



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



Are you considering adopting a Rabbit ??

Before you bring the sweet little rabbit into your home, be sure that you understand all of the responsibilities involved in caring for a rabbit.

Rabbits are growing in popularity as house pets. Social as well as active and playful, they have the potential to be wonderful pets for the prepared owner.

Life expectancy: varies with breed, anywhere from 5 to 15 years.

Pet Qualities (pros and cons):

- Rabbits are social with gentle handling are generally quite tame.
- They are playful and entertaining to watch.
- Being social, they need a great deal of interaction with their owners and/or other rabbits to be happy. Daily playtime and exercise outside of their cages is necessary.
- They are not low maintenance - it takes a good deal of work to properly care for a rabbit.
- They can be litter trained.

- They do need to chew, so lots of chewable toys should be provided, and any spaces where the rabbit is allowed to run must be carefully rabbit-proofed.
- They need a relatively large cage.
- While they are generally quiet pets, rabbits are not a good match for active young children who may not be careful enough when picking them up or playing around them.
- Rabbits like to be near their people, but they often would rather not be held.
- They will likely require some veterinary care, which can be expensive. They should be spayed or neutered (by a vet experienced with surgery on rabbits) and they may require vaccinations depending on where you live.
- Rabbit urine can have a strong odor so expect to change their litter box frequently (spaying and neutering can help reduce the odor. In addition their urine is high in calcium so can leave a chalky residue when it dries that can be hard to clean up (vinegar is pretty effective for this).

If you aren't committed to take on the responsibility of a rabbit for it's entire live consider Making it Chocolate !!



Still interested in adopting a bunny ???

These bunnies need a forever home !!

There are 6 babies and mother up for adoption.

They must go in pairs !!



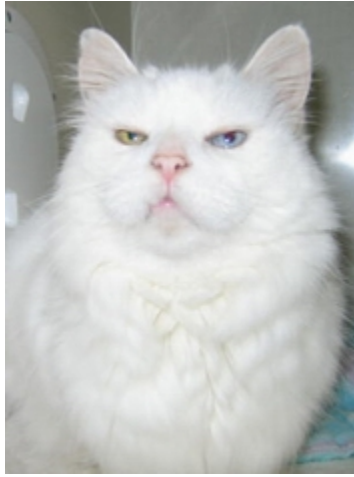
This Momma bunny gave birth to six babies at the CRD pound about the end of January. The babies are now old enough to be on their own and are available for adoption. All of the bunnies are grey in color. Because these rabbits are not yet comfortable with being handled we will require children to be older than 8 years. The young ones are at a good age now that with some gentle handling and love they will become great pets. Rabbits are very social creatures and enjoy the companionship of other buns so we would like them to go out in pairs. These rabbits are also becoming accustomed to cats and dogs. They love adventures and some room to run outside and in the house. The mother will be spayed on April 4th and there will be financial assistance available to get the youngsters fixed. They are in foster care.

For further info please contact marionb@telus.net

Did you know A Baby Rabbit Is Called A Kit??

Kit is short for kitten.

At this time of year, you need to watch out for wild rabbit kits in the yard. Even if you haven't seen the mother rabbit, don't worry. She tries to stay away most of the day so as to not attract predators to the nest



Stella

Ever had a brush with royalty? Well then, you should meet Stella. She is a real princess, this one. Beautiful Stella has one blue eye and one green eye, and loves to be around people. In fact, when her foster mom gets home from work, Stella always jumps right up, tosses her head around and meows a greeting! She is an older gal, around 10 years old, but is still quite playful and loves interactive play and attention! She would do best in a home with no young children. Oh, and no other cats please. She doesn't care for them and wants all your love to herself!

When Stella came to us, she was hyperthyroid. She has since had surgery to remove her thyroid to correct this condition, so now she is medication free and good to go, just needing the occasional thyroid check! You can see in the attached picture her little healing incision. She has also had her dental done.

Stella has been through so much, and has come out the other side healthy and happy. Do you have a place in your heart and home for this special, quirky gal?

IN FOSTER CARE

for more info contact: Lynn at: lcrandon@telus.net

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings



Hello! I was found wandering in a very dark and quiet world hungry and unable to fend for myself.

