



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

The Caretaker Cottage has been finished and Caretaker Misty Driscoll has taken up residence. Misty has two dogs Rico and Reuben, and two cats Harley and Bryce.

A dedication ceremony was held at the Cottage with a plaque mounted on the Cottage that reads:

October 21st, 2012, the PAWS Cottage is dedicated to

Jim and Vicki McDonald

*in recognition of, and appreciation for, their
outstanding work, service, and devotion to Creston
Pet Adoption and Welfare Society (PAWS)*

*Over the years Jim laid the groundwork and built
foundations while Vicki found ways to build the
PAWS organization, including the buildings to
house it all.*

*“Until one has loved an animal, part of one’s soul
remains unawakened” Anatole France*

Burr Mountain is gone thanks to a volunteer who came and removed it with his wonderful machine. The dirt was put around the West side of the kennels as part of a larger fencing project yet to come.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS:

Residents: Chevy, Corey (was Core – a young border collie stray found in Summit Creek Park), Eli, Jane, Jesse, Kit, Louie (was Woody - older hound, found between Wynndel and Sirdar), Ollie, Patches, Percy and Tommy

Strays: Boo and Spike (Diesel) have been reclaimed

Visitors: Sheba the German Shepherd will be going home to Edmonton on Wednesday.

Fostered: Benji, Buffy and Max

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

CATS:

Cat Pad: Allie, Cagney, Charger, Curtis, Ivan, Kitch, Lester, Licorice, Mouse, Pansy, Picasso, Samson, Sid (formerly Jim/Jem/John) and Soot

Hallway cats: Brad, Callie, Halfway, Shelley

Staff Washroom: Sylvie, Sophie, Selina (was Sebastian)

Critter Room: Jessica, Jemma, Jill, (5 week old kittens found in a box in an alley!)

Office Cats: KitKat, Simon
Kennel Cat: Brat
Fostered: Max, Missy, Monsoon, Patsy
Seniors for Seniors: Beau, Gomer, Hercules, Hoover, Jeffrey and Lucy
Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper,

HAPPY TAILS

DOGS:

Chumley has been adopted and will go to his new home in Nelson November 4th.
Ginger has gone to her new home in Trail
Hank has gone to his new home in Trail
Jeff has been adopted locally
Winnie has been adopted and has gone to her new home locally.

CATS:

Barclay, Luther and Sheila were all adopted locally.

WHISKER DAY: On November 18, 2012 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm we will have a special adoption day for adult cats.

BREED READ

Great Dane: originated in Germany, though some believe the breed has ancient origins. The Great Dane most likely emerged from the English Mastiff and Irish Wolfhound and was developed in Germany as a boar hunter. Over time, the breed was no longer considered a hunting dog, but became more known as a watchdog and companion. It appeared in the US in the late 1800s and has become gradually more popular since then.

FEMALES weigh 100-140 pounds and reach a height of 28" or more at the shoulder.

MALES weigh 120-200 pounds and reach a height of 30" or more at the shoulder.

They can be Brindle, Fawn, Blue, Black, Harlequin (white with black patches), Mantle (black and white)
Dogs bred by high standards are less likely to inherit health conditions.

Some conditions to be aware of: Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus; Hip Dysplasia; Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM); Caudal Servical Spondylomyelopathy (Wobbler Syndrome) and Cervical Vertebral Instability

The Great Dane is known as a giant dog breed and one of the largest of all dog breeds. This is a regal, intelligent and loyal dog with a warm temperament. Often called "gentle giants," Danes are loved for their joyful spirits and loving companionship. Unfortunately, the lifespan of this breed, as with other giant breeds, tends to be shorter than the average dog.

The Great Dane has a short haircoat that typically needs nothing more than routine grooming. Danes with natural (floppy) ears should have routine ear checks and cleanings.

Proper training and socialization is absolutely essential for the Great Dane. The giant size of this breed can render it out of control if not properly trained. These dogs do not realize their large size, so careful attention should be placed upon prevention of jumping, leaning and leash pulling.

Danes are playful and energetic - especially when young. Proper exercise will help keep your Dane calm and fit. Danes are very gentle companions and family protectors that lack aggression. A well-trained Great Dane can make an absolutely wonderful family pet.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Our first Bake Sale of this season earned us \$814.53 thanks to our generous bakers.

Our first Concession of this season earned us \$195.59, again thanks to our generous bakers.

