



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

The Caretaker's Cottage has been completed thanks to many great volunteers. Our Caretaker Misty Driscoll will begin her official duties on October 1st. She comes complete with two dogs, Rico and Reuben, as well as two cats, Harley and Bryce. Misty has been doing volunteer shelter work since arriving in May so has a good jump on her official work.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS:

In residence: Abby, Barney, Chevy, Eli, Hank, Jesse, Kit, Ollie, Tommy

Newbies: Percy, 10 year old, neutered male Shih Tsu/border collie mix - pound surrender.

Jane, a 1½ year old Great Dane/Shar Pei/Lab mix who is Chevy's daughter.

Strays: Buddy (reclaimed within an hour), Silas (Toby), K.D., and Coco have returned home.

Fosters: Benji, Buffy, Chumley, Ginger, Jeff, Max, Winnie

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

News: Chevy went to visit her potential adopters in Vernon for a trial. Unfortunately the potential adopter had a change of circumstances so could not keep Chevy who is now back at the shelter.

CATS

Cat Pad: Allie, Barkley, Brad, Cagney, Callie, Charger, Curtis, Ivan, Kitch, Lester, Licorice, Missy, Mouse, Pansy, Picasso, Samson, Sheila, Soot

Hallway Cats: Halfway, Luther, Shelley

Office/Lobby Cats: KitKat, Simon

Kennel Cat: Brat

Visitors: Patsy visited for a few days;

Stubby (a former PAWS cat) and his friend Frankie are visiting while their humans are getting settled in their new home.

ISO cat is visiting for a while.

Fostered: Monsoon, Patsy

Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper

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

Newbies: Sebastian, Sophie and Sylvie

News: Cats in the Cat Pad seem to like their new water fountain.

HAPPY TAILS

DOGS

Tracker has been adopted by a family in Washington.

Sparky has gone to her new home in Salmo

CATS

Abbott, Casper, Costello have all gone to their Purrfect homes.

HEALTHY HINTS

Ear problems are common in dogs and cats. Canine ear problems can become chronic and difficult to treat.

Potential Causes: bacteria, yeast infections, mites, fleas, ticks, fungal diseases, allergies to food, pollens, dust mites, grasses, etc., plant awns, lupus, fly or chigger bites, hypothyroidism, masses within the ear which can be benign or cancerous.

Grass Awns and Foxtail have *one-way microscopic barbs* that allow the seed to work its way into fur, skin, and mucous membranes. They can be found anywhere on the body and can work their way into lungs and abdomen. Both cats and dogs are affected.

Tips to protect your pets:

- Keep weeds out of your pet's yard and enclosure.
- Keep pets out of dry grassy fields and roadsides.
- Keep your pet's coat clean and well-groomed.
- Inspect your pet daily for hair mats (where grass awns like to hide) and between toes.
- Clipping the hair between paw pads in dogs reduces potential for picking up grass awns.
- Any time your pet is excessively sneezing, drooling, shaking their head, scratching ears, whining, licking at their paw or other body part excessively, have them vet checked.

Ear Mites are tiny parasites that live out their life cycle mostly inside the ear canal. They are quite common, and can cause severe irritation and itchiness of the ears. Cats are more commonly affected than dogs. Ear mites are spread mostly by direct contact with another animal that has ear mites. They are especially common in young animals.

Signs and Symptoms of Ear Mites

- head shaking
- scratching at ears
- dark waxy or crusty discharge from the ears (looks a bit like coffee grounds)
- sometimes there will be scratching or irritation of other parts of body

Treating Ear Mites

First, a thorough cleaning of the ears can help clear the discharge to help calm the irritation and remove some of the mites. This can be followed up by veterinary treatment.

All pets in the home should be treated at the same time.

Ear mites do not survive for long on humans so do not cause long term infections in people.

MEOW-SSAGES

Tale of the Tail

A cat's tail, which contains almost 10 percent of his bones, acts as a counterweight in helping him keep his balance while walking along a narrow space or making sudden turns. But besides working as a rudder, a cat's tail communicates his mood and messages. Decoding tail talk is one of the easiest ways to read feline body language.

