



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

We would like to remind everyone about PAWS Policy on soliciting. At no time do PAWS members go door-to-door soliciting funds. If someone comes to your home or business saying they represent PAWS, and asking for a donation, do not give them money, but do inform the PAWS office about the incident. You should also inform the RCMP as this is fraud and is illegal.

If you do wish to donate to PAWS please do so by a cheque to our postal address (at the end of this newsletter) or drop by our office at the shelter to make a donation in person.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS:

Residents: Abby, Corey, Eli, Jesse, Kit, Ollie, Sugar

Visitors: Matt stayed for a few days

Strays: Dinah (Nikita) (reclaimed); Blue (Saska) Husky (reclaimed); Shanna, German Shepherd; Poppet, Border Collie mix (reclaimed); Lofty (Sunday) yellow lab

Fostered: Buffy, Benji, Danny, Jane, Louie, Max

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

Corey, who had epilepsy and went to Fernie to live, tragically died of seizures.

The Citadel Dog Training Project

Chevy, Jane, Tommy and Barney (all PAWS dogs) have been selected to train as service dogs through Citadel Therapy Canines. The dogs will be available to seniors, children and new veterans facing challenges due to PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). The dogs will undergo six weeks of basic training here, and then those dogs who meet training standards will undergo a further 14 weeks of specialized training with their potential adopters. Once the dogs are formally selected for the Citadel program, they will be adopted by that organization. It is interesting that there are two pairs of siblings in the group of dogs that have been chosen: Jane and Chevy, and Tommy and Barney.

Barney, Tommy and Chevy have already joined their new families. Jane has been recovering from an ear infection so will go to work later.

Thanks to our volunteers who worked so hard on their training while they were here: Pat, Vicki, Diana and Joan. And thanks to Diana and Vicki for transporting Barney and Tommy to the airport. Also a thank you to Pacific Coastal Airlines for the flight from Cranbrook to Vancouver.

CATS:

Cat Pad: Cagney, Curtis, Halfway, Lester, Mouse, Samba, Sampson, Soot

Visitor: Gomer visited for the week while his foster person was away; Sophie visited for a few days and has gone home again; Callie visited us for a week; Missy came back for a couple of days then returned to her foster family

Kennel Cat: Brat

Fostered: Missy, Monsoon, Patsy, Sophie
Seniors for Seniors: Beau, Gomer, Hercules, Hoover, Jeffrey, Max
Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper
Cat ISO Room: Jemma, Jessica
Public Washroom: KitKat,
Staff Washroom: Samba (black long hair)
Lobby: Zena

Pansy has truly disappeared with no new news on her.

Peter Rabbit is still waiting for a new home, too.

HAPPY TAILS

Dogs: Percy, Spice and Hank have all gone to their new homes and new families.

Cats: Charger, Ivan, John, Jonah, Lucy, Selena, Shiner, Sylvie

HEALTHY HINTS

February is heart month for humans and pets. Has your pet had a checkup recently? You can help keep your pets healthy and give them a longer life by following a few ideas. Watching their diet and only feeding them high quality food is, of course, the first point.

February is also dental month and can be of high importance to your pet's health. If your pet has dental disease, the infection in their teeth can drain into their system causing problems in digestive tracts and internal organs, especially the heart.

MEOW-SSAGES

Stop your kitten's biting or play aggression by changing how you play with her. In your kitten's world, biting is acceptable because you reinforce her aggression by using your hands when playing. Your kitten does not understand why she is allowed to bite sometimes and not at other times.

Instead of playing with your kitten with your hands, use toys. Most kittens love pole-type toys. Please note: only give these types of toys to cats and kittens when someone can supervise the play. Other good toy choices include cat-safe balls, little stuffed animals and dental health chew toys. Avoid laser pointers with cats. They leave cats feeling frustrated because they can never catch the elusive dot.

Through play, kittens learn valuable lessons about hunting. Play with your kitten in a way that imitates the hunt. Pretend the toy at the end of the pole is prey — pulling it away from the kitten, mimicking the unpredictable movements of prey. Let her catch the toy periodically during the session. The game always ends with one last successful hunt. Immediately following her last catch, give her a satisfying meal to eat. She will eat, groom and go to sleep.

In addition to modifying how you play with your kitten, use behavior modification to teach her that biting and roughhousing are not OK. Start by being observant and not over-stimulating her during play. When she becomes over-excited, decrease the intensity of the play. Give your kitten a brief time out when she bites or looks like she's about to attack you. Time outs are easy. Do not touch her or talk to her. Turn around, leave the room and close the door, temporarily ceasing all interaction with her. She will quickly learn that when she bites or becomes aggressive, her favorite person abandons her. Time outs for play aggression are short — usually 30 seconds is all you need.

