



# **PAWPRINTS**



## **CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

The Caretaker Cottage is rapidly taking shape. With a few days of co-operation from the weather it will soon be completed. At this time our care-taker, Misty Driscoll, is “camping out” in the shelter. She has been training to take over from our stretched-thin volunteers on the Tuck In and Wake Up chores. I am sure these volunteers will be happy to have some free evenings again. Misty and her pets will be glad to have their very own home soon.

Our last meeting until September has come and gone. If anyone has questions please feel free to call the office as our work there still goes on as usual. Of course, as usual, we need more volunteers. If you find you can give a few hours a week to the shelter pets please call the office for details.

Our recent Clean-Up Day was a success with a good turn out of volunteers. The grass has been cut as well as many odd jobs completed. Inside there was a flurry of cleaners and “fixers” in every room. The shelter looks so much better. Thanks to all those who participated – we couldn’t do it without you!

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

Four cute, cuddly, tiny kittens have found a spot in the shelter to grow up a little. They are only a few weeks old so are not ready to adopt yet. Cagney, Casey, Cammie and Casper are entertaining the staff at every opportunity and spreading their furry love around.

### **HAPPY TAILS**

**Teagan**, our Bichon/Shih Tzu has found her very own home locally. We hope to see her occasionally.  
**Smokey**, one of our Cat Pad residents has gone on to his own residence.

### **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Our first Concert Concession this month brought in \$159.18 towards helping our shelter pets.

Our second Concert Concession this month brought in \$172.37 for the shelter funds.

Thanks to all the bakers who gave of their baking skills to make each Concession a success.

A special thank you to Lynn and Paul Coates for doing such a great job with the Concessions this year.

They have taken on the organizing, setting up, serving and putting away for each Concession.

There were several Raffle Ticket sales held before the draw on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the shelter.

Winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Weekend Get-Away in Leavenworth – Mr. Jackman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Handmade Planter and Afghan - Ms. Bzdel

3<sup>rd</sup>: Pet and Person Basket – Ms. Farmer

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all those who supported us by purchasing tickets.

## **PET POINTS**

### **HYPERACTIVE PETS ANONYMOUS**

This is not a real organization, but frisky pets seem to be a group all on their own. When you have spunky pets you can feel a bit estranged from the rest of the pet owner world.

After working a long, hard day you come home to a ransacked house with draperies on the floor, clothing scattered everywhere, glasses tipped over or broken, papers ripped to shreds, and scratches and teeth prints in the furniture. You may think, "What's up with my pet? Why MY pet? Why can't he just behave while I'm out?" You are not alone.

Frisky behavior is quite normal for pets and often happens when they are bored. They can get a bit jittery when they're scared or nervous. Here are some tips that may help:

1. Refrain from scolding and chasing your pet if you've caught him after the fact. Many pets may not remember far back enough to connect the scolding with what they have done. Catching them in the act is the best time to let them know that their behavior is unacceptable.
2. Reward your pet with a treat anytime he shows good behavior.
3. Spend time with your pet each day - perhaps for exercise or for play.
4. A healthy pet can learn good behaviors. Be sure to keep your pet on a healthy diet so that his bones, muscles and brain can continue to develop.
5. Give him some toys. This way he has a few things to keep him busy while you're gone.
6. Help your pet to relax. A great way to do this is by massaging him and playing relaxing classical music. This can help soothe both you and your pet - when you come home to a mess, or when both of you just need to unwind.

## **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer of the Month is another couple this month: Kim and Jon Waddell. Between these two we have help in the office, working with the dogs and many special events. Both of these members are willing to turn their hands to whatever needs doing. On behalf of the shelter residents and staff – Thanks!!

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

PAWS will host a dance in Canyon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be available at Black Bear Books and the PAWS office. Come enjoy the *Full Circle* band. A bar will be available as well as snacks and coffee. Help support a good cause and have an enjoyable evening.

## **PET PANTRY**

### **HOMEMADE PEANUT BUTTER DOG BISCUITS**

---

1½ cups water	½ cup vegetable oil	2 eggs
2 tbs vanilla	¼ cup crunchy peanut butter	2½ cups whole wheat flour
¾ cup flour	1 cup cornmeal	¾ rolled oats

Mix wet ingredients. Mix dry ingredients. Pour liquids into dry ingredients. Mix smooth. Roll into ball. Turn out on floured board. Roll or pat to ¼" – ½" thick.

