



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

Work is continuing at the shelter with dry walling being the next project now getting under way. Funds are still needed to complete the shelter and get it to the open stage. Donations and grants are needed. If you know of any such funds we may be eligible to receive, please let us know. If you would like to know more about the building progress please call the office anytime.

PET PROFILE

Sidley is a large young neutered male dog. He is brindle in color. It appears he has some Irish Wolfhound along with perhaps some Great Dane. He is about 10 months old. Sidley is friendly and gentle and good with other dogs. He could use some obedience training and a lot of action – jogging, playing, hiking, etc. This is a dog who will love to work.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Tootsie is still waiting for her furever home. Her Border Collie side loves to run, play, herd and be very active. Her Rottweiler side loves to be with her people even when her stubbornness shows.

Wynnie is a longhaired, tortoiseshell colored cat. Raised by hand from birth she is very people oriented. Raised with small dogs she thinks she is a small dog and is afraid of cats!!

HAPPY TAILS

Angel the Shih Tzu has found her new home right here in Creston. She is part of a family as all pets should be. We wish her all the good fortune and happiness she missed in the first 5 years of her life.

PET POINTS

There was a lengthy article in the last Creston Valley Advance newspaper regarding dogs drinking water when out in the wild. Some ponds, swamps, etc. have blue-green algae which can prove fatal to dogs. If you are out camping or hiking please keep your pet out of any slow moving or stagnant water. They rely on us to keep them safe from such hazards – please don't let them down – it could cost them their lives and cost you your companion.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Dana Rittenhouse has been operating booths for various fund raisers.

- The 150 Celebration in Creston earned \$154.00.
- The 150 Celebration in Yahk where PAWS members helped with the kitchen, earned \$858.40.
- The first Raffle Ticket table at Extra Foods brought in a total of \$193.00.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS to the people who do their best to take care of stray or abandoned animals.

GRRRS to the people who abandon their pets to unimaginable horrors and a high chance of facing a long and torturous death.

BREED READ

THE COLLIE

Collies are known to be bright and brainy with a gentle demeanor. They are one of the best known and loved of all dog breeds. Lassie is undoubtedly the standard by which most people judge Collies.

Original Collies were more like the size and shape of Border Collies, not the large, heavy-coated breed we know today, and were predominantly black. They were bred for their herding abilities and they varied greatly in appearance.

Dogs who worked the rough terrain of Scotland's hill country and endured its cold, blustery winters had to be hardy and independent, able to work far from their masters. They had to be quick to respond to commands and able to solve problems on their own, for the lives of the sheep often depended on their responses and decisions. Queen Victoria began the first Collie fad.

Today the Collie comes in four color combinations: sable and white; tri-color; blue merle; and white (always with some colored markings; solid white dogs are unsound); and two varieties -- Rough-coated (long hair) and Smooth-coated (short hair).

Collies raised with children are affectionate and gentle with them. They also tend to be reserved but good-natured with strangers.

Collies are intelligent and sensitive and a joy to train. Few Collies are seen competing in obedience trials, for they find the routines in the ring repetitive and boring at the lowest level and they often lose interest. Collies must have a reason for doing what he is told to do.

There is no perfect breed, and Collies have their faults. The thick coat is more than many people can handle. If you can't spare about an hour a week for a thorough brushing, or if you can't bear hair on the furniture, then do yourself and your dog a favor and get a short-haired breed.

A well-bred Collie should be relatively calm and quiet, but alert. Some barking is a normal result of the breed's original herding style.

The breed is subject to a variety of health problems. They are particularly susceptible to bloat, and sometimes hip dysplasia. They can be sensitive to certain drugs, including some types of heartworm preventatives, and may react more strongly than other breeds to inadvertent overdosing of insecticides. Collies have sensitive skin that can lead to persistent skin infections, and some get a condition known as "Collie nose," a peeling rash on the end of the muzzle, when exposed to sunlight. They are also susceptible to dermatomyositis, an inherited inflammatory disease of skin, muscles, and sometimes blood vessels. The most pervasive problem in Collies is "Collie eye syndrome."

Collies live about ten years although some hardy ones live longer. To stay healthy it needs daily walks and play sessions. The thick coat makes it difficult to detect if the dog is overweight or underweight, so weight should be monitored carefully. Excess weight puts a terrible strain on the joints as the dog ages.

Their gentleness makes them excellent therapy dogs, and the smooth-coated variety has served as couriers in war, companions for the handicapped, and on search and rescue teams.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

One of our members added another birthday this month. Best wishes to Dave Fowler.

Congratulations to two member pairs who celebrated anniversaries during the last month. Lynn and Bill and Dana and John are also sent best wishes for their special days.

DID YOU KNOW?

WORDS TO LIVE BY

10 COMMANDMENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE PET COMPANIONS (Previously "pet owners")

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me - it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I HAVE ONLY YOU!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll NEVER forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, " I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for ME if you are there. Remember, I love you.

For all the love and enjoyment that animals give to us, I think that these rules are the LEAST that we can offer in return.

Submitted by Kim Asquith

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

A DOG SITS WAITING

A dog sits waiting in the cold autumn sun,
too faithful to leave, too frightened to run.
He's been there for days now with nothing to do but sit by the road,
just waiting for you.

He can't understand why you left him that day.
He thought you and he were just stopping to play.
He's sure you'll come back and that's why he stays.
How long will he suffer? How many more days?

His legs have grown weak now, his throat's parched and dry.
He's sick now from hunger and falls.
With a sigh he lays down his head, and closes his eyes.
I wish you could see how a waiting dog dies.....

COMING ATTRACTIONS

There are two more ticket tables coming on September 20th and September 27th.

Bake Sales will be starting just before Thanksgiving so dig out your recipes!!

If you could help tend the table at one or more of these events please let us know. We need everyone to show their support of our work by helping us to earn money for the building fund. Help the helpless and homeless have a safe place to live while looking for their new homes.

