



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Our Caretaker's Cottage is finally finished. It has been passed by the building inspector so will soon be occupied by our Caretaker.

Anyone coming to the shelter with a dog needs to be sure it is on a leash **before** entering the yard in front of the shelter. This will prevent any dog squabbles from happening.

Did you know that everyone who wants to volunteer **in the shelter** must be a member in good standing? This will satisfy the government as well as our insurance carrier.

We have had an outbreak of Giardia among the dogs. This has been medicated and seems much better. Since it seems to be environmentally triggered we are trying different kennel cleaning methods as well as disinfecting their pool, toys, etc. All dogs are banned from the "swamp" as a precaution.

With the recent health issues in the dogs and cats we are having to be stricter in such areas as hand washing and making sure visiting pets have their shots and do not mingle with shelter animals.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

Lester, another little black kitten has become part of a foster family while looking for a new home.

Chevy was surrendered in a thin condition. She is the mother of Charlie, our little Shar Pei/Great Dane mix puppy. She has been spayed. Now she is in training with Diana for a Service Dog.

Jeff, is a surrendered Shih Tzu/Bichon who is being fostered locally.

Hank, a friendly Newfie/Lab mix has been surrendered.

Soot and Sampson, both males, and **Sheila**, their sister, have taken up residence in the Critter Room.

These young kittens came without their mittens and will be isolated until old enough for their shots.

Brutus is a Boston Terrier who is young and untrained. He is a surrender who hates his feet touched.

Thunder, a very active black Lab came as a stray and appears to now be staying with PAWS.

Missed: (forgot to list these canines last month so special mention this time:

Barney and Tommy – two young Shepherd mix pups who are brothers to Tassie and Frieda. Both of these young boys are going into Service Dog training.

JUST VISITING

Bella, a blue-eyed husky was reclaimed by her breeder.

Beverly, (family name Kali), a collie mix spent only a few hours with us before being reclaimed.

Bill the Boxer, made a brief stop over while avoiding the thunder storm.

Clancy (real name is Cody) made a brief stop over while waiting for his human to locate him.

George, (Gibson) was soon located and reclaimed by his owners.

Iris, another lovely boxer, who was probably upset by the recent thunder storm.

Lizzy, (family name of Fiona) was quickly reunited with her family.

Pepper, spent a couple of days with us before being reclaimed as Sadie.

Starla (family name Susie) was also reclaimed by a very worried family.

Storm, named after the storm he was trying to avoid, was reclaimed.

HAPPY TAILS

Bandit, our long eared wonderful Basset, has established a new residence with his new family.

Barney and **Tommy** are being tested for Service Dog qualities.

Bruno has gone to make his home with a family in Cranbrook.

Bryce the cat with unique markings has found his new home.

Casper the kitten has also gone to his new purrfect home.

Charlie, our active happy Shar Pei mix pup has gone to his new furever home in New Westminster.

Dougie, has recovered well from his leg surgery and is loving his recuperation in his adopted home.

Hudson, who was at the Cranbrook SPCA has been adopted by a family in Kelowna.

Rogue has taken his furry body off to his new home locally. He is the cat who abhors dogs and goes into attack mode if one goes through "his" hallway. Dogs – breathe easier now!!

INCIDENTS

A call came in about a husky that had been hit on the highway a short distance from the ferry landing.

Lynn C. and Lee responded. Unfortunately the dog had died of her injuries. The owner arrived to take her home just before we got there.

PET POINTS

August is "hot" for pets, too. When you are enjoying the sun don't forget your pets. Keep in mind that these furry companions can overheat quite quickly. Never leave them alone in the car even for a few minutes. Remember to keep identification on them at all times when at the beach, camping, etc.

There are also dangers in the water to be aware of when letting your dog swim. Make sure they are not in water with lots of algae or other slimy stuff. They may drink some and wind up with one of several water borne illnesses. There may also be underwater hazards such as weeds, ropes, sharp metal, etc. which can entangle or injure your pet.

Thunderstorms and fireworks are common in the summer which can cause a fearful dog to bolt and run away blindly while trying to escape what they perceive as a danger. Keep them indoors in a safe area and, of course, have identification on them in case they wind up lost.