Our Raffle Tickets are now being sold for the Valentine Day Draw date. The next "sitting" will be November 6th at Overwaitea Foods. Come and get your ticket for some wonderful prizes.

HEALTHY HINTS

Statistics show that 1 in every 3 dogs, and 1 in every 4 cats will get Cancer at some point. Cancer is THE number one killer of dogs. Unfortunately 50% of pets that get cancer will die from the disease.

Here are some of the more common signs:

1. Abnormal FIRM swellings that stay and continue to grow
2. Sores that DO NOT heal- they continue to weep
3. Distended abdomen
4. Unexplained Weight Loss
5. Loss of Appetite
6. Foul smelling oral odor/difficulty swallowing/drooling
7. Enlarged Lymph nodes
8. Chronic vomiting/diarrhea
9. Unexplained discharge/bleeding
10. Chronic cough/respiratory difficulty
11. Reluctance to exercise/weakness
12. Chronic progressive lameness
13. Difficulty urinating/defecating

FLAVONOIDS: compounds that give the bright color to fruits and vegetables are antioxidants as well as having anti-cancer properties.

OMEGA 3 FATTY ACIDS: great anti-inflammatory and may prevent the spread of cancer. Flax is the best source for dogs: the dose is 1 teaspoon per cup of dog food. For cats, the liquid form is the only option, and they should receive 500 mg twice daily of salmon oil or a supplement such as EFA Caps purchased from your veterinarian.

VITAMIN A: has cancer-cell killing effect at high doses of 400 IU per pound of body weight daily.

ARGININE: This amino acid may enhance immune function and may inhibit the growth of some tumors. The dose is 250 mg per 10 pounds of body weight daily.

GLUTAMINE: This amino acid may help inhibit tumor growth as well as dealing with some of the adverse effects of chemotherapy. The dose is 500 mg per 10 pounds of body weight daily.

COLLOIDAL SILVER: may help heal pets wounds, along with cancers. It is a liquid suspension of minute particles of silver. You can get it at natural health food stores and pharmacies. The dose is ½ teaspoon per 10 pounds twice daily.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

This month we have chosen a very hard-working volunteer who gives many hours and much expertise and experience to the PAWS shelter. Carol Freeman-Ryll is a very capable volunteer being able to handle dog duties, cat duties, office duties and in between has been the general property manager, too. Carol headed up the building of the Caretaker Cottage in her "spare time" and kept everyone working almost as hard and quickly as she does. Thanks, Carol, we would be lost without you!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

November brings us Remembrance Day. While you are remembering the gallant men and women who gave their lives for freedom, give a few moments of remembrance and thanks for war dogs, too. Many dogs served during wars and many did not come home in good health if they came home at all. These dogs did not volunteer but still did their best to fulfill the duty their masters asked of them in spite of the dangers to their own lives.

November is Adopt-A-Pet-Month. When choosing a pet for your family, consider a shelter pet, especially one who has given years of its life to a previous family and now finds itself living in a kennel. These dogs may be older ones who are confused and wondering what they did to lose the family, the home and the life they knew. Please help restore their sense of family and belonging.

PET PANTRY

Now that Halloween has faded into the Great Pumpkin Patch, you may have Jack-O-Lanterns sitting on your front porch. It may be beautifully carved but it might also be collecting bacteria. While it's best they don't eat *that* pumpkin, canned natural pumpkin (unsweetened – not pie filling), pumpkin seeds, and cooked fresh pumpkin have many benefits for dogs and cats. It can help with these pet ailments:

Digestive Health: Pumpkin is a fabulous source of fiber for our furry friends, as well as for us. Pureed pumpkin (with no added sugar or spice) can help dogs and cats with both constipation and diarrhea. Adding a tablespoon or two (in proportion to their size) to their regular meal is known to help keep them regular. It can also help dogs and cats with indigestion or upset stomachs.

Urinary Health: Pumpkin seeds are high in essential fatty acids and antioxidants (good for overall healthy skin and fur), and the oils in pumpkins' flesh and seeds are believed to support urinary health. They are also an excellent source of Vitamin A, beta-carotene, potassium and iron, and may reduce the likelihood your pet will develop cancer.

Weight Loss: Dogs seem to naturally love pumpkin. If you are looking to take a few pounds off of your pooch or kitty, try reducing a portion of their food and replace it with the same portion of canned pumpkin. Their tummy will feel just as full, and they might even thank you for the additional flavor.

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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