



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



If Eyes are the Window to the Soul, then the Mouth is the Window to Health ...

Dental disease is by far the most common illness in dogs and cats and it is also one of the simplest problems to treat.

Research shows 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have signs of dental disease. This is a problem that is highlighted as pets get older particularly cats! There is a direct link between the effects of Dental disease on other body organs in particular Kidney failure in cats.

Sadly, organ failure amongst senior cats would be one of the most common causes of euthanasia, kidney failure is a common complaint. Poor dental health results in a build up of bacteria, this bacteria enters the blood stream and eventually makes its way to the kidneys placing them under unnecessary pressure.

As any cat owner knows cats are tough old things, they rarely show any signs of pain or illness until the final stages. Unfortunately by the time cats show signs of kidney failure it is usually in the last stages of the disease. It is important to monitor old cats closely and their dental care should be kept up to date. Water intake and urination patterns should be monitored. Any increase in drinking should be noted and the cat should be checked by a Vet.

Dogs suffer from a number of oral hygiene problems too and just like cats it is particularly important to maintain good oral hygiene in the older pet. Small dogs, with cramped mouths seem to suffer particularly badly, breeds such as Terriers, Shih Tzus etc.

Signs of tooth and gum disease include - Bad breath, Red swollen gums (gingivitis), Tartar on teeth, Pawing or rubbing at the mouth, Difficulty eating, Excessive dribbling.

We need a "forever" home !!



We are in a foster home at the moment but are looking for a forever home !

The black one is a male about 6 - 8 months old - very affectionate and fun !
The brown tabby is a female approx. 1 - 1 ½ years old. - very friendly and affectionate but a bit on the shy side at first. But once she knows you she is fine !

For more information please contact Kris
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"Cats Motto: No matter what
you've done wrong, always try to
make it look like the dog did it"
author unknown



Artemis Needs a New Home !

Due to severe allergies I need to find a new home for Artemis.

Artemis is a 3 years old, spayed, fully vaccinated and De-clawed Indoor Only Kitty.

She has always lived in a condominium apartment with access to an open deck for sun, live plants and fresh air. She loves watching the birds and lying in the sun. She has interacted with other cats in the complex, but for short periods. She is litter trained. Her health is good and her shots are up to date.

She enjoys chasing toys, playing and stroking. She loves to sleep burrowed in blankets. She is initially cautious with strangers, but once relaxed she is friendly and seeks attention. Rarely meows. Always curious!

Interested people are to email Chris directly at

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“Whiskers ‘n’ Wag” Dog Walk

**Help us take steps to better the life of
homeless dogs and cats**

***Join us for a Fun Day and Dog Walk ~
All well behaved dogs are welcome !***



- ~ Chelco Farms Pancake Breakfast ~ 8 – 10am**
(All proceeds from the breakfast go to Chelco Farms)
- ~ Breakfast Dog Treats by “Gobbling Gourmutt”**
- ~ 79 Pontiac Police Drag Car on display - Coloring books
and Trading cards for the Kids !**
- ~ “Canine Good Neighbour Fun Test” for all Dogs**
- ~ Toe nail clipping and grooming**
- ~ Prizes, Games, Non profit and Vendor exhibits &
Much Much More !!**



When:

June 4, 2005 ~ 8 am – 2 pm

Where:

Beaver Lake Picnic area

Registration:

Pre-Register By May 20th for \$10
at Bosley’s Pet Store 491E
Burnside or call 381-4744 or go to
our web page for a registration
form.

www.island.net/~qvac



***For more info call 381-4744
Proceeds from Dog Walk go to
GVAC to help Save Animals !***



Ever wonder what would happen to your pet(s) if something should happen to you ??
We suggest keeping something like this in your wallet with your ID as the rescuers will go there to check.

"Sample"

In Case of an Accident:

In the event that I, _____ am incapacitated and unable to make my wishes known regarding my pet(s), please honor the following requests:

_____ is to be contacted as soon as possible at the following number(s): _____ If you call collect mention my name.

If the above phone number cannot be reached, contact _____ at the following phone number: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

All expenses for the pets(s) will be paid by them.

If the pet(s) are not injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable boarding kennel, or Veterinary boarding facility until such time as arrangements can be made for their transport home.

If the pet(s) are injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable veterinarian, I prefer that my own veterinarian: _____ at _____ be contacted regarding decisions about the pet(s) care and treatment. If any pet is injured beyond all hope of recovery, that pet is to be humanely euthanized.

