



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE CENTER

Work is progressing towards having the heating system installed. Then the electrical system can be installed followed by the insulation and drywall. We are hoping for a late summer opening.

PET PROFILE

Polly was born October 8th 2007. Her mom is a purebred Rottie and her father is a purebred Border Collie. Polly is an absolute sweetie. She is active, playful, and bright, gets along well with other dogs, cats, and people of all sizes and ages. She walks very well on leash and is a regular visitor to the Creston high school Special Ed. class. She already knows "sit" and "shake a paw", is working on her "down", and is pretty good with her "come" command. Her house training is coming along well. With the long winter and heavy accumulation of snow, potty training has been a challenge at times, but she now only has the odd indoor accident, usually because of inattention from her foster parents!

Polly is a very special girl, and has tons of potential. She needs to go to a home where she will be a full member of the family, indoors and out. She is more than just a companion for another dog, or a possession to be isolated and alone in some back yard and we will not adopt her out to these circumstances.

Polly has been vet checked, dewormed and has had two of her series of three puppy vaccinations. The third is due mid March.

Polly's most difficult challenge right now is overcoming car sickness and she is gradually overcoming this issue.

Her most excellent talent is her paper shredding prowess. No need for mechanical paper shredders when Polly is in the room!!

This sweet girl is just waiting for her forever family to take her home.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

We still have a few pets in foster care who would love to have their very own homes. Our geriatric Chihuahua, Juanita is continuing her quest for a sunny spot to work on her tan; Yogi has progressed from being the timid shy one to the cautious but curious one; and Polly is also waiting patiently for that once in a lifetime home to surface just for her where she can run and play and love and be loved

HAPPY TAILS

Mickey Mouse, the black and white kitten rescued from a car motor has been adopted. He packed up his long white whiskers and moved out of the office. This was very much welcomed by the official PAWS office cat, Brat Cat. Mickey Mouse has grown from just a fuzzy handful to a cuddly armful in about 8 months time. Mickey is making a new life for himself and guarding his new home from wild birds.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Our Bake Sales and Concert Concessions continue to bring in a small but steady income thanks to the dedicated bakers and table tenders.

Anyone who would like to be added to our "Bakers List" please let us know at the PAWS office and you can be emailed when the next Bake Sale is planned.

You can also receive PawPrints by email by contacting us with your email address.

DID YOU KNOW?

Providing for Your Pet's Future without You

BECAUSE PETS USUALLY HAVE SHORTER LIFE SPANS than their human caregivers, you may have planned for your animal friend's passing. But what if *you* are the one who becomes ill or incapacitated or who dies first?

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. **What can I do now to prepare for the unexpected?**
2. **How can I ensure long-term or permanent care for my pet if I become seriously ill or die?**
3. **How do I choose a permanent caregiver?**
4. **Can I entrust the care of my pet to an organization?**
5. **Can I request that my pet be euthanized after my death?**
6. **Do I need legal assistance?**
7. **Is a will the best way to provide for my pet?**
8. **How can setting up a trust help?**
9. **Which is right for me—a will or a trust?**
10. **Consider also a Power of Attorney.**

For help with answers to these questions, or other information, please call PAWS at 250-428-7297 or email us at paws@kootenay.com.

PETOSCOPE

ARIES - 21 March - 20 April

"Pets born under the sign of Aries are bold and adventurous."

DOGS: As the first sign of the zodiac it is only natural that Aries pets want to be the leader of the pack. Take your dog into the countryside and he'll soon be picking up a scent or act like a trailblazer. Gun dogs, whippets, lurchers and hunting dogs thrive under the sign of Aires. Most Aries dogs cannot bear to be tied down and must frantically explore every nook and cranny in their environment. They want make their mark upon the world. He'll also be completely intolerant of other dogs, get into inevitable scraps, and will try to dominate every pet and person in the household.

CATS: Aries cats are loners and sometimes you'll hardly see them for days as they would have been eating at every house in your street except yours. Like their canine counterparts they are intolerant of other pets who they see as intruders. Keep the gold fish and budgie under lock and key or there'll be trouble. At night you'll hear your Aires cat hissing at any cats that have stayed into their territory. He's probably already covered in battle scars and may have a piece or two missing from his ear. Aries cats are certainly not dull. You'll love their exuberance and character.

