



What Will Happen to Your Furry Friends? When You Are Gone

With the passing of our dear friend Carol it has been a huge awareness to us that we all need to make some arrangements for our pets before something should happen.

One could wonder what would happen if my spouse and I got into a car accident and were no longer able to take care of our pets. Would our family or friends come to the rescue? Or would our precious furry friends be sent to an animal rescue group to be put up for adoption? If we expressed our wishes in our will, would our executor make certain that our pets will be taken care of or is this just wishful thinking? Searching the internet here is what was found:

Even though you may identify a person to take care of your pets, the courts can do nothing if the person decides to drop off your pets at an Animal Pound or Shelter and they could use the funds for their personal gain. The courts view animals as property and therefore they don't have the same rights as humans. Thank goodness we have the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, to protect animals from deprivation of adequate food, water, and shelter; pain or suffering from injury or sickness; or from abuse or neglect. Unless you can 100% rely on the integrity of the person you choose to take care of your pets, then a will is not going to do the job.

So, what can you do? While browsing the internet, we kept coming across "Pet Trust" as a legally binding document that the courts can enforce provisions for the care of your pets while the courts cannot enforce most care giving instructions in your will. We also learned that the pet trust is enforceable during your lifetime and after you pass away while a will is only enforceable after your pass away.

According to one website, the advantages of pet trusts are:
<http://estateplanningforpets.org/faq2.htm>

1. A pet trust will protect your pet when you are traveling, confined to a nursing home or hospital, and other "in between" times or situations.
2. You choose the caregiver.
3. You may designate a not-for-profit organization to care for your pet in the event all caregivers are unavailable.
4. You choose the trustee.
5. You choose the beneficiaries (including your animals).
6. You specify the special care your pet must receive.

"Update on Hunter" (Almost 1 year later)



Hunter enjoys his afternoon naps with his sister Bailey. Although he snores, he is happy and healthy and enjoying a good quality of life. Hunter came to GVAC with severe skin conditions, problems with underdeveloped muscles and stiffening joints. After an extensive period of physiotherapy with Dr. Kettner and his new mom giving him regular vitamins, a good diet and daily massage therapy, his muscles have developed and he moves more easily. On his good days, you will see him playing on the beach or chasing one of the other dogs. He loves to give kisses and his favorite pass time is snuggling and eating cookies.



"Some days it's just ok to hang out with a buddy and watch tv"

"C'mon are you going to get the treat bag open today?"



FEBRUARY STATISTICS

| Cat Spay | Cat Neuter | Dog Spay | Dog Neuter | Other |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|-------|
| 26 | 30 | 7 | 2 | 73 |

GRAND TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED 138

MARCH STATISTICS

| Cat Spay | Cat Neuter | Dog Spay | Dog Neuter | Other |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|-------|
| 26 | 27 | 4 | 12 | 103 |

GRAND TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED 176

Adoption Showcase



Buddy is currently in foster care

Buddy is a playful Lab / Pittie X. I've had Buddy for a few weeks and I've been very impressed with his ability to fetch a ball, or a stick, in the water, and on the land. When it comes to play time in the ocean, Buddy can't be beat. He will play for hours if you'll let him. Buddy listens very well, while playing. He is a head turner to watch and often draws a crowd. Buddy does pull on the leash during walks but he settles down after a bit of off leash play. While jogging with him he does a much better job at staying beside me rather than trying to pull. Buddy is very affectionate and responds best to praise then treats. He also does well at home during the day without any accidents. For application please email Pamela at gvac@shaw.ca



Foggs ~ Hi there . . my name is Foggs. I was found as a stray and was so full of open sores that the vet thought that I was full of cancer. After further examination they found out that I was just so badly matted that it gave me abscesses all over my body. Once shaved and treated with antibiotics I am feeling much better. My fur is still growing back in so I am a bit scraggly looking but I feel much better ! I am a very sweet boy who just loves to cuddle and would sit on your lap forever if you let me !

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Coming events

Your Pet Pals Presents ~ 3rd Annual Rescue Support & Customer Appreciate Day

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**Dee's Orphan
Kitten Fund**

**Each day, thousands of
pets suffer needlessly &
injured & abandoned
animals are left
homelessly to die.**



***BBQ -- Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! & Fun !!
Special Sale - one day only with partial proceeds
going back to Rescue***

***Hamburgers & veggie burgers for sale with all
proceeds going to Save Animals !***

***Come down and meet the people who
work hard every day to help animals !***

Saturday June 9th 9 AM – 5 PM

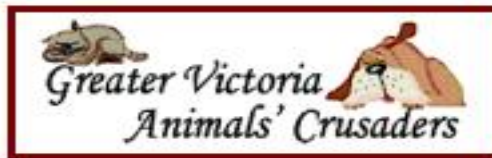
Your Pet Pals - A4 – 100 Admirals Rd. (360-1322)

Get your pledge forms now and Start Raising money to Save Animals !! You can win a Weekend Getaway for you and your Pet !



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The Beaver Lake Picnic Area

Saturday July 7, Rain or Shine

11am until 3pm

Dog Fancy Dress Competition

Agility Try-Outs provided by PAWSITIVE DOG TRAINING

La Paws Dog Spa

FREE DOG FOOD from PETCUREAN PET NUTRITION INC

Everyone
Welcome!



Collect pledges & you can win a Trip to Cougar's Crag Extreme B&B

To Get your Pledge forms go to:

www.victoriapridesociety.org

www.animalcrusaders.ca



Proceeds to Animal Crusaders to Help Save Animals !

An Official Victoria Pride Week 2007 Event

For Information Contact:

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GVAC will be attending the Dog Show at the Saanichton Fair Grounds May 25th - May 27th.

Stop by our table and pick up information brochures on GVAC, enter to win a Dog Draw and make a charitable donation on behalf of a dog you know.

Pet Food Scare and Recall

Want to receive all the new Updates on food recall .. click below and it is an easy set up .. they will email you with updates

<http://nationalpetfoundation.com/pet-food-recall.html>

GVAC Volunteer Needed Spay and Neuter Coordinator

GVAC is in need of someone to assist in answering our busy phone line. This will be a position shared between 2 people.

Requirements:

- ~ Answering our phone line during the day and night for approx 2 weeks at a time, in conjunction with our other Spay and Neuter Coordinator (2 wks on and 2 wks off - approx. time frame is negotiable)
- ~ Able to deal with the public and local vets and answer all calls in a tactful and professional manner.
- ~ Able to follow GVAC's budget and strict guidelines on funding



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I support Animal Crusaders fight against overpopulation, abandoned & abused animals.

Membership: Single \$10.00 ___ Family (two or more) \$17.50 ___
 Senior \$6.00 ___ Life \$100.00 ___ Student \$6.00 ___

I wish to make: "One Time" donation: ___ "Monthly" donation: ___
 ___ \$15 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other ___

** I would like the monthly deducted on: 1st of Month ___ 15th Month ___

** For monthly automatic withdrawal from your account please mail in a voided Cheque.

I wish to charge this to my Visa MC Amex

Card No.: _____ Exp _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(for receipt) _____

Email address _____



Something you want to see in our News Letter??

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