



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Anyone for a swim? Our waterway has an abundance of water in it much to the delight of a couple of our resident dogs! Unfortunately for another of our dogs, elderly Milo, the icy water is not to his liking, especially after falling into it not once but twice!! He was very thankful for his walker rescuing him and getting him dry and warm.

We are now gearing up for a great spring clean up just as soon as some of the mud settles. The driveway has grown some extreme ruts, potholes and water holes making driving on it an experience indeed.

With a recent problem of illness in our cat population we have had to curtail public hours to noon to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday. The shelter staff needs the extra time to tend to the cats. We will not be able to take in any more cats for two or three weeks except in emergencies. Thanks for your patience.

We still need volunteers at the shelter for full days or for part days or evenings. Especially needed are staff for the weekends and the evenings.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS:

Elsa is a Mastiff mix who looks like a chocolate Lab. She is 2 years old, spayed, playful and energetic.

Elsa is looking for a new home where she can enjoy hiking and other out-of-door experiences.

Grace is a Rat Terrier/Jack Russell cross. She is 2 years old, spayed and ready for her new home. Gracie is good with people, dogs and cats. She would love a playful dog companion her size.

Milo is a senior canine. He is neutered and up-to-date on shots. Although he spends a little time off in his own world he loves human company, cuddling, walks and grooming.

Mishu is a large fellow - a Meremman. He is up-to-date on shots and is neutered. Mishu needs a home where he will receive proper training while being allowed lots of play time with his new family.

MoJo is a quiet senior who likes walks and is gentle and tolerant with other dogs, cats and people.

Ollie is a 1 year old Terrier/Retriever mix. He has good house manners, gets along with cats, and is obedience trained. Ollie is a little insecure and timid, he is fearful of other dogs and requires a patient home while he learns to be social with them.

“Buddy” is a stray who is waiting for his humans to find him and take him home.

CATS:

Over 25 cats of all colors, coats and ages are making their temporary home at the shelter.

Since we do have some cats needing an improvement in their health, we unfortunately have to turn away cats that have other options. We still managed to find room to take in two cats due to the health issues of their humans and one cat who was left “orphaned” when his owner died.

PAWS will do whatever we can to help animals who have absolutely no other place to go or are in danger of being euthanized just because of a lack of a home.

OTHERS:

Chip and **Dale** are 2 budgies in need of a home. They have their own cage, toys and equipment.

Jack Black rabbit is waiting in a foster home for his forever home.

HAPPY TAILS

DOGS:

Rosco has returned to his owners after spending some time with PAWS.

Rusty also spent time with PAWS before being found by his humans.

Elliot has found his new home right here in Creston. He even has a “sister” NS Duck Toller Retriever!!

Keno has also started on her new life in her own new home.

Lorenzo – our chubby little dachshund – has also found a home in Creston.

Penny is one of our most recent puppies. She has found a home with one of our PAWS members so we will get to visit with her and watch her grow.

Figaro is brother to Penny. He has also found his furever home - in Kitchener. We hope to be able to see him often, too.

TJ has joined his new family where he is looking forward to an active life without chains.

Muggins is a 7 month old purebred Welsh Terrier who was quickly adopted and went to her very own furever home.

CATS:

Porter and **Jerry** found a home together.

PET POINTS

SENIORS for SENIORS PROGRAM

PAWS has a new program in place to accommodate human seniors and feline seniors. There seems to be a number of seniors who miss the companionship of a cat but simply cannot afford to care for one.

We have some senior cats who would love to have a real home life. Perhaps these two facts may be combined to the satisfaction of both seniors. If you could give one of these purry furry creatures a home, PAWS will take care of their expenses. This would include vet bills, food, litter and medication if needed. This opportunity also extends to those who are not yet seniors but are living on a disability pension which means they cannot afford a pet cat but would love to have one. If you are interested in taking part in this program, or know someone who would be, please call the office and we will be happy to discuss the procedure with you and help with an application for a new best friend.

Rogue has become the first of our cats to take advantage of this plan and is enjoying his new home life.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Craft Fair – held at the Canyon/Lister School. While it did not bring in much money we managed to get out name out there again.

Bake Sale – was a usual success earning us \$725.79. Thanks to our great bakers and table tenders for this success.

