



# **PAWPRINTS**



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

This year consider the future of your pets. For Christmas give them the gift of a secure future. Make sure you have a document (perhaps your will?) outlining where they can go to live if you should pass away before them. Perhaps this could be accompanied by a sum of money to make sure they are able to get vetting, food and any other necessities they may need. Please be sure to speak to the person you want to name as caretaker for your pets to confirm they are willing and able to take on this responsibility.

For gifts to your own pets consider a donation in their names to a local shelter to help pets less fortunate than your own.

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

### **DOGS:**

Residents: Chevy, Kit, Ollie, Tommy, Eli, Jesse, Jane, Percy, Louie, Corey

Strays: Red (family name Shilo) was a Red Setter who was reclaimed

Fostered: Max, Buffy, Benji

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

### **Sad Notes:**

**Nikki** has passed on. Our condolences to Michele W. who cared for Nikki so well during her final time.

**Taz** has also passed on. "She was a dog who knew her own mind." Condolences to Carol E.R. who cared for Taz so well.

### **NOTES:**

**Ollie** has a behavioral problem and seems to be regressing lately. We are searching for other alternative homes for him such as a sanctuary where difficult dogs may be rehabilitated. If anyone has any suggestions, please let a director know.

Some dogs have been getting burrs in their ears and on their paws. This has to be checked frequently.

Some dogs also need coats when they go outside – do your dogs?

There is a problem with dogs eating mice. This has caused some ailments so we need to prevent this habit as much as possible. Who knew such tiny creatures could cause such large problems?

Corey had two epileptic seizure and is now on medication.

### **CATS:**

Cat Pad: Charger, Ivan, Lester, Mouse, Sampson, Soot

Staff Washroom: Sylvie, Sophie, Selena

Kennel Cat: Brat

Office Washroom: Cagney and Curtis – in isolation

Cat Iso Room: Shiner (stray)

Fostered: Jemma, Jessica, John, KitKat, Missy, Monsoon, Patsy

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

Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper

## NOTES:

Gomer, who was missing for a few days, has returned home and is now holidaying at the shelter for a time while his human is away.

Pansy was recently adopted but has since managed to escape her humans – at least for now.

Brat had oral surgery with six teeth extracted due to bone disease. He is doing fine now.

The “J” kittens (Jemma, Jessica and John) were not doing well at the shelter so Mary decided they should come home with her until they recovered their “Kittenish.”

November 18 was Whisker Day with eight cats being adopted: Callie, Kitch, Licorice, Pansy, Picasso, Shelley, Sid, and Simon.

## **HAPPY TAILS**

Adopted Dogs: Patches has gone to her new home in the Creston area

Adopted Cats: Allie, Brad, Callie, Kitch, Licorice, Pansy, Picasso, Shelley, Sid, Simon

## **DOLLARS AND SENSE**

Concessions brought in \$302.29 for 2 concerts.

Raffle Tickets: \$556.00 and Donations of \$399.09 for the 2 days of sales in October.

The October Bake Sale earned us \$814.53.

## **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS**

This month we are giving a special Thank You to our “Cat Crew” people who take such good care of our purry furry friends. They keep all the Cat Rooms neat and clean. They clean litter pans, floors, windows and bedding. And, of course, these wonderful ladies hand out plenty of cuddles. Our cats laze around like royalty to show their appreciation. We humans certainly agree. Thank You!!!

## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Now that the colder weather is becoming a daily habit there could be dangers out there for your pet. Roads and walkways are showing their slippery sides. Dog paws can become very cold and raw with the contact with frost and icy patches. Dog boots may be a good choice.

Short or smooth coat dogs may benefit from wearing snuggly coats, too. Even dogs with thick shaggy coats are not completely immune to the cold. All dogs should be house dogs.

The metal deck in pick up trucks can be seriously cold for dogs standing on them. The extra wind chill combined with the cold metal can make your dog very uncomfortable. Please think of your pet and keep them safe, warm and loved.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Pet Pictures with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 3pm. Santa will be at Morris Greenhouse so all pets can visit him.

PAWS Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Call the office for more information.

PAWS will have a table set up for pet food at the Ministerial Food Hamper Day on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you can help at any of these please call the office and let us know.