A relaxed cat's tail moves gently, occasionally, side to side, signaling that he's up for a little attention. With his tail held high and straight, a cat says he's in charge and happy. If the tip quivers slightly, the cat is irritated. A quick lashing motion, sometimes accompanied by flattened ears, is a sign that your cat wants to be left alone, and may attack if you continue petting him. When a cat is at play or watching birds out a window, his crouched posture, with the tail flicking back and forth, mimics the behavior of a big cat stalking its prey. If a cat's tail is straight up and bristled, he's alert and ready to attack. A fluffed out, lowered tail signals fear. And a tail lightly brushing or wrapping around your legs spells affection and approval.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Mars and Pedigree dog foods support 30 animal shelters across Canada. PAWS is fortunate to be one of those 30 shelters. As a result of last year's drive PAWS has received \$7500.00, plus a big donation of Pedigree dog food.

On September 19th Pedigree launched this year's Shelter Dog Adoption Drive. You can help Pedigree help shelter dogs!

PEDIGREE ADOPTION DRIVE® Campaign Facts:

- The *Pedigree Adoption Drive*® campaign launched in Canada in 2008. Since then, the makers of Pedigree® have donated \$1,025,000 to animal shelters across the country
- In 2012, the makers of Pedigree® will donate a portion of the proceeds, up to \$150,000 CDN, from the sale of each bag of specially-marked Pedigree® dry food for dogs to 30 partner shelters in Canada
- The *Pedigree Adoption Drive*® campaign partner shelters can use the donation for any items they require, including food, medical expenses and operating costs
- While the makers of Pedigree® support the partner shelters year-round, the 2012 *Pedigree Adoption Drive*® campaign launches Wednesday, September 19 and runs until December 31, 2012

For more information on the *Pedigree Adoption Drive*® campaign and adopting a dog, visit www.mypedigree.ca/adoption or call PAWS at 250-428-7297. Submitted by Vicki McDonald

DID YOU KNOW?

This Thanksgiving I have so much to be thankful for: wonderful friends and family, good food on the table and a roof over my head. I'm thankful for kind strangers, good neighbors and the beauty of nature. But most of all, I am thankful for dogs.

I am thankful for the wake-up call of a cold, wet nose and for snuggling to keep warm on chilly nights.

I am blessed by the fur that is permanently embedded in everything I own and the stray dog hairs that make their way into my lunch.

I am grateful for having a third of the bed to sleep on and for getting to use half of the covers for the tail that wags and the nose that sniffs, for the eyes that gaze longingly at my dinner plate and for the jaws that destroy all squeakers, but never harm people.

I'm beholden to the "tic, tic, tic" sound of paws on the floor reminding me that a nail trim is due and the forgiveness after the dreaded task is done.

I appreciate the barking that tells me a stranger is at the door and even the barking that warns of potential danger from squirrels and pedestrians.

For endless games of fetch, Frisbee and tug-o-war for kibble-scented kisses and funky smelling feet and for coming when called (usually).

For all this, I am glad.

For the excited greeting upon my return, even if I've only been gone for a minute the sheer glee of puppies to the patience and wisdom of seniors and the unconditional love and affection, especially on my darkest days.

For making me feel as if I am the most special, I am thankful to my dog.

What are you thankful for?

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Bake Sale: The first one of the season will be at Extra Foods on October 5th and 6th.

Concession: The first in this series will be on October 20th at the High School at 7:30 pm.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

PAWS Volunteer of the Month for September 2012 is Misty Driscoll. Misty is a newcomer and a very patient volunteer! While waiting to take her position with PAWS as caretaker she has helped around the shelter in many ways.....trying to rid the walks of trespassing gophers, grooming dogs, mending fences, cleaning around the buildings and all this on top of helping many days a week with the morning and evening cats and dogs routines. As an experienced animal person we have all benefitted from her new eyes giving us feedback and suggestions to improve quality of life at the shelter. Misty's kindness and caring shines through as she gives willingly to the shelter animals despite the fact she cares for 2 cats and dogs of her own. Way to go Misty, and welcome aboard!

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

When you adopt a PAWS Pet you also get:

- Spay or Neuter surgery already done
- Microchip identification (for dogs and cats on request)
- First vaccinations
- Health exam
- De-worming
- Temperament Assessment
- Tips on Training, Nutrition, Behavior, etc.

AND – best of all: a great feeling for giving a homeless animal a chance for the life he/she deserves as well as unlimited love from your new companion in return,

PAWS is in need of regular shelter volunteers. We have room and chores for all!! If you prefer dogs we can put you to work in the kennels. If cats are your “thing” we can supply you with all you can pet. Perhaps just some of this and some of that is more your interest – we can even keep you busy with that!! Please call or visit the shelter for more information on helping the helpless animals.

TAIL END

Creston Vet Hospital – 428-9494
Cranbrook SPCA – 250-426-6751

PAWS office – 428-7297
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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