person can handle the office and the public drop-ins while the second person can attend to the animals and the daily routine cleanup.

If you would be interested in helping in this area please call the office.

## **PET PROFILE**

**Snowy** is still patiently waiting for his new home and family. This white Bichon/Cocker cross has been neutered and has his shots up-to-date. He is about 22 pounds in weight and has recently had his third birthday. Snowy loves to play with other small dogs as well as with his human. This youngster needs a home of his own with humans who will have patience with his adjustment to new surroundings.

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

**Dot**, the black Lab female, is still in training as a potential service dog.

**Dennis**, our gorgeous Springer Spaniel went to his new home in Penticton on August 18<sup>th</sup>. His foster mom Vicki helped with the transport. Unfortunately Dennis has returned to his former foster home as his trial adoption proved too much for the resident older dog. So he will continue home hunting.

**Misty**, our senior cat has regained her health and is looking for her very own forever home.

**Cesar** is the black and white kitten who takes his "emperor" role seriously.

**Anthony** is also black and white and a litter mate to Cesar.

**Andie** is a beautiful gray striped kitten who loves people and petting and purring.

**Otis** is a cute black kitten who has white guard hairs.

**Smudge** is also black but has no white on him. A littermate to Smidgen.

**Smidgen** a cute, fluffy tabby kitten is still nervous around people but is learning it can be a good thing.

**Juliette** is a gorgeous Siamese cat who was rescued from a tree. No owner has yet been looking for her.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

**Mortimer**, the cute orange kitten came into PAWS care on August 1<sup>st</sup> and was adopted on August 6<sup>th</sup>. He went to be a companion to Tigz. Mortimer has been renamed Otis.

**Tigz**, was the cute fluffy kitten who came to PAWS in July. She was adopted on August 6<sup>th</sup> when she went to be a companion to Mortimer. Tigz also got a new name of Tibs.

**Amos** is a lovely gray striped kitten who has found his new home.

**Hanna**, the lovely German Shepherd dog, has been adopted and appears to be doing very well.

**MacKenzie**, the purebred Malamute was adopted but came back to PAWS. He proved to be a little too much for the young children. On August 14<sup>th</sup> Mac was once again on his way to a new home. At last report he is settling in well and is a good companion to the female Malamute his humans also own.

**Oliver**, the friendly Shih Tzu/Pom mix, went to his new home in Nelson on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The day after arriving at his new home, Ollie was sick. He made trips to the vet clinic to find the problem and correct it. He is back at his former foster home while he gets his health back on track which he is doing now.

### **JUST PASSING THROUGH**

**Cherry** is a black Lab who came to us – not once – but twice. Each time she was returned to her owner although she seems to like to visit the cherry orchard.

**Chance** was a Shepherd mix who was saved by PAWS members from suffering fatal sunstroke on July 29<sup>th</sup> in Wynndel. A concerned person called to report an injured dog lying on the road. Our members responded and the dog was located. The dog was down and too exhausted to even get to shade on such a hot day. After being hosed to cool him down, he was transported to the vet clinic for treatment. Upon arrival his temperature was 40.0 degrees. This after a cooling wet-down and a trip in an air conditioned vehicle. The vet staff worked for over an hour to bring his temperature down. The owners claimed their dog and took him home after a great recovery for this senior dog.

**Unknown name** dog was reported as an injured dog in the Tim Horton's parking lot on July 30<sup>th</sup>. He proved to be a neutered male Golden Retriever with a limp on a back leg. He was transported to the vet clinic where Dr. Rob decided the limp was from an old injury which did not heal well. He was in poor condition with matts, dirty coat, long nails, etc. When the town hall opened on August 3<sup>rd</sup> the owner was located from the dog tag number.

**Chevy** was a brown dog who took off when thunder got started. He wound up at someone's home where he took refuge. He was transported to Michelle who took him into her home until his owner was located.

**Cody and Charlotte** were found on the highway and picked up by two ladies travelling through Wynndel. Vicki took them both to her home until the owners were located. Charlotte is a female French Bulldog/Pug belonging to Sherrie while Cody is a male Yellow Lab and belonged to Sherrie's visitor.

### **EXTRA!! EXTRA!!**

As most everyone knows – our own Brat Cat had a close encounter with a much larger dog in late July. He has been in a splint to correct a couple small bone breaks, a couple punctures and a dislocated joint in his back leg. On his last vet visit the leg appeared to be healing very well. Hopefully he will have the splint removed in a few days. Poor Brat is very lonely and bored as he is confined to a small exercise pen. Please feel free to drop in to wish him a speedy recovery as he will remain confined for some time.

Also a speedy recovery to our own groomer, Laryssa, who was bitten by one of her "clients" while he was getting a nail trim.

