



# **PAWPRINTS**



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

It is time for your New Year's Resolution!! This year make a resolution to help homeless pets. There are many animals out there who need our help. It is humans who put them in this situation and it must be humans who help them.

Perhaps volunteering at PAWS or another rescue group or at least supporting them whenever possible. You could make a monetary donation (of what ever size you can manage), put a cash donation on one of the accounts PAWS has around town (Vet Clinic, Sunset Seed, Advance Newspaper, etc.).

Of course there is always the occasional help such as kitty litter, paper towels, laundry soap, etc.

If in doubt please call the shelter to find out what is most essential at this time.

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

We still have an abundance of cats as well as a few dogs all needing homes. Perhaps 2012 will be their year for a change in their lives.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

### **Dogs:**

**Tasha**, the dainty little Chihuahua mix has joined her new family.

**Jack**, our shepherd mix has also moved to his new home.

**Hiccup**, one of our black pups was chosen to join a new family and home.

**Hermes**, one of our black pups went to his new home.

**Buffy**, has taken her lively little self to a new home.

**Holly**, another one of our pups has begun her new life.

**Joker**, gained a new lease on life by moving to his furever home.

**Candy**, our extremely shy girl has gone to live in a real home again.

**Stuart**, also has found a new place to live.

**Soldier**, one of our older dogs has been selected to round out a home and family.

### **Cats:**

**Monday**, one of our recent kittens and a lovely tabby has gone to her new home.

**Donnie**, the only boy kitten has also moved on to the next step in his life – a home of his own.

**Tuesday**, the last of the kitten trio and the “Siamese” of the litter has also gone to her new home.

**Morgan**, who was our resident “people-teaser” cat has found a new home.

**Mitsy**, went with Morgan to begin a new life in a real home.

## **PASSING THROUGH**

**Patches**, a lovely stray spent a short time with us.

**Blue**, is another stray who made a short visit while waiting for his humans to collect him.

**Sunday**, a senior Cocker spent a couple of days waiting for his humans, too.

**Rascal**, waited patiently for his human to locate him.

## **PET POINTS**

New Year dangers for pets: drinks, food, decorations, fireworks, etc. While we humans are celebrating we must be aware that our pets need to be kept safe from dangers. Many foods and drinks can be quite dangerous to pets. Even the fireworks being set off can frighten a pet into dashing out the door perhaps into traffic or at least getting lost on a cold winter night.

## **HEALTHY HINTS**

With winter well under way it is time to remember our pets. They get cold just as we do. Please make sure they have coats when going outside if they get cold. To protect their feet from ice and chemicals used to break up ice, perhaps your pet needs boots.

Pets need to live indoors especially during the cold months. Remember that we have bred the “wild” out of these animals and they can no longer fend for themselves in the outdoors.

## **MEOW-SSAGES**

### **Ambidexter-Cat?**

You probably never thought about a cat as being either left- or right-pawed, but over 40 percent are either lefties or righties. That means there’s quite a few out there who are ambidextrous. Luckily for them, they can probably operate the can opener with both paws

### **Warm or Cold?**

Food that is. Cats don’t like their food too hot or too cold. They like it just right. And for them, just right is room temperature, just like their prey would be in the wild. Cats are indeed the Goldilocks of the animal world.

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

**Pet Pictures With Santa** was its usual success with many pets visiting Santa to ask for more goodies!

We even had a bearded dragon and two horses! I’m sure Santa enjoyed the new visitors.

**Christmas Bake Sale** was also a huge success as always. Thanks to our wonderfully talented bakers and our ever so patient table tenders!!

Raffle winners were drawn on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the shelter. The winning tickets belonged to:

1<sup>st</sup> – Lorraine Tyne who took home the large TV.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed Lepp who will be enjoying the wishing well planter.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Barb Ogilvie has a detailing kit to help spruce up her car.

Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

## **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS**

This month we are honoring the *Volunteer of the Year* – Jim McDonald. Jim passed away in November and will be greatly missed. A great deal of the construction at the shelter from dog runs, to the catio, fencing and much more was in Jim’s capable hands.