Photos and descriptions of my pet(s) are attached along with their health records. These pet(s) are tattooed on the _____ or micro chipped with this/these identification numbers: _____

The welfare of my pet(s) is my primary concern.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Signature _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (In the area you may be traveling through, Use back side for additional contacts).

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE _____

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Have you always wondered ?.....

~ **When should vaccinations begin?**

Vaccinations should begin at about 6-8 weeks of age. If the kittens or puppy does not nurse during the first 1-3 days after birth, vaccinations should be considered earlier at about 2-4 weeks of age. Contact your local Vet for assistance with this time frame.

~ **Do all kittens have worms?**

Intestinal parasites or worms are common in kittens. Symptoms include general poor condition, chronic soft or bloody stools, loss of appetite, a pot-bellied appearance, loss of luster of hair coat and weight loss. Your veterinarian should be consulted regarding specific worm remedies for your kittens.

~ **What do I do if my dog or cat has Fleas ?**

For the comfort of humans and animals, flea control on the West Coast is a significant issue. Temperatures on Vancouver Island rarely reach below freezing which can result in a 12 month flea season. Fleas feed on your pet's blood causing skin irritation, flea allergies, and in more severe cases, skin infections. Fleas also carry tapeworms and blood parasites that can be very dangerous to your pet. Many different flea prevention products are available to give your pets relief. Topical and household sprays, topical drops, oral medications, injections and collars can prevent infestations and proliferation of fleas. Contact your local Vet Office to discuss your pet's and family's flea requirements.

~ **What do I do if I have found feral (wild) or orphan kittens?**

Many wild cats give birth to kittens in the greater Victoria area. Most of these kittens are not found or seen by humans until they are 5 to 6 weeks of age. Although this age is too young for kittens to be away from their mother, we believe that these kittens should be rescued by humans as soon as they are able to walk. We do this because wild mom cats will teach their kittens to be wild. If we intervene at a young age we can completely rehabilitate wild cats to live with humans. We do this because wild cats have an extremely difficult life. On average, wild cats live less than two years due to starvation, disease or accident. This will also prevent more unnecessary births if these cats are left to reproduce. If you are able to rescue kittens from the wild, feed them commercial kitten milk replacement purchased at pet stores or if no stores are open, watered down canned kitten food. Never give them cow's milk as it is too rich and will cause diarrhea, a serious condition in kittens. It is imperative to keep them warm with towels and touch them gently and frequently to teach them that human contact is a nice thing. The kittens may need replacement feeding and/or weaning. A veterinarian should also be consulted regarding worming and vaccinations.

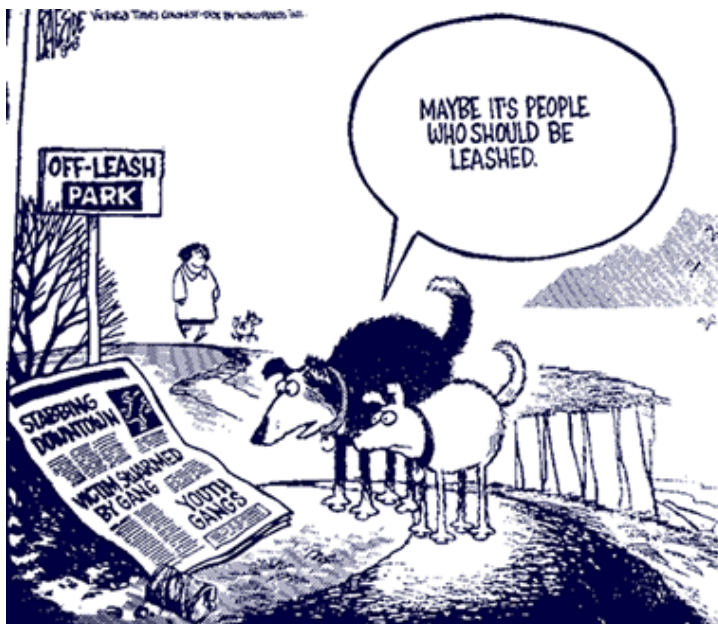




HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH A NEW PUPPY

1. Remove film from box and load camera.
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Choose a suitable background for photo.
5. Mount camera on tripod and focus.
6. Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.
7. Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera.
8. Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees.
9. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand.
10. Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.
11. Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose.
13. Put magazines back on coffee table.
14. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.
15. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
16. Clean up mess.
17. Sit back in chair with cocktail(s) and resolve to teach puppy "sit" and "stay" the first thing in the morning.

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



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