### **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Peggy Burns is one of our "long-distant" members who lives in Sherwood Park in Alberta. Over the last several years Peggy and her husband Gary have rescued several dogs from the Edmonton SPCA who were slated for euthanization. They have transported dogs to Creston and elsewhere and arranged transport for others. These dogs have been saved and fees paid for by the Peggy and Gary. Recently there were 3 Chihuahuas in the same dire circumstances. Peggy was willing to pay their fees if we could take them into foster. We arranged with a Calgary rescue group (Lil Mutts) to accept these little dogs who are now on their way to finding new homes and families. Our sincere appreciation to Peggy and Gary for their caring and knowledge of "dog-speak" to save these little dogs. Coco, Chloe, Jackie, Molly, Cinder and Sparky, all came to PAWS with their help.

## **PET POINTS**

Fall means the kids go back to school, our schedules become more hectic, and very often we're away from home for longer than we are in the summer. These changes can be very stressful for our dogs, and this stress can lead to behavior problems.

This time of year is hectic, and it's easy for your dog to get lost in the chaos. Boredom, loneliness and confusion can lead to depression, illness or behavior problems.

One of the best things you can do for your dog is to learn how to spot the "back to school blues" which may manifest itself by any (or a combination) of the following:

- 1. Barking**
- 2. Chewing**
- 3. Digging**
- 4. Separation Anxiety**
- 5. Inappropriate Elimination**
- 6. Begging**
- 7. Chasing**
- 8. Jumping Up**
- 9. Biting**
- 10. Aggression**

These problems can be annoying to us, but more serious health problems can also occur with your pet. The distressed pet may experience vomiting, diarrhea, skin problems or eating problems. Eating problems may range from not eating at all to eating strange objects such as gravel, dirt, plants, toys, etc. This can lead to emergency medical problems as these objects can easily get caught in the intestinal tract.

Emotionally, pets can also suffer from depression. This can lead to a depressed immune system leading to increased susceptibility to arthritis, heart disease and even cancers.

What can we do to help these important members of our family? If possible, make changes and adjustments slowly, over a period of time. If Fido will be kenneled when the kids go back to school, start kenneling slowly for shorter periods of time before the big day. Also be sure to provide toys or chew sticks to help occupy their time alone.

Avoid abrupt changes especially in eating and diet habits. The first week of school is not the time to change either the time of feeding or type of food. Always be cautious when making any drastic changes to a pet's diet and talk with your vet.

For pets that become overly stressed when being left, there are several holistic remedies available. Bach Flower Remedies are commonly used. Aromatherapy can also be useful. Lavender essential oil for example can be used safely around pets to help with calming.

And finally, give your pet the most love and attention you can. Reassurance through regular walks, exercise, playtime and grooming will help your companion make a much smoother "back to school" transition. Obedience training will help you prevent or better control common dog behavior problems.

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Several of our latest in-take animals have caused quite a spike in our vet bill. We have recently vaccinated and examining 18 kittens; obtained medication for our "thyroid problem" cat; obtained medication for kittens to cure an eye virus; de-wormed cats and kittens; x-rays and surgery for Brat Cat; done several spays and neuters; as well as general health check-ups for all our fosters.

If you would like to help with this regular expense you can make a direct payment to the PAWS account at the vet clinic or send a donation to the PAWS office. The animals need your help.

## **PURRS and GRRRS**

**PURRS:** To the generous people who continue to support us in any way they can.

**GRRRS:** To those people who abandon their animals without care of their future.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Providing for Your Pet's Future without You**

Because pets usually have shorter life spans than their human caregivers, you may have planned for your animal friend's passing. But what if *you* are the one who becomes ill or incapacitated or who dies first?

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- What can I do now to prepare for the unexpected?
- How can I ensure long-term or permanent care for my pet if I become seriously ill or die?
- How do I choose a permanent caregiver?
- Can I entrust the care of my pet to an organization?
- Can I request that my pet be euthanized after my death?
- Do I need legal assistance?
- Is a will the best way to provide for my pet?
- How can setting up a trust help?
- Which is right for me—a will or a trust?
- Consider also a Power of Attorney.

For help with answers to these questions, or other information, please call PAWS at 250-428-7297 or email us at [paws@kootenay.com](mailto:paws@kootenay.com).

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**PAWS Mini-Golf Tournament** is coming on September 18<sup>th</sup> for a fun day as well as a good buffet. Tickets are limited so get yours early. This is a family oriented event.

**PAWS Yard Sale** will held in Wynndel on September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have items in **good** condition to donate please let the office know.

**Concert Concessions** are beginning for the season on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you can bake for the concessions or the coming Bake Sales or are interested in helping tend the table please let me know.

Watch your email for a complete run-down on the coming Bake Sales and Concert Concessions dates.

## **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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