



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE**

Our busy builders have now laid out the interior outlines for rooms, office, etc. With decent weather and if our funds hold out, we may see the interior framing in place before this winter is finished. Everyone on the office staff is really looking forward to a well equipped and roomy office space after so many years in our little nook we use at this time.

## **PET PROFILE**

**ANGEL** is a 2 year old smooth coat Chihuahua. She is up to date with her shots and is spayed. Angel is one of the "deer" type Chihuahuas with long legs, slender body and neck. Basically white she has tan accents spots and ears. Living with other dogs is no problem and she takes cats in stride, too. Angel is fine with older kids. Since she is very shy with strangers it takes a while for her to warm up to people but then her snuggle side shows.

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

We have only 1 cat and 4 dogs in foster homes at this time:

- Mickey Mouse - our token feline - black and white and still needing a permanent home. Super friendly, fluffy, melt your heart cute, male kitten. He's about 8 months old.
- Juanita who everyone has read about - our little granny Chihuahua.
- Angel - mentioned above.
- Yogi is a handsome Boxer/Lab mix about 1 year old, neutered and vaccinated. Athletic and intelligent, this sweet boy has been in foster care since July 2007 as he needed a lot of special care. He came to PAWS extremely timid and fearful, the result of past abuse that we can only imagine. Yogi gets along very well with other dogs, is fine with cats, but still has a lot to overcome with new people, new sights and sounds, and he is extremely leery of children. In the right hands, with patience and training, Yogi has HUGE potential, perhaps in agility or some other active job. All he needs is a chance!
- Polly - This sweetie is a female Rottie/Border Collie cross. She was born on Thanksgiving, October 12, 2007. Polly is a beautiful, bright, active puppy. She loves to romp and play with her toys and with other dogs and people, is good with cats, and is working on her housetraining. She has been vet-checked, has her first vaccinations and has been dewormed. Adorable, affectionate and cuddly, Polly will make a wonderful addition to a loving family.

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Diana Miller and Ken Gerding on the sudden and tragic loss of one of their canine friends. Little Jellybean left us much too soon and will be missed.

## **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Birthday Wishes!!!

From December to William Mitchell-Banks.

From January to Ruth Mitchell-Banks and Ken Gerding.

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Many dollars are raised each year by generous people donating their recycled bottles and cans at the Recycle Depot with the proceeds to go to PAWS. This is fast and easy because the staff kindly will sort your recyclables for you if it is for PAWS. Simply tell them where you want the money to go and many homeless pets will thank you.

## **PET PANTRY**

### **BONE BONANZAS**

½ pound raw ground beef	¼ cup chicken broth
1/3 cup mashed black beans	1/3 cup cottage cheese
1 teaspoon soy sauce	

Combine ground meat and chicken broth in a bowl. Add the black beans and cottage cheese. Add soy sauce. Mix all of the ingredients thoroughly.

Mold the mixture into boneshapes and place on cookie sheet.

Bake for 45 minutes in a 375°F oven.

Let cool.

From [www.recipeusa.org/PET.htm](http://www.recipeusa.org/PET.htm)

## **BREED READ**

The Shih Tzu is believed to originate in Tibet and were later introduced to China in the mid-17th century. The smallest of these dogs resembled a lion, as represented in Oriental art. "Shih Tzu" means "lion". They are also called "the chrysanthemum-faced dog" because the hair grows about the face in all directions. It is known that the Shih Tzu was a house pet and highly favored by the Chinese royal family during the mid-17th century to the early 20th century. They began being imported to England in 1930 and were then exported to other countries in Europe and Australia. American soldiers stationed in these countries brought the breed back to the United States. The Shih Tzu was admitted to registration in the American Kennel Club Toy Group at AKC shows beginning September 1, 1969.

The Shih-Tzu is a happy dog with lots of character. They are a friendly and make friends easily with everyone. They are very alert and will let you know when someone is at your home. Once that person comes inside they will be friendly to them. They can be stubborn, but can be trained with patience. Overall, they are very playful and affectionate breed that need to be with people to be happy.

The Shih Tzu in general is a healthy breed. They can get kidney disease called renal dysplasia and they can get slipped stifles or kneecaps. They have short muzzles that can sometimes produce a slight wheezing problem. The average life expectancy for a Shih Tzu is 15 years or more.

Shih Tzu's need to be bathed once a week and groomed at least every other day because of their profuse coat. Neglecting this can cause skin problems, such as: tangles, painful mats, hot spots, skin infections, even maggot infestations. A well groomed Shih Tzu has very little skin problems.