## **BREED READ**

**Common Breed nick names:** (part 2)

Cairn Terriers = Cairns  
Cardigan Welsh Corgis = Corgi  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniels = Cavalier  
Chesapeake Bay Retrievers = Chessie  
Chinese Shar-Pei = Shar pei  
Clumber Spaniels = Clumbers  
Cocker Spaniel = Cocker  
Curly-Coated Retrievers = Retriever  
Dachshund = Doxie  
Dandie Dinmont Terriers = Dandies  
Doberman Pinscher = Dobie  
English Cocker Spaniels = Cocker  
English Foxhounds = Foxhound

English Springer Spaniels = Springers  
Finnish Spitz = Spitz  
Flat-Coated Retrievers = Retriever  
French Bulldogs = Bulldog  
German Shepherd Dogs = GSD  
German Shorthaired Pointers = GSP's  
Giant Schnauzers = Schnauzer  
Gordon Setters = Gordons  
Great Danes = Dane  
Great Pyrenees = Pyr  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs = Swissies  
Greyhounds = Greys

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **HEART DISEASE DEFINITIONS**

**Heart Failure** – a clinical syndrome in which the heart is unable to maintain adequate blood flow to the tissues.

**Congestive heart failure** – increased venous pressure due to significant heart pathology that leads to fluid retention in abnormal sites.

**Right-sided congestive heart failure** – increased venous pressure in the central venous system (the veins that lead from the body to the heart), potentially causing ascites (fluid retention in the abdomen) and liver congestion.

**Left-sided congestive heart failure** – increased venous pressure in the pulmonary veins draining the lungs (the most common sequela in dogs), causing fluid retention in the lungs and subsequent coughing.

**Heart decompensation** – an inability of the heart to pump sufficient blood to meet the oxygen requirements of the heart muscle itself. This leads to decreased pumping ability and further impairment.

A dog should be suspected of having heart disease if he exhibits:

- coughing
- tiring when exercised
- loss of weight (in later stages)
- labored breathing
- syncope (fainting)

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Our first fund raising event for the year 2012 will be a Concert Concession on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the High School. We will need some baking for this event. Please let us know if you can help with this.

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

What is the third most popular dog breed, following Labrador Retriever and Golden Retriever, in Portland, Oregon?

- A. German Shepherd**
- B. Dachshund**
- C. Border Collie**
- D. Chihuahua**

**ANSWER:**

B. Dachshund. Dachshund popularity appears to be getting bigger, while the breed stays small!

## **PET PANTRY**

### **HEALTHY SEED BELLS**

- Small terracotta pots
- Microwave-safe plastic wrap or plastic oven bag
- Length of firm wire (coat-hanger type is fine)
- Birdseed of your choice (measure it dry in your chosen pots to gauge amount needed)
- Two egg whites per cup of birdseed (or thereabouts)

Beat egg whites until white and fluffy but still liquid - you're not making a meringue. Prepare pots by lining them with microwave-safe wrap or oven bag. Bend the end of the wire that goes into the seed bell into a closed loop (so that birds and/or leg rings can't get caught on it when most of the bell has been eaten). Mix beaten egg whites and bird seed in a bowl until all seed is coated, then spoon the mix into the prepared pots, patting it down firmly. Push the uncoiled end of the wire through centre of mix in pot then out of the drainage hole until looped end rests flat on top of mixture, then push loop slightly into mixture. Place on an oven shelf set high enough to allow wire to hang free. Cook for approximately 60 - 90 minutes in a very cool oven or longer if pots are larger size. The important thing is not to burn the mixture and slow cooking is needed to set it firmly. Cooked bells will slip easily from pots, peel away the plastic wrap while they're still warm but don't handle the wire until it has cooled. Using a pair of pliers, twist exposed wire end to form a hook for hanging in the aviary.

Handy tip - Sometimes if you use large seeds in your mixture, the widest part of the bell which is exposed during cooking will become slightly crumbly. This only happens for a half inch or so, but if they are to be given away, and you want a less 'rustic' appearance, just spoon the mixture into the pot as usual, but mix another beaten egg white with seeds of last inch and cook as instructed above. This extra 'adhesive' keeps the top layer very firm.

*A good dog never dies he always stays, he walks besides you on crisp autumn days when frost is on the fields and winter's drawing near, his head is within our hand in his old way. --Mary Carolyn Davies*

## **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.**

#### **CRESTON PET ADOPTION & WELFARE SOCIETY**

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