



PAWPRINTS



CLAUDIA'S PLACE ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Work is progressing on the fencing at the shelter. The addition of cross fencing makes it much easier for the dog volunteers. The new fencing allows us to choose the size and location of fields suited to the individual dogs' needs, makes it possible to give them longer exercise periods, and reduces the workload for the volunteers. Using caution and common sense, it is possible to let the dogs out both singly and/or in play groups. Taking into consideration safety factors such as the likelihood of fence fighting between dogs, who gets on with whom, the recall ability of the dog, etc. it is not necessary that the dogs be on leash in the North and South Fields during their exercise period.

Lake PAWS has once again appeared so it is important to avoid letting dogs in that area. After the Giardia problem last year we are trying to prevent it this year.

April is Volunteer Appreciation month so please let any volunteer you know that you appreciate them and the work they do for animals and humans.

A young Creston girl was bitten by a tick and contracted **Lyme Disease**. The shelter dogs have been treated with Bio-Spot. Volunteers may wish to treat their own dogs.

Congratulations to **Erich Rust** who was deservedly named volunteer of the year for 2012.

DOGS and CATS and BIRDS Oh My!!

DOGS

Residents: Brownie, Eli, Kit, Libby, Ollie, Shanna, Tassie

Strays: Bernie, Shih Tzu (reclaimed the same day)

Beulah (Emmy) reclaimed

Buford (Timmy)

Goldie, Lab Mix

Hoover and Queenie (Chance & Tilly) - reclaimed

Jack (Shane) reclaimed

King (Shadow) Lab/Newfie mix, reclaimed then surrendered

Mabel, Lab X (reclaimed)

Ronnie, GSD/Akita cross pup (reclaimed the same day)

Timmy (Buford), Walker Hound – reclaimed

Zeke, Lab/Terrier Mix (reclaimed)

Fostered: Barney, Benji, Brownie, Louie, Max

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

Adoptions: Barney is working towards his service dog status

Jane is also in training

Luke has been adopted in the Creston area

Ruby and Sugar (transferred to Trail SPCA) have been adopted

Zena has gone to her new home in the West Kootenay

Transfers: Shanna and Honey are going to Cranbrook SPCA on Monday

Jesse has gone to Idaho to be fostered

Citadel Dogs/Service Dogs:

The placements for **Tommy** and **Barney** did not work out as the dogs do not have the maturity they need to work with PTSD veterans. Tommy has been adopted by Diana and is living with Vicki until he gains the maturity he needs to take on his duties. **Chevie** is doing very well in her placement and is really bonded and is doing her work well.

Jane is still being considered for a Citadel dog. Because of health problems she is still being assessed.

Brownie will be fostered by Diana to assess her suitability as a service dog.

Danny has been adopted and will be going to the Okanagan to be trained as a service dog; he is staying with Vicki for the time being.

CATS

Cat Pad: Cagney, Curtis, Samson, Smokey, Wally, Wanda, Wendy, Willy

Lobby: KitKat

Staff Washroom: Tabitha, Stray grey tabby with white leggings, friendly

Hallway: Zena

Cat Iso Room: Lorraine (mother cat) and kittens: Larry, Logan, Luc and Lucy

Kennel Cat: Brat

Adoptions: Jemma, Jessica, Lester, Mouse

Fostered: LouLou, Missy, Patsy, Sophie

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

Permanent Foster: Smidgen, Smudge, Trooper,

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Adoptions: Lester has gone to his new home

Samba has gone to her new home in Salmo

Soot has been adopted and is awaiting pickup

Lester was in the hallway for awhile but he learned to open the staff bathroom door by jumping up and hanging on the door handle. Now he can practice door crashing in his own new home.

Monsoon passed away last week. Our condolences to Diana W. who took Monsoon into her home and her heart and provided a loving and caring place for him to live out the final months of his life.

Peter Rabbit appears to be enjoying his new hutch. Thanks to Ted H. Peter loves dandelions and other greens.

Ants are making their appearance in many areas. It is important to keep anything they could see as food put away and food areas kept clean.