Shih Tzu's do not require a lot of exercises. A walk once a day is great, but if you don't have time to walk them once a day, they will get enough exercise walking and playing around the house.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Our first Concession for 2008 will be at the High School on January 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at 1:30 pm.

Our first Bake Sale of 2008 will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Overwaitea.

If you would like to bake of tend table for these events please contact the PAWS office.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

PAWS receives calls every week concerning a found dog who has no collar, tags or other identification. The pet could be returned home much quicker if one of these items was present. PAWS supplies metal Identification Tags at no cost. These are permanent and you simply need to keep your contact information up-to-date so your lost pet can be returned quickly.

If you prefer microchipping, PAWS can also accommodate this. There is a fee for this service to pay for our expenses. With microchips, pets can be returned to owners even if they have lost their collars. Contact the PAWS office for more details. Keep your pet safe.

## **PETOSCOPE - 2008**

**AQUARIUS - 21 January - 19 February 2008**

*"If your pet is totally bonkers - its probably an Aquarian."*

**DOGS:** "Sausages" and other smart Alec speaking parts on 'That's Life' were pioneered by Aquarian dogs for if a dog's being daft he's likely to be an Aquarian. An Aquarian dog has traits that other dogs would find strange. They'll perform in the circus, enjoy being on the TV, and may sometimes appear more human than dog. But their heart lies with their own species and they love to run with the pack albeit somewhat erratically. A happy Aquarian dog is one that is given as much freedom a possible for he just loves to be let off the leash.

**CATS:** Your white Siamese Aquarian cat would probably be delighted if you dyed her pink, for just like their canine counterparts the Aquarian cat is an eccentric. She may prefer chocolate to fish, her best friends are birds and she'll sleep in the dog's basket. She may even enjoy having a bath She's like no cat you've ever known. The Aquarian cat is also very independent- you're only there to supply the food- so don't expect a great deal of affection from her. Aquarians of all species are drawn to working in television, so if you're looking for a star for your show or advertisement then the Aquarian cat is purrfect.

## **PET POINTS**

According to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, pseudoephedrine—an ingredient commonly found in cold, allergy and sinus medications—can be extremely dangerous to companion animals.

Pseudoephedrine has a very narrow margin of safety in dogs, cats and other animals. As little as one tablet containing 30 milligrams of pseudoephedrine could produce clinical signs in a 20-pound dog, including nervousness, hyperactivity and elevated heart rate; a dose as small as three 30-milligram tablets could be lethal to that dog.

Most exposures to pseudoephedrine are accidental, such as a pet chewing into a bottle of medication or ingesting pills left unattended—others occur as a result of owners inappropriately medicating their pets.

To ensure that your pet is not exposed, Hansen recommends the following:

- \* Never give your animal any medication without first talking to your pet's veterinarian.
- \* Store all medications in a secure cabinet well out of the reach of animals—even child-proof containers can easily be chewed open.

If you suspect that your animal companion has ingested medication containing pseudoephedrine, call your veterinarian

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

The four types of dog vomit and their definitions:

Submitted by Vicki McDonald

### **Yellow urka-gurkas:**

Dog runs around the house and hides under furniture while making a prolonged "uurka-guurka, uurka-guurka" noise (the only noise guaranteed to wake up a dog lover who is hung over from a 3:30am post-dog-show celebration). After a mad scramble to capture the dog and drag him outside, the episode ends with an indelible line of slimy yellow froth from the living room rug to the back door.

### **Blap disease:**

Dog exercises hard and a) eats large mouthfuls of snow (winter blap disease) or b) drinks a bucket of water (summer blap disease). Within two minutes of returning inside, the dog spews out large amounts of clear, slimy liquid, making a distinctive "blap" sound and sharp percussive noise as it hits the linoleum.

### **Garks:**

Dog suddenly clears his throat with loud and dramatic "gggark, gggark" noises, followed by a prolonged "iiksss" and then loud, satisfied smacking noises. There is nothing on the rug. Don't investigate, you don't want to know.

### **Ralfs:**

The dog strolls into the dining room and waits 'til the innocent dinner guests are all watching him. Then, with a single deep gut-wrenching "raaaalfff", disgorge the entire week's contents of his stomach on the rug. Variation: he eats it.

*In all of the above events, the dog is entirely healthy and indeed, deeply pleased with himself.*

## **TAIL END**

Important Links:

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910

Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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