



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Winter is fast approaching. Our furnace has been called out of hibernation and is doing its best to keep our animal residents warm (and the humans, too!).

Which reminds me that our utility bills will be climbing as the outdoor temperature drops. Check out our Coming Events for fund raising opportunities. Every dollar helps pay these bills.

The cats have been enjoying the new Catio although I think they get a little jealous when they see the dogs walking around freely!

Once again we are in dire need of volunteers at the shelter. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer and help us please contact the office. We can use more help with all shifts or even part time help. The animals need all pet lovers more than ever.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS

Buffy, Candy, Connie, Dudley, Jennie, Ollie, Smartie and Stuart have been joined by:

Dusky, an elderly female Lab mix

Lynden, a young male Spaniel/Border Collie mix.

Tasha, a young Chihuahua/Pekinese mix.

Taz, Nikki and Mojo continue in foster care in the "Seniors for Seniors" program.

CATS

Barclay, Brat, Charger, Gomer, Half Way, Jade, Jerry, Jupiter, Leather, Licorice, Luther, Misty, Mitsy, Morgan, Mouse, Pansy, Patsy, Picasso, Rogue, Ruby, Shelly, Stubby, Tabitha, Tarry and Tawny, have been joined by:

Charger, a large black and white male who loves to be petted.

Jupiter, who is a dark tortoiseshell/calico female.

Dawn, a dark grey female kitten still being bottle fed in a foster home.

Monday, a tabby male and brother to Dawn.

Tuesday, a sister to Dawn and Monday who has coloring like a Siamese.

Violet, a gorgeous tortoiseshell kitten.

Hercules, Lucy, Max, Smidgen and Smudge continue in foster care – some in the "Seniors for Seniors" program and some fostered by members to help reduce the shelter numbers.

HAPPY TAILS

These lucky canines found their new homes and new families: Rizzy, Muffy and Rizzy.

These felines also found new families and homes: Alphonso, Leonard, Garfield and Fraidy.

OTHERS

We also have some furry rabbits: **Nutty, Winston and Thumper.**

PET POINTS

A **polydactyl cat** is born with more than the usual number of toes on one or more of its paws. Cats with this genetically inherited trait are most commonly found along the East Coast of the United States and Canada and in South West England and Wales.

Nicknames for polydactyl cats include "**boxing cats**", "**mitten cats**", "**mitten-foot cats**", "**snowshoe cats**", "**thumb cats**", "**six-fingered cats**", "**Cardi-cats**", "**Hemingway cats**", and "**double-pawed cats**."

Normal cats have a total of 18 toes, with five toes on each front paw and four toes on each hind paw; polydactyl cats may have as many as seven digits on their front and/or hind paws. This is most commonly found on the front paws only, it is rare for a cat to have hind paws polydactyly only, and polydactyly of all four paws is even less common.

Radial hypoplasia-related extra toes are immediately adjacent to the normal ones, giving the cat overly large, flat feet — colloquially known as "patty feet" or "hamburger feet". Though this looks less serious than true polydactyly (as the feet appear "normal" apart from having one or two extra toes), breeding such cats will eventually result in severely crippled offspring.

There seems to be agreement that this condition spread widely as a result of cats carried on ships originating in Boston MA. Sailors were long-known to especially value polydactyl cats for their extraordinary climbing and hunting abilities as an aid in controlling shipboard rodents.

Nobel Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway was one of the more famous lovers of polydactyl cats, after being given a six-toed cat by a ship's captain. Upon Hemingway's death in 1961, his former home in Key West FL, became a museum and a home for his cats, and it currently houses approximately fifty descendants of his cats (about half of which are polydactyl). Because of his love for these animals, "Hemingway Kitty Cat", or simply "Hemingway Cat", is a term which has come to describe polydactyls. Cats usually "file down" their nails, thereby removing the outer layer. However, some of the claws of polydactyl cats are in awkward positions, so they are not able to trim them down by scratching. If proper trimming is not done, then these claws could grow into the cat's flesh and cause infection.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

We will be offering the refreshments at the next Concert Concession on November 15th at the High School. Baking always welcome!

PAWS will have a craft and information table set up on November 19th and November 26th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Stavros – now called Rene's. If you would like to help at the table just let us know.

Watch for our Pet Pictures with Santa and our Christmas Bake Sale coming in early December.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Our main fund-raiser for the year has been completed very successfully. Our **Yuk Yuks Comedy Night** was held at the Rec Center. Many thanks to all the businesses who sponsored a table; Black Bear Books and Kootenay Medical Supplies for selling tickets; Plum Creek Bed and Breakfast for hosting the comedians; our volunteers who tended the ticket tables and the bars; MC John Wadell; our fabulous caterer Dick Douma; the wonderful comedians; and, of course, all those who attended to make this such a success. Thanks for the support.

