



# **PAWPRINTS**



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

Jim McDonald



September 20, 1944 - November 9, 2011

It is with a great deal of sorrow we say farewell to one of our members once again. Earlier this month we learned of the sudden passing of Jim McDonald. Jim has been a mainstay at the shelter for some time. He was instrumental in the completion of the outside dog runs and the "catio" among many other projects. Jim was a dog walker and foster dad to many dogs over the years beginning with the Topaz Creek dogs. Our sympathies to his family and friends on this great loss. Jim will be missed every day by his human and canine friends.

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

#### **DOGS**

Our kennels are now full: Candy, Buffy, Hudson, Jenny, Joker, Ollie, Soldier, Stuart, and the 5 puppies: Hector, Hermes, Hiccup, Hilary and Holly.

Dusky, Max, Nikki and Taz are in permanent foster homes. Connie and Tasha are in a foster home. Jack is waiting for his owner to come and take him home.

#### **CATS**

We still have an abundance of cats in residence in the Cat Pad.

Beau, Lucy, Max, Smidgen and Smudge continue in permanent foster homes.

Donnie, Monday, Tuesday and Violet are in foster homes and will soon be ready for adoption.

#### **OTHERS**

We are still looking for a home for Nutty, the rabbit. Also 2 other rabbits: Winston and Thumper.

### **HAPPY TAILS**

Leather, Speckles and Ruby (cats) have found homes where they can let their personalities really shine.

## HEALTHY HINTS

### PUMPKIN and PETS

Canned natural pumpkin (unsweetened – not pie filling), pumpkin seeds, and cooked fresh pumpkin have many benefits for dogs and cats. It is often a top ingredient in higher quality kibble. It can help with the following pet ailments:

**1) Digestive Health:** Pumpkin is a fabulous source of fiber for our furry friends, as well as for us. Pureed pumpkin (with no added sugar or spice) can help dogs and cats with both constipation and diarrhea. Adding a tablespoon or two (in proportion to their size) to their regular meal is known to help keep them regular. Most dogs will eat anything but most cats are usually more finicky and may not accept this new taste. It can also help dogs and cats with indigestion or upset stomachs.

**2) Urinary Health:** According to some veterinarians pumpkin seeds are high in essential fatty acids and antioxidants (good for overall healthy skin and fur), and the oils in pumpkins' flesh and seeds are believed to support urinary health. They are also an excellent source of Vitamin A, beta-carotene, potassium and iron, and may even reduce the likelihood your pet will develop cancer.

**3) Weight Loss:** Dogs seem to naturally love pumpkin. If you are looking to take a few pounds off your pooch or kitty, try reducing a portion of their food and replace it with the same portion of canned pumpkin. Their tummy will feel just as full, and they might even thank you for the additional flavor.

## MEOW-SSAGES

### COMMON CAT MYTHS

1. **Cats can suck the breath from a baby.** – NOT true! Cats have no intentions or ability to suck the breath from a baby. You should, however, be cautious of allowing a pet to sleep with a small child, in case of other inadvertent injuries.

2. **Pregnant women should not scoop the litter box.** – This has a lot of truth, but there is NO need to get rid of your cat. Toxoplasmosis is a parasite that a cat can carry without showing signs. This parasite, which can be acquired by handling their feces, is a concern for pregnant women because it can be detrimental to a developing fetus. While it is best for someone other than the pregnant woman to scoop the litter box, it is generally safe if scooped at least once every 24 hours. Pregnant women must also be cautious of this parasite when gardening and handling raw meat. Wearing gloves is best.

3. **Cats cause schizophrenia.** – This is NOT true! Pets are actually very helpful to our mental health.

4. **Cats can see ghosts.** – There is no scientific evidence of this.

5. **If you have multiple male cats, they will spray and mark.** – This is possible, but not necessarily true. Male and sometimes even female cats living by themselves will mark. Neutering before sexual maturity is the best way to prevent marking behavior.

6. **Milk is good for cats.** – A cat eating a high-quality food should not need milk. Cow's milk contains more lactose than a cat can tolerate, and will often cause diarrhea. If your cat insists on drinking milk, milk made for cats, such as Catsip, is best for him.

## DOLLARS AND SENSE

November was fairly active for fundraising.

Concert Concession brought in \$135.45. Big thanks to Lynn and Paul Coates for handling this event.

Craft Fair brought in a 2-day total of \$310.24 including sales, donations and raffle ticket sales. Thanks to

Lynn R., Joan, Gail, Audrey, Pat M., Carol E., Darlene and Laura for taking care of this event.

*Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail. --Josh Billings*

## **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Lynn** Coates is our November nominee for Volunteer of the Month. Lynn is our quiet dynamo who is an indispensable part of the PAWS team! No task is too daunting for this lady. Amongst the myriad of tasks that she does, she efficiently staffs the office, fosters cats, transports animals to the veterinarian, groomer or airport, picks up supplies, and does evening tuck in for the animals. But, wait, that isn't all ... she bakes for our bake sales and concert concessions and then helps tend the tables for both functions too! In her 'spare time' she paints amazing signs for us! Lastly, but certainly not least, in true PAWS volunteer fashion, she has also 'failed' Fostering 101 by fostering, falling in love with and then adopting two pets! Thank you Lynn for all you do for PAWS and the pets at Claudia's Place Animal Shelter.

## **BREED READ**

### **Common breed nick names:** (part 1)

Affenpinschers = Affen	Bearded Collies = Bearded or beardies
Afghan Hounds = Afghan	Bedlington Terriers = Bedlington
Airedale Terriers = Airedales	Belgian Malinois = Malinois
Alaskan Malamutes = Malamutes	Belgian Tervuren = Terv
American Eskimo Dogs = Eskie	Bernese Mountain Dogs = Bernese
American Pit Bull Terrier = Pit bull or Pit	Bichons Frises = Bichon
American Staffordshire Terriers = Amstaff	Black and Tan Coonhounds = Coonhound
American Sussex Foxhounds = Foxhound	Black Russian Terriers = Black Russian
American Water Spaniels = Spaniel	Boston Terrier = Boston
Australian Cattle Dogs = Aussies	Bouviere Flandres = Bouviere
Australian Shepherd = Aussie	Brittany Spaniel = Brittany
Australian Terriers = Australian Terrier	Brussels Griffons = Griffons
Basset Hound = Basset	Bull Terriers = Bully

## **PET PANTRY**

### **NOEL NIBBLES**

16 muffins

2 tbs honey	3 cups whole-wheat flour	1 cups white flour
1 tbs baking powder	1 tbs cinnamon	1 tbs nutmeg
2¾ cups water	¼ cup unsweetened chunky applesauce	
1 slightly beaten egg	½ cup coarsely chopped peanuts.	

Mix honey, flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add water, applesauce and egg. Mix well. Add nuts. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full.  
Bake at 350' for 30 to 35 minutes until lightly browned. Cool on a rack. Store in frig.

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

For a Christmas gift for the pet who has everything how about a donation to the shelter in their name? This satisfies the gift giving-receiving and helps less fortunate pets. Any size of monetary gift would be appreciated. Or give the Gift of Hands-On help by volunteering at the shelter – not just for the holidays but on a regular basis. Many different types of volunteering are available from office work to cat care, dog care, general cleaning, property maintenance and event work. Call the shelter for details.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

With Christmas coming there are some safety issues for your pets. Keep in mind that many Christmas items can be hazardous to inquiring pets. Plants such as poinsettias, decorations such as tinsel and delicate glass items as well as accessible electrical cords can all be irresistible to pets. Kittens and puppies in particular like to investigate all new things and usually do it with their mouths. Keep such items out of reach of the pet or keep the pet out of the room containing such items. Christmas candies and other food can also prove dangerous to the household pets. Don't forget "pets" includes birds, rodents and reptiles who may share your home. And, of course, your own babies and small children.

## **PURRS and GRRS**

**Purrs:** to all the wonderful people who filled in shifts at the shelter while others were absent.

**Grrrs:** to all the not-wonderful people who dump cats and kittens and dogs even in the cold winter weather expecting them to fend for themselves or that someone else will take on their responsibility.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Santa is Coming!!! He will be at Morris Greenhouse on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to meet all his pet friends. If your pet would like a picture taken with their favorite big guy please visit between 10am and 3pm. Great for Christmas gifts and cards! There will be refreshments for pets and their humans. Cost is simply a donation to PAWS.

Christmas Bake Sale is also coming soon. We will be set up at Overwaitea on Friday and Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Come stock up for the Christmas season.

Please let me know if you could donate some baking or help by tending the table.

## **TAIL END**

Important Links:

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494

PAWS office – 428-7297

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910

Animal Control (Town of Creston only) – 428-2214

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.

PAWS is operated by un-paid volunteers. Funding comes from grants, donations and fund-raising.

## **PAWS is a NO-KILL shelter.**

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