



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE

The drywalling is nearly finished. Once that is completed the heating can be installed so our generous volunteer workers won't have to work in winter conditions.

The large supply room door is being installed. The siding is also to be added soon.

Before long we could hold meetings there. We only need to find about a one or two dozen stacking chairs in good condition and we can have our meetings there!!

PET PROFILE

Meet Cherry – she is about 2 months old, a tortoiseshell colored cat. Found in the cherry orchard (hence her name) she really wants a nice home of her own. She is friendly to all people, adults and children, and dogs. This young girl is very striking with her coloring.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

These pets are still waiting for their furever homes:

Sidley – the Irish Wolfhound mix.

Mocha-Latte is a rat terrier who has to find a new home.

Valentine – a white Shepherd mix. He is good with other dogs, cats, kids and people. He is about one year old, neutered, has his shots and only needs that special home with a fenced yard to call his own.

HAPPY TAILS

Tootsie – the Rottie cross youngster has gone to her new home in Elkford. She will be able to spend Christmas with her new family. Vicki will miss this bundle of energy.

Wynnie – the long haired tortoiseshell cat has gone on a trial visit. We hope this works out for her and her potential new family.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

It is with great reluctance PAWS says goodbye to our present Treasurer – Angie Pawson. While Angie will remain a member she is stepping down as the money manager. We thank her for her dedication to this very important job for PAWS. We will certainly miss her.

PURRS and GRRRS

PURRS to the pet companions who take care to protect their pets from adverse weather with coats, indoor shelter, a bit more food if needed and fresh **unfrozen** water at all times.

GRRRS to those who continue to transport their animals on the icy cold metal truck beds with no proper shelter for the weather conditions and without adequate confinement which could prove deadly.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

PAWS will need a bookkeeper before the end of the year. The requirements are: to keep the books up to date, pick up mail, mail out cheques, make deposits, and all the other things that go with keeping financial records up-to-date. We can help train you for our needs. If you have bookkeeping skills and would like to donate about one or two days a week please call us.

PAWS also really needs people to help run the office on a one day a week shift. This requires answering phone calls and e-mails, filing, tending the office cat, and numerous other chores. If you would be interested please call us at the office and leave a message so we can respond.

We are also looking for volunteers, foster homes, fund raisers and property development. Please contact the office if you could help in one or more of these areas.

Our November Concert Concession earned us \$178.37 thanks to all the wonderful baking our volunteer bakers supplied. We get great compliments on the variety and quality of our home made goodies.

Our annual Dinner Dance is over for another year. Once again we had a sold out attendance. Our Balloon Draw was as popular as ever with the popping producing a fireworks-sound. The prizes matching the numbered tickets inside the balloons were then collected by the balloon poppers. Munro's produced a great buffet supper again and it was appreciated by all the diners. There was a great response from local merchants with donations for our Auction. Dance music was supplied by the "Kings of Kitchener" band.

The bar was operated by Kristina Mooney and Rae Duthie and was well attended by customers.

The official PAWS calendars are ready to be purchased for \$20 each. It features rescue pets as well as our Therapy Dogs this year. They are available at the PAWS office, Vet Clinics, Sunset Seed, Lil Mutt, Black Bear Books and Kootenay Medical Supply. Be sure to get yours for Christmas.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Vicki McDonald has been one of the main supports for the operation of PAWS and she has been the driving force behind the construction of the shelter. She has taken in numerous foster dogs (about 170 including a large number of the Topaz Creek dogs) and has reluctantly parted with most of them to their forever homes. All four of her dogs were originally rescues which Vicki and Jim have adopted.

Nothing is too difficult for this talented lady – treasurer, government paperwork, grant writing, attending meetings and training sessions, educating the public and school children, helping retrain dogs and their human companions, checking on animals in need, spearheading the Annual Dinner Dance, helping with Concert Concessions and Bake Sales, etc. etc. etc. And of course, being a great reliable friend to all members and their pets. She has expressed her intention of stepping down as President (a 6 year term!!) PAWS will miss her leadership but we are thankful that she will continue to give us a guiding hand.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Christmas season can be especially dangerous for the inquisitive minds of pets. Tinsel can be lethal for the cat or dog who likes the feel of it on their teeth. Many streamers can also have this effect. Glass ornaments can be enticing to a playful pet but could be broken and shards ingested or pieces could easily cut into paws or mouths.

