



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



Why does my “Cat” do that ??

Grass Eating : Most people think a cat eats grass when they are sick or have an upset stomach. Occasionally a cat will eat enough grass that it causes vomiting. That's not usually the case. Many healthy cats graze routinely because of the taste, and to fill their natural nutrient requirements. Eating grass in moderation is not harmful to your cat. Just be sure that the grass your cat eats is clean and free of chemicals.

Kneading and Rubbing on People: Most cats like to touch people. They love to rub themselves on your leg, rubbing their face against your hand or sitting on your lap kneading contentedly. It is more than just affection. Cats use scent as one method of communication. The cheeks, chin and base of the tail have more sebaceous glands than the rest of the cat's body. These glands secrete body oils with the cat's odor. So when they rub they leave a bit of their scent on you.

Sometimes a particularly outgoing cat will seem to rub the most on a person who doesn't like cats. (who doesn't like cats ??) It is possible that the cat senses the person's feelings and “retaliates” by leaving their scent all over that person.

Kneading behavior has different roots. The reason they knead is because when they were kittens they would knead their mother's belly to stimulate milk flow. So when they knead on you it is to show contentment. If kittens were weaned too early they may knead and suck on fabric.

Why does my “Dog” do that ??

Circling before lying down: Most dogs will circle two or three times before lying down. Also Sleeping dogs will wake up drowsily, get up, and circle again before going back to sleep. This is merely a way for the dog to get circulation going on the side on which he has been lying. It also helps the dog to arrange his new position with his head facing north. Most dogs will position themselves facing north when they sleep. Studies have shown that circulation improves, heartbeat slows, and metabolism improves when the body is aligned with the earth's magnetic field.

Chewing your hand: Although chewing your hand can be an annoyance many dogs, especially puppies will chew on your hand when you are patting them, when they want to get your attention, or simply whenever you are near. When a dog puts your hand in his mouth he is actually paying you a compliment. He will not do this in a friendly playful way unless he likes and trusts you. When a dog feels safe, secure and loved, he will show his love to you by biting on your hands and clothing.

"A dog is the only thing in the world that loves you more than he loves himself" Josh Billings

CPR Can Save a Pet's Life

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, can be used to treat an animal that has stopped breathing or has no heartbeat. It involves mouth-to-nose resuscitation and chest compressions. If you have confirmed that your pet has no heartbeat or breathing has stopped, have someone call your veterinarian or the local emergency clinic for guidance while you begin rescue efforts. Do not attempt to drive and do CPR too! At the veterinary clinic, they have important aids for resuscitation such as adrenalin oxygen, fluids, breathing stimulants, and windpipe intubation to maximize effectiveness of CPR, but until you get there, the basic First Aid techniques described below may save a pet's life.!

CPR can be broken down into three steps, which are called the ABC's of CPR: Airway, Breathing, and Circulation. It is very important that CPR be performed in this order.

If an animal appears unconscious and motionless, the first step is to establish whether the animal has an open airway. Open the mouth, pull out the tongue, and examine the throat. In long nosed breeds of dogs, a small flashlight may be needed to visualize the throat area. Use your finger to check for and remove any foreign material from the mouth. To protect your fingers in case the pet starts to arouse as you examine and treat the pet, make sure your fingers are never placed in the path of the large teeth at all times. If the animal is conscious, do not examine the mouth as you may get bitten.

The next step is to check for breathing. If the animal is not breathing, you must perform resuscitation. For medium-to-large-sized animals, holding the muzzle closed with your hands should seal the mouth, providing mouth-to-nose resuscitation. For cats and very small dogs, your mouth will seal the pet's mouth when you perform CPR, though commonly, mouth-to-nose resuscitation is used for this size of pet also.

Placing your mouth over the animal's nose and exhaling directly into the nostrils begins resuscitation. After four to five quick breaths, the breathing should be checked again. If the animal does not start breathing after 15 minutes, it is not likely to revive. Small dogs and cats require 20 to 30 breaths per minute, and medium-to-large dogs require 20 breaths per minute. To check whether enough air is being provided (or too much), watch the movement of the chest wall as you provide air. The chest wall should move up and out as if a large normal deep breath is occurring. If the wall moves very high, you are over-inflating the lungs, and a smaller, less vigorous breath should be used. If the chest wall does not move at all, it is possible that a blockage of the windpipe is present.

If there is no heartbeat present, chest compressions should be performed as well. For small dogs, the pet should be lying on its right side. The palm of one hand should be placed over the ribs at the point where the elbows would touch the chest if he was standing, while the other hand is placed beneath the right chest wall.

The chest should be compressed at the rate of five compressions followed by one breath. If there are two people present, one person can perform the breathing, while the other compresses the chest at a rate of three compressions for each breath, then checks for a pulse.