PET POINTS

What does ISOLATION mean to a volunteer?

Extra time, work and thought are needed by volunteers when we have animals in isolation.

- Use latex gloves when in the isolation room.
- Wash your hands before entering and leaving the room.
- Use hand sanitizer after you leave the room.
- Clean the isolation area last so that you will not spread the infection to other areas where cats are housed.

HEALTHY HINTS

A POISON SAFE HOME REMINDER

Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pet

Alcoholic beverages	Avocado
Chocolate (all forms)	Coffee (all forms)
Fatty foods	Garlic
Macadamia nuts	Moldy or spoiled foods
Onions, onion powder	Raisins and grapes
Salt	Yeast dough
Products sweetened with xylitol	

Medication

Common examples of human medications that can be potentially lethal to pets, even in small doses:

Pain killers	Cold medicines
Anti-cancer drugs	Antidepressants
Vitamins	Diet Pills

Non-toxic Substances for Dogs and Cats

The following substances are considered to be non-toxic, although they may cause mild gastrointestinal upset in some animals:

Water-based paints	Toilet bowl water
Silica gel	Poinsettia
Cat litter	Glue traps
Glow jewelry	

BREED READ

Cairn Terrier

The Cairn Terrier descends from small terriers of Scotland that were also ancestors of similar breeds like the West Highland White Terrier, Scottish Terrier and Skye Terrier. Cairns were bred to hunt otters, foxes, badgers and rats. Their name comes from the rock dens inhabited by badgers and foxes, called cairns which the dog would crawl into while hunting the animals. They were once called Short-Haired Skyes and later called Cairn Terriers of Skye. The name was shortened in 1912. The Cairn is perhaps best known for its role as Toto in the Wizard of Oz.

The Cairn Terrier weighs about 12 to 15 pounds and can be many colors: black, cream, gray, red, silver, wheaten and various brindle colors.

Health Issues: Some hereditary health problems can occur: Patellar Luxation, Cataracts, Canine Atopic Dermatitis and other skin issues and Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease.

This is a sturdy and active little dog with distinctive features. It has very short legs and a small but athletic build. Cairns are strong and alert, yet sensitive and affectionate. It has a thick, weather-resistant top coat and soft undercoat. He requires brushing every 2-3 days to avoid mats, but hair cuts are not always necessary. This breed sheds little if at all. Cairns are very alert and intelligent with plenty of energy. They are independent and sometimes headstrong dogs that require a solid foundation of obedience training and strict discipline.

Because of its high energy level, the Cairn Terrier should get plenty of regular exercise. Established daily exercise routine or enrollment in agility or similar activities would be ideal. The Cairn has an instinctive tendency to dig and may be vocal, but plenty of exercise can help prevent these behaviors.

The Cairn can make a wonderful pet for all kinds of households. This breed gets along especially well with children and can therefore be a wonderful family pet if properly trained and socialized.

MEOW-SSAGES

Four-Legged Mood Rings

Cats are highly intuitive creatures, and they are more than able to pick up your mood, especially from your tone of voice. They know when you're yelling at them (though they often don't seem to care). If you need your cat to calm down, try speaking to her in a soothing, loving voice. You'll be amazed.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

A Concession will be held on April 6th, Saturday. Please contact Lynn at the office and let her know if you will be able to contribute some baking for this.

There will be a Bake Sale in late April or early May to take the place of the Easter Bake Sale which was canceled.

These fund raisers are very important to the welfare of the animals in our care. Please give what you can – the animals (and volunteers) will appreciate it.

TRIVIA and TIDBITS

In a recent fun poll this was the question:

"If your dog were to go on a date - what sort of date would he or she be on?"

Here are the responses:

1. Walk on the Beach (50%)
2. Sleep, Eat, Sleep, Eat (20%)
3. Massage and Chocolate Fondue (12%)
4. Fall Asleep During a Movie (9%)
5. Watch a Football Game and Drink Beer (5%)
6. Candlelit Dinner (3%)
7. A foreign film and a vegetarian meal (1%)

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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