



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

PAWS PROGRAMS include:

Adoption Procedures

Dog Wrangling and Cat Cuddling

Foster Care

Fund Raising Events (Raffles, Bake Sales, Special Events, etc.)

HOPE Fund (**H**elping **O**wners with **P**et **E**mergencies)

Kennel Notes (in-shelter publication for Dog Wranglers and Cat Rustlers)

PawPrints Monthly Newsletter (emailed upon request)

Permanent Foster Care

Pet information (housetraining, introducing new pet, etc.)

School Education Visits

Seniors for Seniors

Tracking Classes

Weekly Wag and Meow Mart publication (placed in several places around town)

We also help with:

Agility Classes

Obedience Classes

Therapy Dogs

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS:

In residence: Abby, Barney, Chevy, Kit, Ollie, Tommy

In and Outs: Bruin (elderly black lab spent a night with us before he was reclaimed

Buddy has been reclaimed

Casper, Golden Retriever, spent a couple of hours with us then was reclaimed,

Eden, (family name Zena), GSD, has been reclaimed.

Tracker, found in Wynndel is still with us and getting some much needed socializing.

Fostered: Benji (Shih Tzu cross, 12 years old), Ginger, Jeff, Max, Winnie (6 year old Chi)

Permanent Foster (not on the adoption list): Dudley & Smartie, Nikki, Taz,

CATS:

Cat Pad: Abbot, Allie, Barkley, Brad, Cagney, Casper, Charger, Curtis, Kitch, Missy, Mouse, Licorice,

Pansy, Picasso, Samson, Sheila, Soot.

Hallway cats: Halfway, Luther, Monsoon, Shelley.

Office Cat: KitKat

Lobby Cat: Simon, escape artist so is in the lobby now.

Kennel Cat: Brat

Fostered: Ivory who is in fact **Ivan**, Lester, Patsy.

Seniors for Seniors: Beau, Gomer, Hercules, Hoover, Jeffrey, Kitty, Lucy, Max.

Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper.

HAPPY TAILS

Dog Adoptions:

Abby has been adopted - will be going to her new home in early September

Brutus has gone to his new home in Trail.

Chevy (renamed Kaylie) has gone to visit her potential adopters in Vernon for a couple of weeks and seems to be doing well.

Hank - will be with us until September 5 as his people are away.

Thunder has gone to his new home in AB.

Cat Adoptions: Costello, Diane

Incidents

- Lee & Vicki responded to a report of a dog tied to a dumpster outside of A&W all day. The issue was resolved with the owner.

- Vicki and Pat responded to a request to help a dog who had fallen over a cliff in West Creston. The RCMP also responded. By the time they got there the dog had made its own way back and the dog seemed okay, so the incident had a happy ending.

Laundry

Many thanks to volunteers Mary M. and Carol E. who have attacked the laundry problem with gusto.

Calling Misty, Come In Misty

We can now contact Misty by using the walkie-talkie in the office.

New Tractor

We have a new tractor, thanks to a generous donation by an anonymous donor.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

The everyday expenses of the PAWS Shelter include:

- vetting for the animals (largest monthly expense)
- food, treats, supplements, medication, kitty litter, etc. for the animals
- dishes, blankets, towels, beds, cots to keep sleeping dogs off concrete floors, toys, etc. for animals
- pet supplies: leashes, collars (for dogs and cats), halties, etc.
- supplies: paper towels, laundry soap, disinfectant, etc. for the animals
- utilities, phone, computer, insurance, etc. for the shelter
- supplies: office needs, computer ink, paper towels, hand soap, Polaroid-type film, etc. for the shelter
- kennel supplies: white boards, dry erase pens and erasers, "pockets" to hold paperwork, etc.
- cleaning supplies: mops, buckets, brooms
- general repairs and yard equipment purchase and repairs and operating costs
- shelter repairs and upkeep
- advertising, printing, etc.

This requires approximately \$3,000.00 every month. We work very hard on fund raisers and applying for grants to supply most of this. So our generous donors are extremely important to help us reach the amount we need to keep the shelter running.

If you would like to help with one of the above donations you can call the shelter for details or the item.

If you could help with cash donations please call the office for ideas how we can make it easier for you.

We can do direct monthly deposits right to our bank account or to the vet clinic or several other ways.

We want to be there for future homeless animals but we need your help to do this.

