



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE**

The office and lobby are ready for their final clean up. Then we can begin moving into the front part of the shelter. It would be great to have this completed before the real winter sets in for good.

## **PET PROFILE**

**Mim:** is a very beautiful girl who is a Boxer-German Pointer. This bundle of energy is wrapped in a beautiful spotted coat. She would love to find her furever home with someone who loves action as much as she does. Mim is young and can offer many exciting years to her new family.

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

**Spitz** is young, cute, fuzzy and feline. This little girl is only 3 months of age

**Amy** is a young Black Lab-Border Collie who is very energetic and intelligent. She is spayed and has her shots. Amy has some training, is good left alone, loves car rides and is leash trained. This youngster loves kids, other dogs and cats. She would be a good service dog or Therapy dog.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

**Willie** has found his new home right here in Creston with PAWS members who fell for his charm and energy. We hope to see him mature and visit us often.

**Linus** will be making his furever home with his foster parents Lily and Ted!! Congratulations to all.

**Puffy**, the kitten, will go to make her new home with her new family in Penticton this week.

## **TEARS and GOODBYES**

Sadly one of our foster dogs lost her battle with renal failure. Lucy was a very quiet, gentle Malti-Poo who was about 14 years old. She was a PAWS pet for less than 2 months but she will be remembered and missed.

## **PET POINTS**

There have been some incidents of accidental poisoning of pets in our area recently. Most of these are the results of pets ingesting poison set out for mice. Dogs will often eat the bait while cats usually eat the mouse that has just been poisoned. Since poison is very quick acting it is imperative to rush your pet to the veterinarian if you suspicion it may have ingested poison in some way. Fast intervention by your veterinarian may save the life of your pet companion.

If you know of anyone setting out poison try speaking to them about using pet friendly bait to prevent pet deaths. There are alternative baits which do not pose a threat to pets. It is illegal to set out poison on public land or on any property other than that owned by the person setting the poison.

This danger also applies to anti-freeze which is another peril for animals – cats in particular. Pets like to lick the sweet liquid and it is often fatal to them. Again – use pet friendly anti-freeze to avoid harming innocent pets.

## **HEALTH HINTS**

Cats lick anything that adheres to their fur, and many cleaning products are toxic if inhaled by pets or people. The best way to protect all members of a household is to use environmentally friendly, non-toxic cleaning solutions.

### **Dangerous Housecleaning Products**

Certain products should be avoided whenever possible due to their high toxicity. The products most toxic to pets and people are:

***Chemical cleaners containing phenol and phenol derivatives such as naphthol, wood tar, and creosote*** – Cats can die if they consume these ingredients or inhale the fumes.

***Chlorine*** – A common ingredient in household bleach, toxic if inhaled or licked.

***Toilet bowl and drain cleaners*** – They contain corrosive alkalis and acids, physical contact with these products can damage eyes and skin.

### **Non-Toxic Alternatives**

Environmentally friendly cleaning solutions are pet-friendly and people-friendly as well. Some of the top choices for non-toxic household cleaning include:

***Baking soda*** – This is good for cleaning bathrooms, removing soap scum, and is far safer than chemical cleaners. It should be used with caution as a cat that eats baking soda may suffer a chemical imbalance. Residues should be thoroughly rinsed from surfaces.

***Environmentally friendly commercial products*** – Green cleaners are derived from plant extracts. Common brands include Seventh Generation and Simple Green.

***Lemon juice*** – Lemon juice is safe, but citrus oil, often used in furniture polish, can be toxic to cats and dogs. Furniture polish can be made from lemon juice rather than citrus oil: mix 1 part lemon juice with 2 parts olive or vegetable oil and apply with a soft cloth. A vinegar and oil solution may also be used, and the amount of oil can be reduced if it leaves the wood too oily.

***Stabilized chlorine dioxide*** – This odourless disinfectant kills viruses, bacteria, and fungi, but does not harm cells or generate toxic by-products.

***Vinegar*** – Vinegar is great for killing bacteria and odours on kitchen surfaces, cutting boards, and windows, as well as removing stains from clothing.