HEALTHY HINTS

It may be the best-known designer drug of its time, but Prozac's a killer for your pets. The Poison Control Center takes many calls a year for pet poisoning; several of those involve pets ingesting anti-depressants like Prozac. Dogs like to crush medicine bottles with their large back molars, often resulting in overdoses.

PURRS and GRRRS

Purrs for all the pet owners who help their pet stay cool, comfortable and safe all summer.

Grrrs to those people who still leave their pets in the back of a pick up where the hot metal can burn their feet. The pet is also left vulnerable to the sun and heatstroke.

She had no particular breed in mind, no unusual requirements. Except the special sense of mutual recognition that tells dog and human they have both come to the right place. --Lloyd Alexander, American writer.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

This month, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked to complete PAWS major new project, our administration and security building. These heroes worked long and hard often in horrible weather and uncomfortable conditions. So thank you Jon and Kim, Eric, Ted and Avis, Al, Paul, Misty, Vicki, Bill, Ted H. and our famous paintbrush lady Lynn. Plus everyone who chipped in and contributed in whatever way they could...even the cheering on helped! This building is a tribute to the wonderful dedication of PAWS volunteers. We have passed inspection, THANK YOU TEAM!!

MEOW-SSAGES

Whisker Communication

A cat's whiskers are like a radar guidance system, with a bundle of nerve endings telegraphing details about everything the cat touches, as well as shifts in air pressure. His whiskers are the same width as his body, letting him know whether he'll be able to get through a narrow opening or fit behind the TV set.

But whiskers are also navigators. These bristly hairs, found above his eyelids, around his muzzle and on the lower, inside part of his forelegs, help cats move smoothly in darkness. Sensitive to changes in the air current around an unknown object, whiskers enable the cat to avoid the obstacle.

A hunting cat uses its whiskers to zero in on the outline of its prey, letting it know where to strike. Damaged whiskers hamper its aim. A cat's facial whiskers are also mood indicators. Stiff, forward-pointing whiskers mean the cat is aggressive. An angry cat's whiskers are tightly pulled back against its face. And a contented cat's whiskers are picture-perfect, forward, with a slightly downward angle.

BREED READ

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

German Shepherd Dogs are noble, diligent, loyal and highly intelligent dogs. They are large in size and have very streamlined, athletic builds which make them both strong and agile. Though they are excellent herding dogs, German Shepherds are very well suited to service with police and military operations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Warm Weather Hazards

Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions	Fertilizers
Blue-green algae in ponds	Flea products
Citronella candles	Fly baits containing methomyl
Cocoa mulch	Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
Compost piles	Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde
	Swimming-pool treatment supplies

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

Did you know that most dogs love raw carrots as treats?

Did you know that most dogs will benefit from a bit of yogurt added to their meals?

Did you know that dried wiener slices are great training treats?

Did you know that a swallow family has taken up residence under our eaves?

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Keep these common-sense tips in mind when traveling with your pet:

- Never let your pet loose in an unfamiliar, area unless it's securely fenced in. It is a good idea to double collar and leash dogs for restroom stops when traveling by car.
- Take your pet on short trips to see if she likes it and if she gets motion sickness.
- Don't take your pet to Europe the first time it gets on a plane.
- Make sure you know if the hotel requires a deposit or has any breed and size restrictions. Hotels in the same chain may have different policies.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Direct Bank Deposits may be set up at the Credit Union to make a steady donation to the PAWS account which helps us pay our bills. We can help you do this if you would like to help our shelter animals.

PET PANTRY

DOGGIE ICE CREAM

1 ripe banana

8 ounces of *plain* yogurt (lowfat or non-fat, greek is ideal)

1 tbs peanut butter (creamy is best)

Mix ingredients together in a blender or food processor. Pour mix into small plastic containers in the size suitable for your pet and freeze overnight.

Adjust amounts of each ingredient to get the taste and texture your dog likes best.

Leave the treats in the container and serve one to your dog, but be sure to supervise (so he doesn't eat the container). These treats will last longer if you don't pop them out of their containers.

Experiment with mix-ins like finely diced carrots, apples, or lean meat.

NOTE - Real ice cream is not healthy for dogs. The excess dairy can cause GI upset, plus there is too much sugar.

TAIL END

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.

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