HEALTHY HINTS

September is **Responsible Dog Owners Month**, and one thing we can do as responsible pet owners is to remember to book our pets in for regular veterinary visits.

There are many reasons why regular vet visits are crucial for your pet's future health, including:

- Your pets cannot tell you if they are sick. They may act differently when ill or may show no behavior changes. Your vet can ensure your pet is not sick or injured through exams.
- Weight and nutrition monitoring is important if your pet is to remain happy and healthy. A determining factor is their diet. Consult with your vet for the best advice for your pet.
- Vaccinations may be recommended by your vet to protect your pet against dangers to their health.
- Dental care: like us, our pets develop tooth and gum-related diseases and these can lead to more serious illnesses.
- Parasite control can be implemented by your vet as a preventative measure to protect your pet if any parasites present a risk to its health.

PET POINTS

Dog Poop Dangers (By Dr. Jon @ PetPlace.com)

Are there unknown dangers lurking in your back yard? For many - there are. Dog poop is a problem we deal with on a daily basis. But is it dangerous? Is pet waste a health hazard?

Answer these "True" or "False" questions; how much do you know about dog waste?

True or False?

1. Dog poop makes good fertilizer.
2. Dog waste is just as dangerous to the environment as toxic chemicals and oil spills.
3. If you don't live near a waterway, dog poop in your yard does not pollute the water.
4. Unscooped dog poop can infect anyone coming into contact with the soil it touches for years.
5. Dog poop causes E. Coli in humans.
6. Dog poop can cause blindness in humans.

Answers:

1. **False.** Dog poop is NOT good fertilizer. It's toxic to your lawn! The high nutrient concentration in dog poop will burn and discolor the grass, creating "hot spots".
2. **True.** Nearly two decades ago, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified pet waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.
3. **False.** You may not live near water, but unscooped poop from your yard is carried by overland water flow or is washed into storm drains, ending up in far away streams, rivers and ground water.
4. **True.** The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms and Salmonella. When infected dog poop comes into contact with your lawn, the poop will eventually "disappear", but the parasite eggs can linger for years! When a human or animal comes into contact with that soil through everyday activities like walking barefoot, gardening or playing, they risk infection from those eggs ... even years after the poop is gone.
5. **True.** Pet waste is teeming with E. Coli and other harmful bacteria including fecal coliform bacteria, which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans [*and dogs*]. (There are 23 million fecal coliform bacteria in a single gram of pet waste!)
6. **True.** Dog poop often contains roundworm larvae, which cause blindness. If a human ingests a roundworm larva, it can migrate through the body causing disease to the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart or eyes. So when people (especially children) touch soil, dog toys or anything that has been in contact with dog feces and then touch their mouths, they can become infected.

So, how did you do? Did you have any idea dog poop could be this dangerous?

Dog poop doesn't just "wash away" or disappear. So if you're not disposing of your dog's waste, you're putting yourself, your family, your dog and your water supply at risk.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

It is time again to recognize another fabulous PAWS volunteer. This month's choice is Eric Rust. Eric is always willing to lend a hand, no matter what the task. Whether it is cleaning kitty litter, caring for dogs, scrubbing kennels, fixing equipment, running errands or filling in when other volunteers are unavailable, just ask Eric. The value of volunteers like Eric - priceless! Thank you Eric!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Pet theft is on the rise. The American Kennel Club, which has been tracking pet thefts since 2007, reported a 32% increase in dog thefts last year. While some animals are snatched from their yards or during home invasions, opportunistic thieves most commonly steal dogs left in cars or tied up outside stores. The luckier dogs become pets but most are used as "bait dogs" to train fighting dogs or sold to labs for experiments.

Protect Your Pet - Avoid becoming a victim of this heartbreaking crime!

- When running errands around town, visit pet-friendly establishments or leave your dog at home.
- Keep a close eye on your pet in designated off-leash areas, where he could become a target for criminals looking to make a quick buck. (Pet thieves often try to resell or hold pets for ransom.)
- Avoid leaving your pet unattended in the front yard, especially if your lawn is exposed or accessible.
- The same rules apply for leaving your pet tied up outside a store. In addition to being vulnerable to theft and teasing, your dog might escape or get injured.
- Microchip your pet! Microchipping can often mean the difference between temporary and permanent separation from your furry loved one.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our first General Meeting of the season – September 20th 7:30pm at the shelter. Come and catch up on our "doings" over the summer months.

Come see us at the Fall Fair!!

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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