### **De-Clogging Drains Without Toxic Chemicals**

Some of the harshest household chemicals can be found in commercial drain de-clogging products. Try the following environmentally friendly recipes for eliminating drain clogs:

1 cup baking soda, 1 cup heated vinegar, 2 quarts hot water – Pour the baking soda down the drain first, followed by the vinegar, and pour the water in 5 minutes later; repeat several times if necessary.

1 cup baking soda, ½ cup salt – Pour both down the drain and leave for several hours (preferably overnight); then flush the drain with 2 cups of boiling water.

### **Removal of Pet Odours and Stains**

Non-toxic enzymatic cleaners can be used to remove stains and odours caused by cat urine. Nature's Miracle not only removes odours and stains, but also the chemical markers in the urine that encourage a cat to urinate in the same place over and over again. Other popular enzymatic cleaners include Zero Odor and X-O.

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Our Concert Concession held on September 27<sup>th</sup> brought in \$99.52 to help our bank account which is at an all time low amount right now.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Winter is one of the most dangerous times of the year for dogs. Are you prepared for your dog's cold weather care? Just because our furry friends have natural "coats" to keep them warm, that doesn't mean they don't feel the chill. Falling temperatures can be just as brutal on your dog as they are on you.

During cold weather, take special precautions to keep your dog comfortable, both indoors and out. A nice warm sweater, a comfy heated bed ... these things can make a real difference.

When harsh weather comes, it is much more uncomfortable for your dog to go outdoors. But regardless of the weather, he must still go out several times a day.

So, how much outside time is too much for your dog? Here's a good rule of thumb. When you're out with your dog and you start to feel cold and uncomfortable, it's a pretty safe bet that your dog will be feeling it, too.

During the cold snowy months ahead, your dog will run the risk of picking up rock salt, ice and chemicals on his paws each time he uses the sidewalks, driveway and streets. There is a tendency for dogs to lick the salt off their paws, which can cause inflammation in the digestive tract. That's why it's so important to wipe your dog's paws thoroughly every time he comes inside, and make sure there are no ice balls between his toes or on the soles of his feet.

Whether you have a dog that loves to play in the snow or a timid pup that just dashes out quickly to do his "business", your dog can get mighty dirty every time he goes out that door. It's up to you to clean him up ... but you will need to take special precautions.

It's risky to bathe your dog in cold weather because he could easily catch a cold. Keep baths short, dry him quickly and keep him as warm as possible to prevent chills and illness.

Here are some good cold weather rules to follow:

1. Never bathe your dog outdoors in cold weather.
2. Never let a wet dog outside in the winter.
3. Wash your dog indoors in a warm place.
4. Make it quick. Bathe and dry your dog as quickly as possible.
5. Turn up the heat in your home before giving your dog a bath.
6. After his bath, "towel dry" your dog. Or, use a hair dryer set to "low" to dry him even faster.
7. During cold weather, exercise is a good way to stimulate circulation and warm your dog after a bath.

## **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Congratulations to Helmut Breitenbucher on his recent birthday.

Congratulations also to Diana and Ken as well as Audrey and Helmut on their anniversaries.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Dinner Dance and Silent Auction – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rec Center

Santa Pet Pictures – Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Morris Greenhouse

Christmas Bake Sale – Thursday and Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Overwaitea

## **TRIVIA and TIDBITS**

There I sat, alone and afraid,  
You got a call and came right to my aid.  
You bundled me up with blankets and love.  
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.  
I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold.  
That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold.  
You taught me what love is, you helped me to mend.  
You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.  
And just when I thought you'd done all you do,  
There came along not one new lesson, but two.  
First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.  
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."  
Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss.  
Along came a new family, they even have kids!  
They took me to their home, forever to stay.  
At first I thought you sent me away.  
Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.  
No matter how far, you will always be near.  
And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.  
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.  
But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.  
You never really give your fosters away.  
You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.  
We may never meet again, and now I know why.  
You'll remember I lived with you for a time.  
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

- Author Unknown

## **TAIL END**

Important Links:

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494

Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910

Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance – 250-352-2228

PAWS office – 428-7297

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

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 the Vet Clinic, Sunset Seed and Lil' Mutt Grooming. Or check with PAWS - 1420 Northwest Boulevard - or check 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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