PRRS and GRRS

PURRS – for the pet guardians who treat their pets as one of the family circle.

GRRRS – for the people who constantly ignore the emotional and physical needs of their pets. Animals need to be treated with dignity and love and they deserve no less.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

How to grade your dog's food:

Start with a grade of 100:

- 1) For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points
- 2) For every non-specific animal source ("meat" or "poultry", meat, meal or fat) reference, subtract 10 points
- 3) If the food contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin, subtract 10 points
- 4) For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract 5 points
- 5) If the same grain ingredient is used 2 or more times in the first 5 ingredients (ie: "ground brown rice", "rice flour" "brewers rice", are all the same grain), subtract 5 points
- 6) If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients, subtract 3 points
- 7) If it contains any artificial colorants, subtract 3 points
- 8) If it contains ground corn or whole grain corn, subtract 3 points
- 9) If corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients, subtract 2 more points
- 10) If the food contains any animal fat other than fish oil, subtract 2 points
- 11) If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources), subtract 2 points
- 12) If it contains soy or soybeans, subtract 2 points
- 13) If it contains wheat (unless you know that your dog is not allergic to wheat), subtract 2 points
- 14) If it contains beef (unless you know that your dog is not allergic to beef), subtract 1 point
- 15) If it contains salt, subtract 1 point

Extra Credit:

- 1) If any of the meat sources are organic, add 5 points
- 2) If the food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist, add 5 points
- 3) If the food is baked not extruded, add 5 points
- 4) If the food contains probiotics, add 3 points
- 5) If the food contains fruit, add 3 points
- 6) If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains), add 3 points
- 7) If the animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free, add 2 points
- 8) If the food contains barley, add 2 points
- 9) If the food contains flax seed oil (not just the seeds), add 2 points
- 10) If the food contains oats or oatmeal, add 1 point
- 11) If the food contains sunflower oil, add 1 point
- 12) For every different specific animal protein source (other than the first one; count "chicken" and "chicken meal" as only one protein source, but "chicken" and "" as 2 different sources), add 1 point
- 13) If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin, add 1 point
- 14) If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are pesticide-free, add 1 point

Score: 94-100+ = A, 86-93 = B, 78-85 = C, 70-77 = D, 69 and below = F

Here are some foods that have already been scored.

Authority Harvest Baked / Score 116 **A+**
Bil-Jac Select / Score 68 **F**
Canidae / Score 112 **A+**
Chicken Soup Senior / Score 115 **A+**
Diamond Maintenance / Score 64 **F**
Diamond Lamb Meal & Rice / Score 92 **B**
Diamond Large Breed 60+ Formula / Score 99 **A**
Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Ultra Premium / Score 122 **A+**
Dick Van Patten's Duck and Potato / Score 106 **A+**
Foundations / Score 106 **A+**
Hund-n-Flocken Adult Dog (lamb) by Solid Gold / Score 93 **B**
Iams Lamb Meal & Rice Premium / Score 73 **D**
Innova Dog / Score 114 **A+**
Innova Evo / Score 114 **A+**
Kirkland Signature Chicken, Rice, & Vegetables Score 110 **A+**
Nutrisource Lamb and Rice / Score 87 **B**
Nutro Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy / Score 87 **B**
Pet Gold Adult with Lamb & Rice / Score 23 **F**
ProPlan Natural Turkey & Barley / Score 103 **A+**
Purina Beneful / Score 17 **F**
Purina Dog / Score 62 **F**
Purina Come-n-Get It / Score 16 **F**
Royal Canin Bulldog / Score 100 **A+**
Royal Canin Natural Blend Adult / Score 106 **A+**
Sensible Choice Chicken and Rice / Score 97 **A**
Science Diet Advanced Protein Senior 7+ / Score 63 **F**
Science Diet for Large Breed Puppies / Score 69 **F**
Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken / Score 110 **A+**
Wolfking Adult Dog (bison) by Solid Gold / Score 97 **A**

TAIL END

Important Links:

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751
Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910
Nelson 2nd Chance – 250-352-2228

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494
Kootenay Vet Clinic – 428 2822
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 both Vet Clinics, Iron Kettle Restaurant, Sunset Seed or Lil' Mutt Grooming. Or check with the PAWS office - 1420 Northwest Boulevard - or on 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.

CRESTON PET ADOPTION & WELFARE SOCIETY

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