



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE**

The inside painting is now complete thanks to our wonderful painting crew.

The dropped ceiling is being installed as well as the lighting. Maybe we will have real lights in the building soon!

Next will be the trim to finish the rooms. After that we should be able to begin moving office furnishings and equipment into place.

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

**Chloe and Meggie** – Our 2 older Shih Tzu/Bichon pair are still looking for their elusive furever home.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

**Amy** has been adopted and will be making her new home right here in Creston. We may get to see her from time to time.

## **PET POINTS**

If your dog panics during thunderstorms be sure to keep them safely inside and try some of these ideas:

- Give your dog Rescue Remedy (available at health food stores)
- Give your dog Melatonin (available over the counter at drug stores)
- Put a leash on your dog and keep him/her right beside you
- Do not fuss over the dog as that only makes the panic worse
- Keep a radio or TV on to help mask the noise

## **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

Once again Lori Cameron of Tigz Designs has sent a nice donation to PAWS from the sale of her beautiful pet cards. You can check them out at various locations including Creston Vet Clinic. These make the perfect card for the animal lover in your circle of friends.

Please make certain to include your pets in family “lists” such as disaster plan (have their supplies, medical needs, etc.), short term emergency care givers in case of an accident, long term care givers noted in your will, etc. Leave instructions for your pets’ needs and welfare with a trusted friend.

PAWS can help with the long term care of your pet. Please contact our office for further information on ways we can assist you and your animal companions.

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

You can always help the Building Fund by doing a little fund raising on your own. Perhaps a portion of your yard sales, baby sitting money, sale of garden produce, etc. Every little bit helps.



The new Town of Creston By-Laws controlling cats is now in effect. For further information contact the Town of Creston. All cats must now be registered and licensed and there are restrictions on the number of pets allowed per household. Since the feral cat trapping has begun please make sure your own pet cat is safely confined indoors so it will not be trapped.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Popular Flea Products Can Hurt Your Cat**

In light of recent government scrutiny of flea and tick products, pet parents are cautioned to use care when applying any over-the-counter or prescription flea and tick solutions. Spot-on products—topical insecticides applied to the skin—generally kill fleas and ticks by targeting their nervous systems. But if misapplied, these products can have devastating consequences for our furry friends.

According to new data when cats are treated properly and according to label directions, fewer than 2% experience major illness, while nearly 20% suffer major problems when the solution is used incorrectly. “Cats especially are extremely sensitive to insecticides,” says Dr. Steven Hansen, ASPCA Veterinary Toxicologist and Senior Vice President of Animal Health Services. “Just a few drops of concentrated permethrin, present in many spot-on treatments designed for dogs, can be lethal to cats.”

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which regulates topical pet treatments, says the number of reported incidents from spot-on flea and tick treatments increased more than 50% in 2008. As a result of the increase, the EPA announced last month that it’s evaluating all spot-on products.

Here’s some advice for keeping your pet safe from fleas *and* insecticides this summer:

- Confirm your pet has fleas by identifying common signs such as scabs, excessive scratching and droppings (known as “flea dirt”) in your pet’s coat.
- Talk to your vet about choosing the right, species-specific flea treatment for your pet and *never* use products made for dogs on cats, and vice versa.
- Avoid applying flea powders and sprays in addition to a spot-on treatment—the chemicals in different products can have adverse reactions with each other.
- Clean your house, including rugs, bedding and upholstery, and discard any used vacuum bags. Since fleas love long, unkempt grass, remember to treat and maintain your yard as carefully as your home.

If you suspect your pet is having a reaction from a flea infestation or topical flea and tick product, please contact your veterinarian immediately.

From ASPCA

## **SIT - STAY**

When beginning to train with your dog, reward him with treats for doing anything correctly. Once he has learned the action (sit, stay, down, come, out, off, etc.) begin substituting praise for the treats. Slowly change his reward for correct behavior to praise only. One of the best investments you can make for you and your pet is to take part in professional training. Both you and your pet will learn at these classes. You will learn how to teach and discipline your dog the correct way and your dog will learn what all the mysterious commands you give him really mean. You will soon have an obedient and well trained dog who will be welcome anywhere.

*Dogs consider humans as gods who allow them to live with them.*

*Cats consider humans as staff.*

## 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 your waiting dog dies.....

### **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.

### **CRESTON PET ADOPTION & WELFARE SOCIETY**

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