



# Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



Happy new years!

GVAC hopes everyone had a very special holiday season and managed to survive the snow!

Not being sure if the cold weather is gone for good, we think it is important to be sure our "Furry Friends" are kept warm and safe this winter.



## Here are some helpful hints:

- ❖ No matter what the temperature, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. An outdoor dog must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the animal to sit and lie down comfortably but small enough to hold in its body heat, with a floor raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings. The house also should face away from the wind and have a doorway covered with burlap or a rug.



- ❖ Outdoor dogs need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check water dishes to make certain water is fresh and unfrozen.
- ❖ Dogs and cats can get frostbite, especially on exposed mucus membranes or the tips of their ears. Their feet also are vulnerable to ice and snow which can cause painful balls of snow between the toes. Trim the hair short to prevent matting.
- ❖ Warm engines in parked cars attract cats. To avoid their injury, bang on car hoods to scare them away before starting engines.
- ❖ Salt and chemicals used to melt snow and ice can burn the pads of pets' feet. Wipe them with a damp towel before animals lick them and burn their mouths. Antifreeze tastes sweet but is deadly poison to pets (and children)! Wipe up spills, and store all household chemicals out of reach.

- ❖ Dry heat can dry out a cat or dog's coat and skin. Brush them regularly to help loosen dead skin and distribute natural oils. A small amount of vegetable oil in their food will help keep them soft.
- ❖ Do not leave dogs or cats outdoors when the temperature sharply drops. Short-haired, very young, or old dogs (and cats) should never be left outdoors. Most dogs and cats are safer indoors except when taken out for exercise. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.



## Cats for Adoptions:



Black Neutered Male Young Adult. This cat needs a peaceful and loving home... he has a gentle disposition, even though he hasn't been treated very well in his lifetime... Once he feels safe, he purrs and plays and loves to be petted. Unfortunately, he was mistreated by men... so the ideal home would be with a woman with no children (although a gentle and patient man could win him over). He would make a wonderful pet ....

Please call - Pamela 381-4744



Female - black with white bib and paws and is approx a year and a half. Has been vet-checked, shots, spayed, de-wormed and Advantaged. Adorable, well-behaved, no messy habits. She is very chatty. Loves to roll on the floor to have her tummy tickled. She travels well in the car - no yowling

A donation to Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders would be nice as they paid for the spay.

Please call - Aileen at 384-1142



**Male - Orange short hair**, very cute face has a scrunched (left) ear - very friendly, extremely curious, playful, gentle, good with other cats. He loves to be cuddled like a baby, loves his food, and treats. Very chatty - but with a quiet voice . Has been vet-checked, shots, neutered, de-wormed and Advantaged. Adorable, well-behaved, no messy habits. He cried a little on the first vet trip but not in a noisy annoying way. He made no sound the second trip. Indoor home would be preferred.

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**Female - Tortie-tabby possible Calico** approx a year and a half. Has been vet-checked, shots, spayed, de-wormed and Advantaged. Adorable, well-behaved, no messy habits. A little shy at first, but very affectionate once she gets to know you. Also good with other cats and a gentle dog. Loves a warm hugs and a cozy bed. She travels well in the car.

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While your away the cats will play !



## In Memoriam

Leslie, Scott and Camille Guthrie made a donation in memory of their cat, Porter, who passed away at the age of 10 in November 2004 after a brief illness. Porter was a very loving cat who provided them with lots of stories to recount.

The donation is also made in recognition of the wonderful support and care that Porter, and their family, received from Elizabeth Wilson and her staff at the Broadmead Veterinary Clinic. Elizabeth provided excellent clinical advice and direction to help them make decisions regarding Porter's care. When the time came, Elizabeth put aside her personal life on a Sunday morning. In the most loving and compassionate manner, made the loss of Porter something that was much easier for them to accept.



"Who ever said you can't buy  
happiness forgot about little  
puppies and kittens"  
-- Gene Hill

### *How to Make Puppy Pie*

Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered,

Then add the following ingredients.....

1 cup patience....

1 cup understanding....

1 pinch correction....

1 cup hard work....

2 cups praise and 1 1/2 cups fun...

Blend well.

Heat with warmth of your heart until raised or until

puppy has doubled in size.

Mix with owner until consistency is such that owner

and puppy are one.

Enjoy!

**Want to adopt a rescued animal ?**

**Or have you found or lost an animal ?**

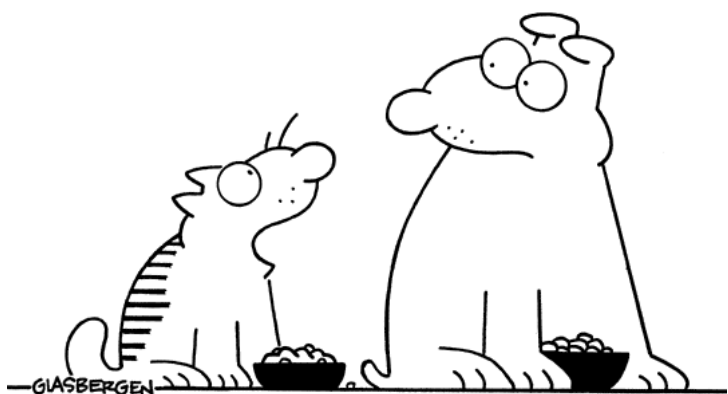
**Check out “Victoria Adoptables” web page:**

**Victoria Adoptables is dedicated to facilitating adoption of stray and rescued dogs and cats in the Greater Victoria area. The goal of this web site is to assist potential pet owners in finding a rescued or rehabilitated dog or cat to nurture.**

**<http://www.victoriaadoptables.com/index.html>**

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