You see I am both blind and deaf. I was taken to a local shelter and for the life of me I don't understand why my loved ones never ever came for me. My days in the shelter were numbered and there was talk of possibly ending my life. The kind folks at the shelter however, contacted Little Paws Rescue. Before the Little Paws people could say no to me, I picked up his scent and planted a soft little kiss on his hand and it was instant love. I was then taken to a veterinarian for assessment including a blood panel. It was determined that I desperately need a dental, neutering and a few other things but fortunately they are going to help me. They have noticed that I am house trained and super friendly. They want to keep me in rescue for a few weeks to look after my medical needs but will in the meantime, take applications for me and arrange for visits with you while undergoing my medical treatment. This way I will get to know you and the transition will be a lot easier for me.

NOTE: Magoo appears to be about 7 years old and weighs about 9 pounds. We are desperately seeking yet another angel to provide him a loving home for the rest of his life. I know that it would seem very difficult to communicate with a blind deaf dog thinking in human terms, however, dogs rely heavily on their sense of smell and even a sighted dog does not have near the vision humans do. (ref. Dr Stanley Corin). As far as his deafness is concerned by cuddling him close to your chest with his head under your chin he is very capable of "hearing" you talking to him through vibration. I demonstrated this to the folks at the shelter and it was amazing to see Magoo's reaction to this mode of communication. To adopt this little guy, please email Rob at yodi@telus.net and leave a contact number as well as your location. He would do best in a one level home with a fenced yard.

Donations and Sponsoring Magoo ...Anyone wishing to help us with his medical costs and would like to sponsor this little dog, please forward your donation to the address below. Please include your name on a note and state if we may show you as a sponsor for Magoo. We are very aware that many requests are made for donations and we are always reluctant to ask, but he needs our help.

Donations for Magoo may be sent to:

**GREATER VICTORIA ANIMALS' CRUSADERS
PO Box 5541 , Station B Victoria, BC V8R 6S4**

Please indicate this is For "Magoo" on Donation

Ramona Needs a Forever Home



Are you a person who just wants one cat to dote on? Then maybe I am the right kitty for you! I don't get along well with other kitties so if you want just one kitty in your home I'm your gal ! I am extremely affectionate and a true love. If you want more info or to meet me please call Pamela 381-4744 or email gvac@shaw.ca



Kashton needs a new home !

I am spayed - declawed inside only kitty
I am 12 years old and almost completely deaf but it doesn't affect me ! I
am a very loving and sweet girl !

For info or application form please email gvac@shaw.ca or call
Pamela 381-4744



FEBRUARY STATISTICS

<u>Cat Spay</u>	<u>Cat Neuter</u>	<u>Dog Spay</u>	<u>Dog Neuter</u>	<u>Other</u>
50	27	6	5	36

GRAND TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED IN FEBRUARY **124**



Foster Homes always needed !

Open your Heart & Home & give an animal a 2nd chance at Life !



For more information on fostering or for an application form please contact:

Email : gvac@shaw.ca Or Call: 474-5581

PLEASE HELP US HELP A DESPERATE ANIMAL IN NEED !

Just a dog

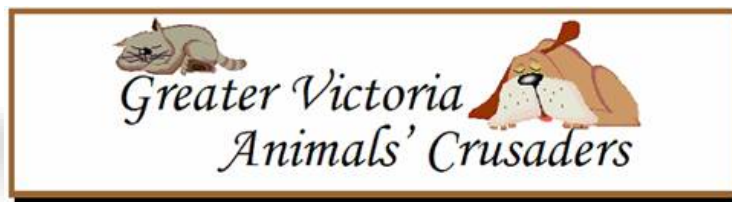
From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man/woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile, because they "just don't understand."



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For every kitten that is born a healthy adult cat will be euthanized ~ there just aren't enough homes for them all !

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It's a matter of life & death***



Animal Crusaders assists low income families with spay/neuter costs.

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Animal Crusaders at 474-5581**

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CRD Animal Control Office - 212-2780 Millstream Road



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to the email below.

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