BREED READ

Russian Blue Cat

This is cat with a fine-boned, long, firm and muscular body with long fine boned legs. His coat is short, dense, fine and plush in an even blue color. Guard hairs are silver-tipped, giving him a lustrous appearance. He also has vivid green eyes, which are a striking contrast to its silvery-blue coat.

History and Personality:

It was originally known as the Archangel Cat. It is believed they were brought by sailors from the Archangel Isles to England in the 1860s.

The physical beauty of the Russian Blue is complemented by its loving, quiet disposition. Although shy in nature, Russian Blues are affectionate, intelligent, and playful with their human companions. They get along with children and other pets, making them a fine addition to a family. If you are a single household, the Russian Blue will fit equally well, as he can entertain himself while you are gone and welcome you with his smiley face when you return.

PET PANTRY

Veggies and Fruit SAFE and GOOD for your dog

Apples (they contain potassium, which stimulates the immune system, and pepsin, which helps the stomach)

Bananas (in small quantity; a coveted treat)

Berries – Blue berries, strawberries, cranberries, black berries, raspberries (healthy; great antioxidant)

Broccoli (rich in vitamins)

Carrots (rich in vitamins, great treats to substitute for biscuits)

Cabbage (rich in vitamins, good for digestive system and skin)

Cucumber (good for teeth and bones due to potassium content; can combine with carrots to promote healthy liver and kidneys; in juice form, a good diuretic ... peel cucumbers unless organically grown)

Celery (chopped or juiced; can help with arthritis)

Garlic (removes waste from blood, can help repel fleas; use fresh garlic finely minced)

Green beans (lightly steamed; healthy and low-cal treat)

Kale (rich in antioxidants and can help reduce allergy symptoms)

Olive oil (a tablespoon a day is good for skin and fur)

Parsley (can reduce allergy symptoms and aid kidney function; chop finely or boil parsley and add the juice over food)

Spinach (very healthy; serve chopped)

Preparation suggestions: Many veggies can be served raw, lightly steamed or in juice form. For most vegetables such as broccoli and carrots, it is far better to steam them instead of serving raw for improved digestibility and nutritional value. Also, since dogs have small digestive tracts, you can puree vegetables to enable your pet to digest more. If you use canned vegetables, get the salt-free kinds.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

February will have the first bake sale of this year on the 08th and 09th. Valentine's Day is coming!!

Concert Concessions for 2013 start on February 09th at the high school.

Our raffle will be ending on Valentine's Day. Watch for Ticket Tables at Overwaitea.

Please call the shelter if you can bake or tend the table for one or more of these or would like to be listed for a future Bake Sale or Raffle Table.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

During January we held 2 Raffle Ticket Sales days. This brought us a total of \$420.12 from ticket sales and donations. Thanks to all those who tended the tables as well as the ticket purchasers and donors.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

The Top 20 Reasons Dogs Do Not Use Computers...*Courtesy of www.TopFive.com*

20. Can't stick their heads out of Windows '95.
19. Fetch command not available on all platforms.
18. Hard to read the monitor with your head cocked to one side.
17. Too difficult to "mark" every website they visit.
16. Can't help attacking the screen when they hear "You've Got Mail."
15. Fire hydrant icon is very frustrating.
14. Involuntary tail wagging a dead giveaway they're browsing www.pethouse.com instead of working.
13. Keep bruising noses trying to catch that MPEG Frisbee.
12. Not at all fooled by Chuckwagon Screen Saver.
11. Still trying to come up with an "emoticon" that signifies tail-wagging.
10. Oh, but they WILL... with the introduction of the Microsoft Opposable Thumb.
9. Three words: Carpal Paw Syndrome.
8. 'Cause dogs ain't GEEKS! Now, cats, on the other hand...
7. Barking in next cube keeps activating YOUR voice recognition software.
6. SmellU-SmellMe still in beta test.
5. SIT and STAY were hard enough, GREP and AWK are out of the question!
4. Saliva-coated mouse gets mighty difficult to maneuver.
3. Annoyed by lack of newsgroup, alt.pictures.master's.leg.
2. Butt-sniffing more direct and less deceiving than online chat rooms.

and the Number 1 Reason Dogs Do Not Use Computers...

1. TrO{gO DsA[M,bN HyAqR4tDc TgrOo TgYPmE WeIjTyH P;AzWqS,.*

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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