



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



"Email News Letter"



With the Holidays fast approaching we wanted to remind you that it can be a very exciting time for your pets with all the new shiny things in the home!

But you want to be sure they are still kept safe and healthy because there are many hidden dangers to pets at this time of year ~ so here are some helpful tips that will help keep your pet happy and healthy for the Holidays!



- Banish all mistletoe, ivy and holly berries ~ All can be poisonous to your dog or cat. Contact the Vet immediately if he/she nibbles on any of these plants or suddenly starts vomiting after being near one of them.



- Christmas Trees are generally safe for pets, but the water in the tree stand may contain unhealthy tree fertilizers and is a breeding ground for bacteria. Cover the bottom of the stand with a skirt or a cloth to keep pets from taking a drink.
- Wrapping paper, ribbons, foil, and other holiday package ornamentation can also be potentially hazardous to a curious pooch or kitty (aluminum foil and metal are the most dangerous). Pets may confuse these items with toys, which could lead to choking, vomiting, or intestinal blockage. Keep all wrapped presents out of your pet's reach or block off the room with a gate. When you unwrap gifts, bag the waste immediately.
- Christmas Tree lights look great in the home, but be sure to tape all loose lights to baseboards and hide wiring as much as possible.
- Tinsel & Ribbon & String ~ Tinsel is always a tradition on most trees, and Ribbons curled up on each gift, but when you have a pet in the home this is a No No.



If ingested they can wrap around the intestines and cause serious damage and sometimes death to your pet. You may not think your pet would eat such a thing but it happens more than you think, and why take that chance!

“There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face”
Ben Williams

GVAC Has a "NEW" HBC Rewards Number

If you have an old HBC Card please replace it with this new one!

If you do not have a GVAC HBC Card and would like to donate your points to us for Fundraising, please cut out this card and hand it to the cashier when you shop at Zellers, The Bay or Home Outfitters, and your points will go to help with fundraising!

You can also donate your existing points to us by going to www.hbc.com and donate your points to The Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders by using our Public ID # 1005539

	<p><u>SHOPPING AT ZELLER, THE BAY OR HOME OUTFITTERS??</u></p> <p>Donating your Points to:</p> <p>Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders (GVAC)</p> <p>"NEW" HBC Rewards No.</p> <p>593 493 944</p> <p>Or go to www.hbc.com & donate your points to GVAC by using our Public ID # 1005539</p> <p><u>www.island.net/~gvac</u></p>
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DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ That when a cat purrs that doesn't always mean that the cat is happy. The familiar purr, though not a true vocalization, usually denotes contentment, but can at times mean the cat is worried, as when a cat purrs in the vet's waiting room. So just because kitty is purring up a storm, don't assume she/he is in ecstasy -- she might actually be scared, injured, or upset!
- ❖ When a cat holds its tail upright and high, that means the cat is Happy!
- ❖ When a cat swishes its tail back and forth usually means that the kitty is trying to make a decision about what her next move will be. A fast and furious tail swishing however sometimes indicates a mad feline, so best to leave her alone during that time.

"Notice from Classified Ad"

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE

SBF Seeks Male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a svelte good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love: long walks in the woods, hunting, camping, riding in your pickup truck, fishing trips, cozy winter nights spent lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours.

Call 555-2121 and ask for Daisy.

(The phone number was the Humane Society and Daisy was an eight week old black Labrador Retriever.)

SPECIAL CATS FOR ADOPTION:



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders has many cute kittens and several very special cats for adoption.

The kittens were found in various horrific situations. One in a plastic bag, 3 in a dumpster, one all alone in a huge busy parking lot and some were wild kittens brought in from the bush young enough to fully tame.

Together we can make all pets a "wanted one" and place them into loving homes!

If you want to adopt one of these cats or want to find out what others we have for adoption please call:

474-5581 and leave a message for Carol.

THE WATCHDOG

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

'Twas the night before Christmas when all thru the house,
Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
With no thought of the dog filling their heads.
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Knew the dog was cold, but didn't care about that.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the trash

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But Santa Claus with eyes full of tears.

He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick;
Last year's Christmas present now painfully sick.
More rapid than eagles he called the dog's name
And the dog ran to him despite all his pain.

Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen
On Comet on Cupid on Donner and Blitzen
To the top of the porch to the top of the wall
Lets find this dog a home where he will be loved by all.

I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this year,
For Santa had made one thing quite clear;
The gift of a dog is not just for the season;
We had got the dog for all the wrong reasons.

In our haste to think of the kids, a gift,
There was one important thing we missed.
A dog should be family, and cared for the same.
You don't give a Gift, then put it on a chain!

And I heard him explain as he rode out of sight -
YOU WEREN'T GIVEN A GIFT...
YOU WERE GIVEN A LIFE!

* Something you want to see in our News Letter??
Email any story or topic suggestions to the email below.



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