



# Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



Happy Easter Everyone !

To celebrate Easter, and to help rabbits and other popular pets, be adopted into permanent homes we encourage you to buy a stuffed animal toy, instead of a live animal for your child's Easter basket. The life span of a rabbit can be as long as seven to ten years and like any pet, it can make a wonderful companion for the appropriate person if they are willing to make a life-long commitment to it.

If they plan to keep your 'Easter bunny' for only a few weeks or months, until the novelty wears off, then the kindest thing you can do for both the rabbit and your children is to buy a stuffed bunny, chick or other animal at a toy store. A stuffed animal will only involve one initial monetary outlay, will never have to be fed or taken to the veterinarian, won't grow too big and won't require a pet sitter when you go on vacation. Each year animal shelters receive thousands of pets, which were originally acquired as "gifts."

There are several things to consider before buying a pet, such as the supplies and feed needed, where and how to house the animal, which pet to buy, the purpose of the pet and the life expectancy of the animal. The life expectancy of ducks, rabbits or chicks is usually at least 10 years if the pet is properly cared for.

The most important thing to consider, however, is whether or not the recipient of the gift really wants the pet.

It is best to discuss your plans before buying a pet. Make sure the individual knows all the requirements of the pet and the changes it will go through in its lifetime. If the person does want a pet, it is best to purchase it together so the person gets the pet he or she wants.

# **NOAH NEEDS YOUR HELP !**



Noah is a young male cat approx. 2 years old.

He was brought into the CRD pound/shelter as a stray.

Noah had been attacked by a predator and is suffering with open wounds and abscesses. He has gone through a 3 1/2 hour surgery on his face and four paws to try and close all the wounds. His tubes are now out and he is now in foster care until we can find him a "forever" home.

*Donations are needed Urgently and would be most appreciated*  
and accepted at the pet hospital, 785 Goldstream Avenue  
or through  
Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders  
P.O. Box 5541 Stn. B, Victoria V8R 6S4

(GVAC will issue a tax-deductible receipt for all donations) Please help.

Noah deserves a long and happy life with a loving family.

## GVAC NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH JASPER !



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders urgently requires **donations** for this older Lhasa Apso.

He is currently in a foster home but **He will also need a permanent home** after his immediate needs are seen to.

He came into care with both eyes matted shut and his entire body covered in painful matts.....but he still gives kisses and is a happy, friendly boy.

He will require a dental soon and **Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders welcome donations towards his veterinary care as well as it is going to be very expensive.**

**All donations are tax-deductible.**

Info available at 474-5581.



Here is Jasper today after he has been treated and cleaned up !



If one day you feel like crying...  
 Call me.  
 I don't promise you that...  
 I will make you laugh  
 But I can cry with you

If one day you want to run away -  
 Don't be afraid to call me.  
 I don't promise to ask you to stop,  
 But I can run with you.



If one day you don't want to listen to  
 anybody;  
 Call me and...  
 I promise to be very quiet.

But...  
 If one day you call and there is no answer ...



Come fast to see me ...  
 Perhaps I need you...

Friends don't Chain Friends



Let dogs inside

## Keeping Your Dog Confined To Your Property

We recommend that you keep your dog indoors, unless you're present to supervise his time outside. Dogs are "pack animals" and need to socialize with you and the world around them. By walking your dog regularly (at least twice a day), you can provide him with the exercise and mental stimulation he needs.

If there are times when you must leave your dog outside, keep him in a securely fenced yard to prevent him from straying. Within the safe confines of your yard, he should have access to adequate shelter from rain, snow, severe winds and other inclement weather. You may also consider providing him with a covered dog "run" or pen with a doghouse inside. This is a good alternative if you're unable to fence your yard, or if your dog is apt to escape from your yard by jumping the fence.

We don't recommend that you chain or tie your dog up to prevent him from wandering off. A chained or tied up dog is likely to become frustrated, which could lead to destructive and/or aggressive behavior. He could also become entangled in his chain, rope or leash and, as a result, severely injure himself.

It's best to provide your dog with a tip-proof water bowl or place the bowl in an area where it won't get knocked over. You can dig a hole and place the bowl at ground level, which will not only keep it from being knocked over, but will keep the water cool as well. You'll also want to provide your dog with safe toys that are appropriate for his size so he can play and keep himself amused!



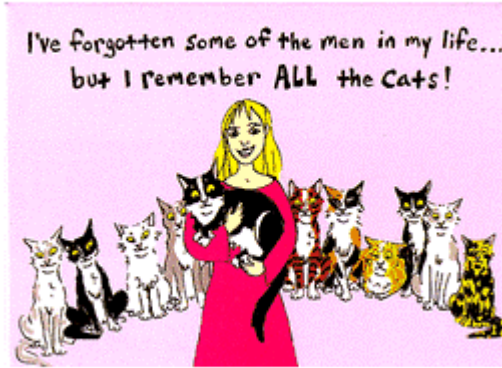
A chained dog can only watch  
as life goes by ....

## How Dogs And Men Are The Same

1. Both take up too much space on the bed.
2. Both have irrational fears about vacuum cleaning.
3. Both are threatened by their own kind.
4. Both are bad at asking you questions.
5. Neither tells you what's bothering them.
6. The smaller ones tend to be more nervous.
7. Neither does any dishes.
8. Neither of them notice when you get your hair cut.
9. Both like dominance games.
10. Both are suspicious of the postman.
11. Neither knows how to talk on the telephone.
12. Neither understands what you see in cats.

*"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself" - Josh Billings*

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



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