Plants such as poinsettias can prove deadly to a taste-testing pet. Candy, particularly chocolate, smells delicious to a pet but can also cause illness and death. Some pets find candles fun things to chew which can lead to internal poisoning as well.

Even the ribbons and tissue paper on presents can be an irresistible toy to some pets.

Please make sure your valued pet is not prone to any such habits before allowing the two to meet. We want all our pets to enjoy this Christmas and more to come.

PET PANTRY

MICROWAVE DOGGIE DONUTS

2 cups whole wheat flour
1 egg, lightly beaten

3 tablespoons oatmeal
1 teaspoon garlic powder

2/3 cup beef or chicken broth

Put flour in a bowl, add egg and broth, mix well.

Blend in oatmeal and garlic powder.

Roll dough into a ball, roll out on a lightly floured surface to ½" thick. Cut with small doughnut cutters.

Re-roll scraps and repeat.

Arrange on a shallow baking dish or on a sheet of parchment paper in a single layer.

Cook on HIGH 10 minutes or until firm. Let cool until hardened.

Store in covered container in refrigerator.

From www.recipeusa.org/PET.htm

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

When traveling with your pet be sure to pack his suitcase, too. Take extra precautions as dogs and cats are more susceptible to accidents in unfamiliar environments.

EXTRA TAGS: Bring an extra set of tags that has a local telephone number and address, along with your cellphone number, so you can be reached if your pet goes missing. A PAWS ID tag is perfect as it is valid no matter where you travel and a message can be left at any time.

RECENT PHOTOGRAPH: If you need help finding your pet, show the picture to hotel staff and local authorities. Make copies to post in the area where the pet was lost.

LEASH and FLASHLIGHT: When walking in a new area, owners are more likely to get distracted, and pets are more likely to wander. Even dogs who are accustomed to being off-leash should be restrained. If you are walking at night you will need a flashlight to see where you are going and possibly find your lost pet.

MEDICAL RECORDS: Emergency trips to a vet will go more smoothly when your pet's health history is available.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, December 7th is the date for **PET PICTURES WITH SANTA**. It will be held at Morris Greenhouse from 10 am to 3 pm. Refreshments will be available. The cost of the pictures is by donation to PAWS. All pets are welcome. Santa is used to cats, dogs, rabbits and even chickens!

Christmas Bake Sale will be held on December 13th and 14th (Friday and Saturday) at Extra Foods Store.

This is the biggest Bake Sale of our year. Anyone who would like to bake for us or help tend the table can leave a message at the PAWS office.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

The past month has been a busy one for special dates:

The first of the month was special for Diana and Ken who celebrated an anniversary – even though Diana was away to the US on a training session for Noah's wish. Many more anniversaries are wished for both of you.

On the 12th of November Audrey and Helmut also celebrated an anniversary.

The 13th of November was the day Helmut celebrated his birthday – many great wishes, Helmut.

Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. The must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!
..... Anne Tyler

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

RESCUE HELP NEEDED ASAP !!!!!!!

Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for an exotic rare breed dog, we were finally notified by the breeder that at long last, our number has come up, and... WE'RE HAVING A PUPPY!

We must IMMEDIATELY get rid of our children now, because we just KNOW how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be! Since our puppy will be arriving on Monday, we MUST place the children in new homes this weekend!!!

They are described as: One male, white, brown hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Name is David. Temperament tested. Current on all shots. Tonsils removed already and very healthy condition! David eats everything, is very clean, house trained and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little time and training, he will do well in a new home.

One male, brown hair, blue eyes. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. His name is Jared. Temperament tested, but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. He is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy and happy (mostly.) Gets along well with little boys, but does not like to share toys. He is house trained, and would do best in a one child household.

We really LOVE our children, and want to do what is best for them. I hope you understand, that ours is a UNIQUE situation, and we have a real emergency here! They MUST be placed by Sunday night at the latest. anonymous

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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