Cut as desired. Put on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 400' for 20 minutes. Turn off oven and leave biscuits in oven for another hour.

*We give them the love we can spare, the time we can spare. In return dogs have given us their absolute all. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made. Roger Caras "A Celebration of Dogs"*

## **MEOW-SSAGES**

### **HYPERTENSION IN CATS**

A systolic reading consistently exceeding 160 mm Hg in the cat is considered high. Diastolic pressure in cats should not exceed the 100 to 110 mm Hg.

#### **Causes**

- Chronic kidney disease
- Diseases of the endocrine system such as Cushing's disease
- Tumors of the adrenal gland causing Cushing's disease or Conn's disease
- Drugs
- Central nervous system disorders.

Some cases of hypertension have no known cause. A cat predisposed to kidney disease is more likely to develop hypertension. Hypertension can affect your cat by causing injury to organs including: brain, eyes, heart, kidneys and blood vessels.

#### **What to Watch For**

- Depression
- Behavioral changes
- Sudden blindness
- Symptoms related to underlying diseases

#### **Diagnosis**

Diagnostic tests may include:

- Complete medical history and physical examination of the eyes, nervous system, heart and kidneys should be completed.
- Diagnosis requires measurement of arterial blood pressure. The pressure must be determined with either a Doppler flow device or an oscillometric device. Cats can have an "artificially" elevated blood pressure if they become excited. The vet makes repeated measurements of blood pressure before making a diagnosis of hypertension. This may require a brief hospitalization to allow repeated measurements in a calm patient.
- The underlying cause of hypertension must be identified and this may require blood tests of endocrine function, X-rays or ultrasound examination of abdominal organs.

#### **Treatment**

- The underlying cause of hypertension should be treated. This treatment should be individualized for the patient and the associated problems.
- Very high blood pressure with severe clinical signs or evidence of a stroke should be treated aggressively. It requires hospital treatment with drugs to lower blood pressure.
- Chronic treatment of hypertension in cats usually begins with a calcium channel blocker, amlodipine.
- Usually a reduction in weight and dietary sodium will be recommended. Without drug therapy, these measures will be ineffective in controlling hypertension in cats.

#### **Home Care and Prevention**

Administer treatments as prescribed and schedule regular follow-up visits to ensure that treatment is successfully controlling the blood pressure. Monitor your cat's activity, alertness, appetite and general quality of life on a regular basis.

## **PURRS and GRRRS**

**Purrs:** to all the people who choose to give a homeless cat a home rather than supporting puppy/kitten mills by buying a pet from a pet store.

**Grrrs:** to the people who do not spay or neuter their pet and then let them roam around at will which soon adds to the pet overpopulation and homeless pets.

## **BREED READ**

### **MAINE COON CAT**

**Color:** The classic Maine Coon is a brown tabby or brown tabby with white, but the breed is available in virtually every hue, with the exception of chocolate and lavender colors, or pointed or ticked tabby patterns. Their eyes are golden to green, though white Maine Coons can be blue or odd-eyed.

**Grooming:** That long coat is deceptively easy to care for. A good combing twice a week eliminates matting and reduces shedding and hairballs. Most will endure and many actually enjoy an occasional bath when introduced to the ritual as a kitten.

**Best Home:** Maine Coons take it all in stride. They do well in both active and quiet households.

**Personality:** Called "gentle giants," Maine Coons accept people and activities with easy-going grace. Affectionate and social, they love to be near their owners, play fetch and can be taught to stroll on a leash.

**Appearance:** Maine Coons are known for their large size, with females averaging up to 16 pounds and males up to 18, with some tipping the scales at 20-plus pounds. With a long, shaggy coat that lays close to the body, a bushy long tail, tufted paw pads and large ears adorned with furry tufts and "lynx tips" on top, their build reflects the Maine Coon's origins in the cold Northeast.

## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

When traveling with your pet pack his suitcase, too.

**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.

**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 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.

## **TAIL END**

Important Links:

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494

PAWS office – 428-7297

Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

Trail SPCA – 250-368-5910

Animal Control (Town of Creston only) – 428-2214

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.

PAWS is operated by un-paid volunteers. Funding comes from grants, donations and fund-raising.

### **PAWS is a NO-KILL shelter.**

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

2805 Lower Wynndel Road, Creston, BC V0B 1G8

Phone: 250-428-7297 (428-PAWS)

Email: [paws@kootenay.com](mailto:paws@kootenay.com) Website: [www.paws-crestonbc.org](http://www.paws-crestonbc.org)