



# PAWS Creston Pet Adoption & Welfare Society

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 PET MEMORIAL GARDEN FLYER

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - SATURDAY 10 AM - 3 PM



### President's Message

By Carol Freeman-Ryll

How quickly we are nearing the end of a sunny and hot summer.

In the shelter the cats are lucky to romp in the air conditioned area if not basking in the heat of the "catio". How fortunate the animals are to experience the planning and development of our wonderful shelter by all those members working hard to fund raise and build the shelter several years ago.

The dogs enjoy their multi dips a day in the wading pools outside, kindly donated by 2 local businesses in Creston. The newly planted trees are yet to really provide the shade we envision, so its inside to the cool concrete and relax with the faithful volunteers!

And talking of volunteers, you would think people would be lining up at our door to spend time in such an establishment, but sadly no. This summer we are experiencing the least amount of volunteers ever. Thank goodness for our diligent following who are frequently "working overtime".

This leads me to the topic of our animal attendant/caretaker. Two years since we achieved this goal. One year anniversary for Shauna in this position. We are so very lucky to have her on the team. She cares for each and every animal as if it were her own ( besides having several of her own!) no matter whether it's cat, dog, ferret, rabbit, goat or bearded dragon we have had them all this year. And the secure feeling it gives us all we when close the gate at the end of the day knowing she is living on site in the well cared for cottage which she makes her home.....and it shows.



Shauna with Bearded Dragon

Many of the volunteers have not known a time when we had no caretaker. When Laura diligently came in at 6.30 am 6 days out of 7, with a break filled by another volunteer on Sundays. Others came in every evening, come rain or shine, snow and ice to do the evening tuck ins. A big commitment.

We are reminded of the above now it is time for Shauna to take holidays and we need to return to the old ways of volunteers taking on this task.

## President's Message (Continued)

Who out there likes working alone for a couple of hours each morning, before everything is up and running? Or that person who likes tucking up pets at bedtime? We need you once again, if only for a few days in the year.

At a different level, we are still without a Board Secretary. Anyone interested, please do contact a director or the office and learn more, we really do need that help too.

The heat is finally slowing down the grass growth. Grass cutting.....there is a morning person for you, Ernie Lambert mowing the grounds at 6.00 am in the cool morning! Buster popping by and doing the more delicate areas with his garden tractor. Heat and water has encouraged the greenery in the Memorial Garden to grow at a fast pace, lots for trimming and training there.

But all of this makes the shelter a pleasure to look at and volunteers should be very proud of this...I certainly am of all of you and what you are achieving, in the grounds and inside the walls of the shelter.

Hats off to all of you!

## COMMITTEES

### Fund Raisers:

Bake Sales - Lynn Ray  
Concessions - Lynn Coates

### Memorial Garden:

Lynn Ray, Ashlene Chadburn, Paul and Lynn Coates

**Newsletter:** Theresa Rogers

**Policies & Procedures:** Pat May

### Shelter Enhancement:

Laura Knudsen, Diana Miller, Ken Miller

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Paul Coates

### Sept 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

7:00 pm  
At the Shelter - everyone welcome!  
Refreshments served

### Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Raffle Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Thanksgiving Dinner at Real Food Cafe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Thanksgiving Basket donated by Tigz Design

### Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Santa Pictures

Time & Place TBA - call the office to confirm

### BAKE SALES:

#### Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Overwaitea  
Saturday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Extra Foods

#### Remembrance Day Bake Sale

Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - Overwaitea  
Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - Extra Foods

#### Christmas Bake Sale

Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Overwaitea



# VOLUNTEERING



LYNN COATES STAFFING THE FRONT DESK WITH A FRIENDLY SMILE

PAWS urgently requires volunteers and welcomes applicants to our very special volunteer program. Volunteer training and guidelines are in place to ensure the safety and well being of both volunteers and animals.

### Who Can Volunteer at the Shelter?

- Adults over the age of 19 are welcome to volunteer at the shelter in all capacities.
- Youths (16-18) may volunteer under the supervision of an adult PAWS volunteer.
- Young Adults (13-15) are welcome to visit the shelter and must have an adult family member present to interact with animals.
- Children (below 13) are welcome to visit with a parent but cannot volunteer.

### Working with the Dogs

- As a volunteer dog person you have an opportunity to interact with the dogs on a one-on-one basis.
- Dog duties include grooming, basic care, exercising/playing in the exercise yard, walking on leash, training desirable traits for adoption, kennel cleaning and socializing with the dogs.

### Working with the Cats

- The cat volunteers work in the "cat" room socializing, grooming, nail clipping, cuddling, feeding and cleaning.

