



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

It is now time for the fresh clean look of new snow to perk up the property. At least the weeds have decided to hibernate for a few months.

The windows and doors are installed now. That makes the building ready for lock-up. Now supplies are being left indoors out of the weather. The interior work can progress during the winter months and will hopefully find the shelter with interior walls and floors when spring comes again.

PET PROFILE

Mickey Mouse is a young cat with black and white coloring. He is cuddly and active. This youngster was plucked out of a car engine where he was hiding. He went to be fostered by Kathy and has made himself at home. If you need some snuggles - this is the pet for you.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

The only foster animals we have at the present are: Mickey Mouse - the black and white kitten living with Kathy; Yogi - the very shy young dog residing with Vicki, and Juanita who is still with Lee. At this time we do not have any new pets!!

HAPPY TAILS

Petey, the Siamese kitten, was adopted by a family who think he is just the cat's meow!! By the sound of things he has his humans all well trained, too.

Cinder, the Chihuahua, has also found that forever home. He traveled over the Summit to Rossland where he is also busy training his humans. Since he is very shy around strangers, and in particularly men, he is slowly working on this problem.

Three very young orange kittens were found on the doorstep of the office one day. They remained in the office where they helped the office staff with mundane duties such as writing, typing, sweeping, etc. All three have found good homes where they can continue their helpfulness.

PET POINTS

This time of the year can cause problems for the tender pads of your dog's foot. Check them often to remove tiny snowballs between the toes or ice crystals in the foot hair. Make sure to clean their feet when they have been walking outdoors, especially in town. Salt and chemicals used to break up ice as well as spilled antifreeze can harm their paws. These chemicals can prove fatal to some pets if the pet should try to lick them off their paws or their coats.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

PAWS members have been hard at work trying to raise funds to finish the inside of the shelter so it can possibly open in the summer of 2008. If anyone can help in any way please contact us at the office and let us know your area of expertise or interest. You do not need to be a member to help!!

The Dinner Dance and Silent Auction was held November 17th and for the first time we had a sold out event!! Every ticket was sold and we had a full house. The buffet supper was delicious as usual. The Auction was very active with many wonderful items and great bidding wars! The Balloon Draw was as popular as ever and raised \$800 on its own. The music kept many people on their feet dancing after the Auction and Dinner. Altogether we managed to bring in over \$9500 which will give the Building Fund a nice boost.

Pet Pictures with Santa was held at Morris Greenhouse with our own private Santa. Santa should have felt right at home since we had quite a snowfall which kept lots of people home. Hot chocolate and coffee along with treats for humans and pets was appreciated by those who braved the snow. While the event was not as well attended as in previous years due to the weather we still had a good turn out and made nearly \$500 for the building fund.

Our Christmas Bake Sale brought in a grand sum of \$1200!! The home baking and the great variety is certainly appreciated by those who don't have time to bake.

The Concert Concession also brought in a good sum of money.

We tried something new this year - Gift Wrapping at Mark's Work Wearhouse. It was held on two Saturday nights and did bring in about \$100. Since the first night was plagued with power outages and not a lot of people were Christmas shopping so early, we felt it could have been better.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bird poisoning

Birds are highly sensitive to inhalant fumes, so please avoid exposing yours to fumes from self-cleaning ovens and overheated TeflonTM- or SilverstoneTM-coated pans, automobile exhaust, tobacco smoke, glues and paints, insecticidal fumigants, perfume and hair spray.

- Keep all prescription and over-the-counter drugs out of beak's reach, preferably in closed cabinets. Pain killers, cold medicines, anticancer drugs, vitamins and diet pills are all examples of human medications that can be lethal to birds, even in small amounts.
- Never allow your bird access to areas in which cleaning agents are being used or stored. Should your pet ingest them, he could suffer from a range of symptoms, depending on the substance, from mild stomach upset to severe burns of the tongue, mouth and crop.
- Foods and beverages that could be dangerous to birds include:
 - avocados
 - chocolate in any form
 - coffee & tea
 - moldy or spoiled foods
 - onions & garlic
 - tomato leaves and stems
 - yeast dough

If you suspect your bird has gotten into a potentially poisonous substance, call your veterinarian

Keep all pet birds out of drafts and away from hot air vents during the winter months in particular. They do not cope with these changes easily. Make sure they have adequate food, water and warmth so they can also enjoy a safe, happy and healthy Christmas season.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Dogs should be inside the vehicle when traveling at this time of the year. Those who are forced to ride in open pickup beds are facing threat of exposure to the increased wind of a moving vehicle.

They are also in danger of possibly slipping and falling out of the vehicle and either being injured by the fall or possibly hit by another vehicle. They could also cause an accident if other drivers have to swerve to miss hitting the animal.

The floor in the truck bed can be extremely cold and can cause pain and possible damage to a dog's paws when he has to stand on it for any length of time. Try standing there yourself - even with socks on and you will soon be wanting to change location.

Did you know that a dog loose or improperly confined in the back of a truck is illegal and could bring a fine of over \$100 to the driver of the vehicle? As well as costs if a falling pet causes an accident.

Now you do.

Please remember these animals are part of your family and as such should be treated with love and dignity at all times.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Pete Harris celebrated his special day on December 2nd. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him. Pete is a mainstay in our shelter building and is very much appreciated.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

We at PAWS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the great volunteers and members who have made 2007 such a successful year. Our *Claudia's Place Animal Shelter* is moving ahead and will hopefully be ready for use in 2008.

We would also like to wish all the homeless animals and all the animals in poor situations our support and hope for a much brighter future for all of them.

Let's all try to make 2008 an even better year for the animals and for each other.

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CAPRICORN - 22 December - 20 January

"Capricorn pets look old before their time."

DOGS: They say that Capricorn dogs look old from the moment they are born but improve with age. The sign of Capricorn favours breeds that can withstand cold climates such as St Bernards or huskies and the practical earthly nature of this sign makes them unafraid of hard work. However, because they are Saturn ruled, they may take an exceedingly long time about anything they do. 'Walkies' with a Capricorn dog can be infuriating as they forever lag behind. They are stubborn and may ignore your commands or calls.

CATS: Some of the most selfish cats are born under the sign of Capricorn. They'll eat your food, take your treats, accept your affections then walk away as if you don't exist.

The Capricorn cat doesn't enjoy domesticity and is better suited to the wild- many strays are born under of this sign. Often Capricorn kittens are abandoned when very young. I afraid that your Capricorn cat can also be rather dull company but every sentient being deserves to be loved and it may be your task to love her- even if she's not the life and soul of the party

TRIVIA and TIDBITS (with apologies to the original)

On the first day of Christmas my human gave to me -

A dog bone on a dog mat.

On the second day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Two dog park visits and

On the third day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Three squirrels to chase,

On the fourth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Four milk bone biscuits,

On the fifth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Five brand new toys,

On the sixth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Six sofa cuddles,

On the seventh day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Seven tug-o-wars,

On the eighth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Eight conversations,

On the ninth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Nine good ear scratches,

On the tenth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Ten frisbee throws,

On the eleventh day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Eleven belly rubs,

On the twelfth day of Christmas my human gave to me -

Twelve "I love you's",

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.

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