For medium-to-large dogs, the hands must be cupped over each other and the arms kept straight and elbows locked and you need to place your body squarely over the hands in order to get sufficient power to compress the chest properly. The hands should be placed at the point where the left elbow meets the chest.

The chest must be compressed at the rate of five compressions followed by one breath. If there are two people present, one person can perform the breathing, while the other compresses the chest at a rate of two to three compressions for each breath, then checks for a pulse. A folded towel placed under the chest will help to keep the pet from shifting during the application of pressure.

Cats should be placed on their side, and one hand should be placed over the backbone near the shoulder blades, while the other hand is cupped around the underside of the chest where, if the cat was standing, the elbows would be. Flat fingers on the underside, and flat thumb applied on the upper side are applied over this region of the heart.

Pulses can be checked by placing a finger over the mid portion of the inside rear limb about half way between the body wall and the stifle, or knee joint. The femoral artery lies within a trough in the muscles here. Ask your veterinarian to teach you this during a routine examination, and practice on a healthy, awake pet.

If done correctly, CPR can save a pet's life. However, pet owners should be aware that even if performed by an experienced veterinarian, CPR is not always successful. However, this should not deter anyone from trying it in an emergency situation. To learn more about CPR, ask your veterinarian.



Artemis "STILL" 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

721-2525

Draconia_69@hotmail.com



Nicky Needs a new Home !

This is Nicky an orphaned family pet. Nicky's owner passed away on March 27th and now Nicky needs a new Daddy (or Mommy) to love him.

Nicky is a purebred Boston terrier, 6 year old neutered male, fully housebroken. Nicky loves his walks, but he is used to using the yard when the weather dictates.

He is a bit shy but a gentleman in all respects. He has not been overly exposed to small children and because of that would best be suited to a mature household (cat free). He loves all his toys especially his squeakers and Frisbee! He also loves to walk as well as sleep in the sun.

He is in good health and is up to date with all of his shots. He has completed three different sessions of obedience and knows commands such as "rest time" and "no more play time".

Nicky is currently in the Sydney, BC area, living with his former owners caregiver but can easily be brought over to the Vancouver area for a visit with anyone who might be interested in adopting him.

Please let me know if you might be interested or if anyone you might know would like to give a home to this sweetie pie.

If you want more information or want to meet Nicky
Please Email Karen at pawsfuralittle@shaw.ca
With a copy to Brenda at brenda-rae@shaw.ca

SAM (white/tabby) AND ELLIOTT (grey tabby)
Need a New Forever Home - Together !

We are in desperate need for a permanent loving home together! We are both 4 years old boys and both neutered. We need a quiet loving home with no kids and no other pets if possible. They have had a very sad and rough start to their lives so they are hoping to find a forever home together where they can be loved and nurtured!

We are VERY affectionate and happy cats, but we can be a bit shy at first due to our previous home but once we know that we can trust you, we will be very affectionate!



If you want more information or want to meet us please contact
Pamela 381-4744
Puurflections@shaw.ca

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To save G.V.A.C. postage, a stamped, self - addressed envelope for return of your membership card and receipt would be greatly appreciated.

We will continue to make a difference as long as we can be supported by donations, legacies and the help of caring people.

The Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders

Presents ~ "Dine for Duke Day"



Duke is just 1 of 5 kittens that were found in a cardboard box, taped shut and thrown on the side of the road. They were left to die a slow and painful death of starvation. Thankfully these kittens were found and put into Animal Crusaders care and today are happy and healthy!

Help Animal Crusaders Save other Animals just like Duke by coming out and having a meal at any of these participating Restaurants below on JUNE 19TH (Fathers Day) and \$2 from every (regular priced) entrée goes to Save Animals Lives !



Have a Meal and Save Animals !

On June 19th Dine at:



**Charters - 5109 Cordova Bay
James Bay Inn-270 Government
The Black Fish Cafe -950 Wharf
\$2 from every (regular priced) Entree
goes to Save Animals !**

Animal Crusaders is a non profit Spay & Neuter Society that also assists with vet costs and care for abandoned and abused animals. For more information call 381-4744 or visit

www.members.shaw.ca/gvac

**Have you Registered for our First Annual
"Whiskers 'N' Wags Dog Walk yet ?**



"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 & 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 !!*



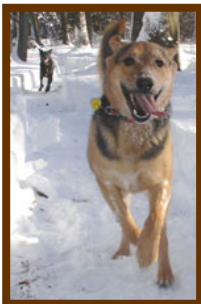
When:

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.members.shaw.ca/gvac

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





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Email any story or topic suggestions to the email below.**



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