### Maintenance & Ground Work

- Throughout the year various seasonal tasks need to be done such as painting, tree care, mowing, snow removal, equipment maintenance, filling holes in the yard and exercise areas, fence building, gopher extermination, etc.
- If you have a few hours to help, call us to see what projects are currently on the list.

### Office/Front Desk

- Telephone answering, computer work (Windows PC), emails, record keeping, filing, preparing adoption packages, generally being the front line for making a good impression for PAWS.

### Shelter Cleaners

- Cleaning windows, doors and floors. Volunteers needed for full and 1/2 days.

### Laundry & Sewing

- Washing and repairing dog beds, animal toys, and various equipment.



SWEETIE BEING INTRODUCED TO THE WADING POOL

### Miscellaneous

- Poster distribution, manning tables at bake and raffle ticket sales, etc.

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Volunteering can be extremely rewarding for both the people and the animals. Animals, like people, all have their own unique personalities, so while some may enjoy the attention others may need time to trust humans again. It takes all kinds of personalities to make these dynamics work and PAWS is extremely grateful to all volunteers who contribute their time and energy.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested. Please call the office at 250-428-7297 for further information or to visit the facility, so staff can show you around and provide you with an application form.

PAWS is an organization made up entirely of volunteers (other than the on-site caretaker). Volunteers must become an Annual member and memberships fees are \$15/individual or \$25/family.

## ADMITTING CATS

### WHY CAN'T YOU TAKE THIS CAT.....THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO DO!

So often we hear this from frustrated people who do not want their cat any longer or who have found a cat/kitten on their doorstep.

Perhaps it would help to hear about the Shelter's accommodations for cats and our intake procedures.

The shelter can accommodate up to 30 cats. We have a general population area The Cat Pad which has an outside section called "the Catio".

There is also an isolation room which has individual cat housing to keep cats segregated.

When a cat is admitted into the shelter, whether it is a stray or a surrender ( i.e. someone gives up their cat for rehoming) the cat goes into the isolation room for roughly 2 weeks. This gives the shelter volunteers time to assess the cat, allow the cat time to adjust to the environment and also we can hopefully see if there are any health issues.

Before leaving the isolation room, the cat has to be seen by the vet, vaccinated and preferably spayed or neutered. Only then, when deemed ready can the cat move to the general cat area. There it will remain in "private accommodation" until everyone has adjusted to a new member.

As you can appreciate, this takes time. Complications may arise if a cat has a contagious affliction and has to remain longer in the isolation room. That also means any other cat there at the time also has to remain and we cannot admit any new animal.

If an animal is in the isolation room recovering from surgery for example, again this holds up the line.

To help this path run as smoothly as possible we have a waiting list. We offer to advertise on our website for people to rehome their cat ( sometimes whilst waiting).

We do have a limited number of foster homes, but usually give preference to special needs such as very young kittens.

So, as I am sure you can now understand, it is not easy and automatic in admitting a cat! Please bear with us whilst we do our best to service the never ending stream of cats with humans wishing to admit them RIGHT NOW!!!!

I do hope this helps everyone be more aware of the situation and it is always with a very sad heart that we at times have to turn animals away, with "no room at the inn".





**LETTER FROM DIRECTOR AT LARGE  
BY: LAURA KNUDSON**

As one of two Directors at Large my role on the PAWS board is quite a random one. Having never sat on any board before being taken under the wings of some of our more seasoned directors has been very helpful. They say no question is a stupid question but I'm sure the amount I ask can be tiring at times. As a volunteer my role is mostly an unseen one. I love partaking in wake-up shifts on our Caretakers days off.

My goals as a director have been slow to develop but now I think I have some exciting ones. Public relations and fund raising are where I'm passionate. We had such a great time at the Blossom fest parade. It's wonderful to see our volunteers having fun with each other while getting our name out there in the community.

The shelter "beautification project is also where I feel the need to fit in. With an awesome group of cadets we managed to plant over 80 trees this spring. A few have be traumatized by nature and even fewer to my bad idea. But spring 2015 is going to be beautiful. I have high hopes that all left will make it through the winter.

Thank you for giving me the chance to be on the PAWS board of directors and do my part to make PAWS great. If anyone has any other public relations ideas I would love to get your help. Please contact me at [lauracampbell83@hotmail.com](mailto:lauracampbell83@hotmail.com) or phone me at 250-402-8481. Or if you want to spend some time playing in the dirt with me there is always room for another pair of boots.



**DOUGIE ON THE FIRST DAY WITH HIS CART!**  
PHOTO BY DENISE WOODFORD



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