



Greater Victoria
Animals' Crusaders



January 2008 ~ Happy New Years !

Annual General Meeting

Was held on Sunday October 21st, 2007

Welcome The Board of directors who have been voted in for another year

President ~ David Broad

Vice President ~ Pamela Saddler

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Bookkeeper ~ Vivienne Gent

Must Read Story



Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

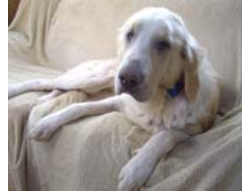
Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life --like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."



Silent Auction Coming In February....
Keep checking the web for more info.
Check out our Silent Auction and Bid ONLINE !
Go to www.animalcrusaders.ca
Click on "Silent Auction"

Molly & Mango Update



Mango and Molly update Dec. 8th: Molly & Mango received eye surgery and now both dogs are adopted into wonderful homes. We wish to thank all who donated to the Molly fund, as it also contributed to Mango's medical expenses and eye surgery. Both dogs continue to work with a trainer for socialization. Mango lives in a home with 1 other dog and they adore each other. Molly and her human are a perfect match!

Many thanks to all who contributed!

A Special thanks to everyone who Sponsored an Animal this Christmas ... It was a thoughtful gift which will help save & enrich the lives of Mango, Molly & lots of others just like them.



Remember that sponsoring an animal can be done all year around! What a perfect Gift for any occasion! Call 381-4744 or email gvac@shaw.ca

Vets for Pets Clinic Needs Volunteers!

GVAC is looking for volunteers to help us at our Vets for Pets Clinic, which is held at "Our Place" once a month

This clinic is for the pets of People on the Streets so their pets are able to receive vet care and food supplies.

This clinic is usually the 2nd Monday of each month and runs from approx
11 - 2 PM

If you want to volunteer or would like more info please contact Diane at cyberdi@telus.net or call 474-5581

The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but rather, "Can they suffer?" ~Jeremy Bentham

Still need a 2008 Calendar ??

Get yours today and Help us Save Animals ~ Now \$10 Each !!

2008 Fundraiser Calendar

Purchase a Calendar for \$15 & Help Save Animals
 Inside each month we showcase an animal we have helped & their story !




100% of Proceeds go to Save Animals Just Like These



All animals in this calendar have been rescued by Animal Crusaders




Purchase your Calendar at:

Your Pet Pals ~ Admirals Walk
 Belmont Langford Vet ~ 785 Goldstream Ave Langford
 Quadra Veterinary Clinic ~ 2608 Quadra Street
 Gorge Veterinary Clinic ~ 2904 Tillicum Road
 K9HQ Doggy Daycare ~ 102-721 Station Ave Langford
 CRD Pound ~ 5401 Pat Bay Highway
 CRD Office ~ 212-2780 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Or Email: gvac@shaw.ca or call 381-4744










STATISTICS

| <u>Cat Spay</u> | <u>Cat Neuter</u> | <u>Dog Spay</u> | <u>Dog Neuter</u> | <u>Other</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| JULY TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED | | | | |
| 19 | 30 | 3 | 3 | 118 |
| 73 | | | | |
| AUGUST TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED | | | | |
| 26 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 172 |
| 118 | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED | | | | |
| 29 | 24 | 4 | 5 | 173 |
| 101 | | | | |
| OCTOBER TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED | | | | |
| 33 | 28 | 2 | 8 | 164 |
| 93 | | | | |
| NOVEMBER TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED | | | | |
| 38 | 26 | 7 | 7 | 191 |
| 113 | | | | |

Critters in Need



Sebastian

Sebastian was a stray kitten turned into the CRD Pound. It was soon discovered that Sebastian had something wrong with his eyes. He was taken to the vet and turned over to GVAC's care. A specialist was brought in and it has been determined that poor Sebastian was born with no upper eyelids. We can only imagine how uncomfortable that is for him since the fur above his eyes rolls down into his eyes. If untreated the constant rubbing could cause ulcers on the cornea and he could become blind.

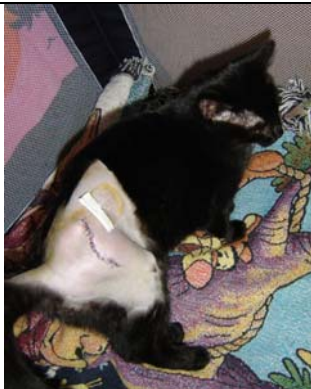
Sebastian needs to have upper eyelids created on both eyes. The surgery is extensive and rare and a specialist, Dr. Kellar from Vancouver will be performing the surgery. He will have to remove some of his eyelids from both of his bottom eyes and create him new upper eye lids. This Surgery will cost approx. \$1500



Willow

Willow was found in a cardboard box with a bit of food and water and just left at "Willow Wind Pet Store" Thankfully she was turned over to Belmont Langford Vet where she became a GVAC Cat. Willow had tests and X-rays taken and it was found she has a broken Pelvis. Hopefully in time she will be able to walk again, but at the moment she has no movement of her back end and requires extra love and care. The Vet determined this break should heal on it's own in time and with minimal movement.

Time will only tell what life holds for Sweet Willow but for the time being she is loved and in foster care where she is able to watch the other kittens and cats play for entertainment and company.



Keira

Shortly after arrival into GVAC foster care it was noticed that Keira had a very bad limp, she was taken to the vet for x rays and it was found that she had a crushed femur at the hip joint. Upon inspection by the vet this appeared to be an injury that was approximately a month or more old, and it was an injury that was caused by a very forceful localized blow. On Friday December 14th Keira had extensive surgery which involved removing the top of the damaged femur bone and modifying her hip joint so that the new femur bone would fit correctly into the hip joint. At this point Keira is on a pain management regimen and supervised limited activity to allow for proper healing.

If you would like to make a donation to help Willow, Keira and others just like them please donate to:

Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders
PO Box 5541 Station B Victoria BC V8R 6S4
Tax receipts will be issued

***** Please note any donations made to these animals which goes above and beyond their care will go to help another animal in need***

2007 EVENTS "Recap"

Wags to Whiskers Dinner & Auction ~ \$9,315.31 raised
Dog Walk ~ \$1890.00 raised
Pet Photo's ~ \$941.86 raised

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated at these events !

Dog & Cat Foster Homes Urgently Needed

GVAC is in desperate need of dog & cat foster homes.
If you can foster a needy dog or cat please email Pamela at gvac@shaw.ca

~ In Memory ~

In Loving Memory ~ Margaret Mayhew ~ Sept 2007



Pippin who came to GVAC in his later years of life very sick .. He went into a loving foster home where he was able to spend his final days loved !



Bubaloo became ill with Kidney Failure and did not survive .. he was in his foster mothers arms and had the words "I Love you" in his ear as he went peacefully to sleep .. We will miss you Bubaloo and so will both of your foster "moms"



Amber became very ill suddenly and did not survive .. She will be truly missed but us at GVAC and more so by her Foster mom and family who had her for a very long time...

The blessing is Amber passed away being loved .. and in her "mothers" arms ... sadly a lot of strays don't have that

Check out Who we have up for Adoption !
GVAC now has all our animals up for adoption on
www.animalcrusader.ca

Check us out!



PO Box 5541, Station B, Victoria BC V8R 6S5 474-5581

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 _____

(Email Address's will be used for memberships to save on postage and to send you our monthly newsletter)



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