Concert Concession - brought us \$117.02. We would like to thank Eileen Turner and Shirley LeBeouf who agreed to tend the table on short notice and short experience.

It is worth noting that the Bake Sale was on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Concert Concession was on Thursday night and our AGM and regular meeting also took place Thursday night. We thank everyone who pitched in with extra time and baking to ensure all went smoothly. It was not easy!!

SPCA Cruelty Constable Jeremy Irons attended our AGM and gave a presentation on Abuse and Cruelty to Animals and how to spot these problems as well as how to report them. He also answered questions from the floor. It was a very informative presentation and those present appreciate Jeremy’s work even more. Thanks for your time, patience and support of our organization, Jeremy.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteer of the month this time is Laura Knutsen. This lady attends the shelter early 6 mornings a week as well as one night. She feeds all the dogs and makes sure they all get a good exercise to start their day off right. Laura also keeps an experienced eye on all the shelter animals in case of an injury or an illness. Thanks, Laura!

DID YOU KNOW?

Don't feed your dog bread dough. When bread dough is ingested, it will rise in a dog's stomach and as the dough ferments, alcohol is produced. After ingestion, dogs will act nauseated, vomit, act painful, lethargic or become disoriented.

The problem with bread dough ingestion can be from the severe distention of the abdomen as the dough rises in the stomach or from the alcohol produced as the dough ferments causing alcohol toxicity.

If your dog accidentally ate some dough, call your veterinarian or local emergency clinic.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

To keep your dog safe on a car trip consider getting a dog car seat belt. This is a padded harness that connects to a seat belt to keep your companion in place so they don't interfere with your driving. It also keeps them safe in case of an accident.

Several times we have been contacted because someone was involved in an accident and their dog ran off and they could not find it. Most are eventually found but you would not want your pet to be one that was not found. The car seat harness would help keep your pet in the vehicle.

MEOW-SSAGES

Domestic cats purr at about 26 cycles per second, the same frequency as an idling diesel engine. A domestic cat hears frequencies up to about 65 kHz, humans up to 20 kHz. Its sense of smell is about 14 times stronger than that of humans.

In the rear of a cat's eye is a light-reflecting layer called the "tapetum lucidum", which causes cats' eyes to glow at night. This reflecting layer absorbs light 6 times more effectively than human eyes do, allowing a cat to see better than humans at night.

Domestic cats - or any other cats - do not have nine lives. They also do not always land on their feet. It is said that a cat that falls out of a 20-story building has a better chance of surviving than when falling out of a 7-story building because it takes a cat at least 7 stories to co-ordinate itself to land on its feet. The tails of wild cats almost never lift higher than their backs.

Cats cannot see directly below their heads that is why they do not see the food when you put it under their nose. Keep this in mind when you're feeding your kitty.

From Noah's Wish Newsletter

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Concert Concession - April 14th - last one for this season!

Easter Bake Sale will be held at Extra Foods on April 22nd and 23rd.

Watch for: Spring Clean Up at the shelter

Golf Day with Dad

Raffle details

PET PANTRY

HOMEMADE LIVERWURST PILL POCKETS

¾ cup plain shredded wheat cereal

3 oz Liverwurst (room temperature)

2 oz cream cheese (room temperature)

Put shredded wheat in a bag and crush with a rolling pin.

Mix liverwurst and cream cheese together until smooth. Mix with shredded wheat.

Roll into small balls (the size of gum drops).

Store in the refrigerator in a re-sealable plastic bag or container.

Treats will last about 7 to 10 days.

NOTE - When it's time for your dog to take his medicine, simply take a "dough" ball and hide the pill in the center. Then offer it to your dog like a treat.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

PAWS can always use 'material' donations such as:

Pet supplies: litter, scratching posts, beds, large dog toys, Milkbone biscuits, dentastix, etc.

General Supplies: paper towels, grocery bags (for litter disposal), etc.

Office Supplies: postage stamps, large envelopes, printer paper, batteries

Brooms and dust pans

COLLARS

- Keep the right size collar on your dog. Too big and he will lose it - too small and he will strangle.
- Training collars (choke chains) should not be left on when not training as they can tangle and choke the dog.
- Shock collars should only be used except by experts - they can cause severe burns if they malfunction.

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

Creston Animal Control – 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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