We have also set up a table to sell Raffle Tickets which also is successful and on-going. The draw will be for a 42" TV, a Wishing Well Planter and a Vehicle Detailing Kit. It will be held at the Shelter on the 12th of December.

PET PANTRY

VEGGIE BONES

3 cups minced parsley	¼ cup carrots, chop fine	¼ cup shredded Mozzarella
2 tablespoons olive oil	2¾ cups whole wheat flour	2 tablespoons bran
2 teaspoons baking powder	½ to 1 cup of water	

Mix parsley, carrots, cheese, and oil. Mix dry ingredients and add to veggies. Gradually add ½ cup of water. Mix well to make a moist but not wet dough. If needed, add a little more water.

Knead for one minute. Roll to ½” thickness. Cut as desired. Put on lightly greased bake sheet.

Bake at 350’ for 20-30 minutes until biscuits have browned and hardened slightly.

Put on wire racks to finish cooling.

NOTE - Parmesan cheese may replace Mozzarella.

- These will harden more as they cool.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteer this month is Mary Miller – The Cat Lady!! Mary does a superb job in the Cat Pad and the other areas where cats are residing. She loves cats and they certainly return the love. Thanks on behalf of the cats and kittens, Mary. You are a purrfect lady!

PURRS and GRRRS

Purrs to the human companions who make sure their special companions are warm and dry.

Grrrs to the inhumane humans who leave their animals out in the cold especially in the back of trucks.

DID YOU KNOW?

November 11th is Remembrance Day for all our veterans. The same respect and remembrance is for our dog heroes, too. Many gave their lives during wars around the world. They have worked tirelessly at the scenes of disasters such as 911, landslides, hurricanes, etc. These animals cannot make the decision to take part in the rescues but willingly do whatever they are asked to perform. Some of them become traumatized or ill and some even give their lives while trying to save human lives.

Please take a moment to think of these dogs on the special day for Remembering Heroes.

HEALTHY HINTS

Tragically, one of the reasons domestic violence victims delay seeking help is out of fear that their abuser will harm their beloved companion animal—and too often they are right. Studies show that 85% of women who enter domestic violence shelters report incidents of pet abuse in the home.

Animals are often the silent victims of domestic violence according to studies. Too often the brutality associated with domestic violence affects other members of the household, including pets.

Most shelters and rescue organizations work tirelessly to educate the public on the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence—and provide aid to animal victims. But there is a long road ahead. You can help with donations and education which will lend a hand to those who need it most - the millions of victims with nowhere left to turn.

If you observe violence toward an animal please report it to authorities – you may save the life of an animal or the life of a human.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Toronto Bans Pet Stores From Selling Puppy Mill Cats and Dogs

By Sharon S. September 24, 2011

Toronto cracked down on puppy mills this week by voting to ban pet stores from selling puppies and kittens from commercial breeding facilities.

Under the new law retailers will only be allowed to sell cats and dogs that come from shelters, rescue groups or that were donated. Two currently approved sources are Toronto's Animal Control Services and the Toronto Humane Society.

Toronto is the second major municipality in Canada to ban the sale of animals from puppy and cat mills. On Thursday, the City Council voted unanimously to pass the measure.

The new regulations come on the heels of the rescue of 527 dogs from a puppy mill in Quebec, in the largest animal cruelty case in the province's history. Quebec is known as the puppy mill capital of North America.

Council member Glenn De Baeremaker, who introduced the Toronto ban said, "...from coast to coast, we're going to protect dogs across this country. For all intents and purposes we've shut the taps to the puppy mills at retail locations in Toronto."

"The goal of this motion is to stop animal cruelty," De Baeremaker continued. "It really slams the door closed on people who mass produce animals for profit."

De Baeremaker also pointed out how the ban will cut down on the number of pets euthanized at Toronto Animal Services. There will be less animals coming into the shelter system and more homeless cats and dogs adopted at pet shops.

The new regulations will have an impact on licensed dog breeders who will be prohibited from selling kittens and puppies to pet shops. The breeders will be able to sell animals from their own facilities.

Many pet shops in Toronto have voluntarily stopped selling animals from puppy mills. In August, the national chain of PJ's Pets announced it would no longer sell puppies and instead focus on supporting pet adoptions.

Read more: <http://www.care2.com/causes/toronto-bans-pet-stores-from-selling-puppy-mill-cats-and-dogs.html#ixzz1YyV3sdMV>

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. You can check with the PAWS office at Claudia's Place - 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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