## **BREED READ**

### **REDBONE COONHOUND**

Redbone Coonhounds originated from red foxhounds brought to the US by Scottish immigrants in the late 18th century. The majority of the breed's development took place in Georgia. Later breeding was selected for the notable red color.

Male Redbone Hounds weight 45-70 pounds and reach a height of 21-27" at the shoulder.

Some conditions to watch for:

- Hip Dysplasia
- Ear Infections (Otitis)

The Redbone Coonhound is a mild-mannered yet energetic hound dog of medium to large size with a friendly and loyal disposition. Easily recognized for their brilliant red color, these hard working hounds are well-suited to both hunting and companionship. They have short, smooth coats with a fairly low rate of shedding. Routine basic grooming is all that is necessary to keep them looking their best. Like all breed with long floppy ears, it is important to keep their ears clean and dry to prevent infection.

Redbones are intelligent dogs with a stubborn streak. Proper training is an absolute necessity and will help strengthen the bond between you and your dog. Socialization is equally important. Redbones get along well with children and other dogs. They have a very high prey drive and are hard-wired to chase raccoons and other small animals. Extra care should be taken to socialize your dog to cats and other small animals. If the two are to share a home, the dog should be raised from puppyhood with the cat.

Redbones can be wonderful companions and great family dogs when properly trained and socialized. Like most hounds, they bay. These dogs have loads of energy and can easily become bored, so adequate exercise is essential. They are excellent swimmers, so this is another option for exercise. Redbones should be kept on a leash or in a fenced-in area and not permitted to roam free. Once they catch a scent, they will follow it. With a strong desire to hunt, this hound can get pretty far very fast.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

With the onset of cold weather Shelter or Animal Protection Services often receive calls from people concerned about the welfare of animals left outside in freezing conditions without adequate shelter. Determining if a shelter will meet your pet's needs can depend on variables such as season and the breed of the animal; but there are some basic guidelines that should be observed when providing shelter for your pet during the winter.

Cold weather is particularly hazardous to cats. The best advice is simply not to leave them outside. Felines are not adapted to cold climates and suffer quickly from frost bite and other cold-related issues.

### **WEATHER GUIDELINES**

#### **DOGS:**

If you have an outdoor dog, provide it with an **insulated** doghouse with straw bedding, NOT a blanket. Blankets absorb moisture that will cause the blanket to freeze.

When your dog comes in from outside, towel dry its legs and stomach. Check paw pads which may bleed from snow or ice encrusted in them. Watch for signs of distress such as shivering, licking feet and refusing to play.

Elderly animals, young puppies, small dog breeds and dogs with short hair should never be left outside for extended periods of time during cold or wet weather.

Consider getting your short-coat dog a coat or sweater.

Do not allow your dog off leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent in snow and ice and can easily become lost.

Outdoor dogs require energy for warmth and should be fed an increased amount of food with plenty of protein. Provide fresh water in a non-metal dish, as a dog's tongue can freeze to metal. Snow is not a satisfactory substitute for water.

#### CATS:

Cats' bodies are not designed for low temperatures – keep your cat inside.

Cats left outside in the winter will seek shelter in a warm place such as the engine area of a warm parked car. Before starting your car, check for nearby tracks, bang on the hood, honk the horn and wait a few seconds before starting the engine to give a cat the chance to escape.

#### DOGS AND CATS:

Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Its sweet taste is attractive to pets but it is highly toxic. One tablespoon is enough to kill a cat or small dog. Thoroughly clean up any spills and use less dangerous products that contain propylene glycol rather than products that contain ethylene glycol.

Make sure animals have a warm place to sleep away from drafts and preferably up off the floor. Put pads on the floor under bedding that must be on tiles or uncarpeted areas as these floors can become extremely cold.

Never leave pets alone in a vehicle during cold weather. A car can become a refrigerator in the winter by holding in the cold and the pet can freeze to death. If the car is left running a pet could die from breathing in carbon monoxide.

### **TRIVIA AND TIDBITS**

Where I go, Dog follows.

Where I stop, Dog settles.

When I am lost, Dog finds me.

When I am joyful, Dog joins me.

Who I am, Dog knows.

What I need, Dog becomes.

Dog is great, Dog is good. Dog is everything.

### **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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