



Be Kind to Animals Week

May 4th to the 10th !!!

Say NO to Puppy Mills!!

Hundreds of thousands of dogs suffer in puppy mills in this country. The dogs are prisoners of greed. They are locked in small cages. They freeze in the winter and swelter in the summer. The dogs never get out of their prisons. They are bred over and over again until they die. The only way to free them from the misery of these horrid puppy mills is to eliminate the demand for puppies by refusing to buy a puppy in a pet store and boycotting those pet stores that sell puppies. When people stop buying puppies in pet stores, the puppy mills will go out of business and the misery will end. Please join this fight to free the prisoners of greed. The only person who is going to make a difference for the dogs suffering in puppy mills is you. You, the people, can free them from their puppy mill prisons.

Two local people are working hard to make a difference. Angella and Dianna are busy trying to educate the public about puppy mills. They are organizing local peaceful protests and have a petition available for signing. We urge you to educate yourself about this horrific problem and give Angella and Dianna your support.

You can find further information and their petition at the following website:

www.saynotopetstorepuppies.com

<http://www.nopupppymillscanada.ca/>

<http://www.prisonersofgreed.org/>

Maxx has received his leg braces and is walking much better now! He thanks all of you who helped him get them !



Maxx was a puppy mill puppy. He was kept in a small metal box.

Today he is happy and loved but poor maxx has already received numerous surgeries on his badly impacted legs from the years of being cramped in that small space. Maxx requires another leg surgery in order for him to live a normal and happy life.

Please make a donation today towards Maxx's Leg Surgery. Tax Receipts will be issued.

Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders

PO Box 5541 Station B Victoria BC V8R 6S4** Please note any donations above and beyond the care of Maxx will go to help another animal in need

"Ben and Charley's Excellent Adventure"

Ben and Charley are two GVAC adopted dogs who would like to "hit the road" and tour all over Victoria and share with you all the fun places for you and your dog !

Ben & Charley went to Woofles Barking Boutique in Market Square

www.wooflesbarkingboutique.com



B-Welcome to our excellent adventure!

C-For this excellent adventure Ben and I went to Woofles Barking Boutique in Market Square.

B-Ya, we wanted to catch up with one of our old classmates, Simmah. She went to Puppy Kindergarten with us!

C-We did see Simmah briefly at the annual Halloween costume contest that raises funds for the Animals Crusaders. Isn't that where we came from?

B-Yes, were helped by GVAC when we were little. I know Simmah was at the costume contest but she was so busy running around in her pumpkin outfit we never got to talk to her!!

C- It was so cool to see Simmah again and her mom Royanne and spend some quality time with them.

B-And Woofles smells soooooo good!

C-It was awesome with all those fresh baked cookies and treats! The smell was soooooo good I just had to bark!

B-Royanne bakes all the cookies and treats fresh right in the store. Even the ones that are good for your knees and keep fleas away taste yummy!!

C-Yup, they were very yummy. That made to order birthday cake looked pretty good too!! It just made me want to bark!

B-I wanted to buy so many things there. All the clothes were so awesome, especially the collars and ties!! There was lots of stuff that would fit us bigger fellas! Simmah got lots of groovin clothes!

C-Ya, and those beds looked pretty comfy too!

B-There were quite a few things there for cats too, but I never saw a cat did you?

C-Nope, good thing too 'cos I'm afraid of kitties!!

B-When we had our picture taken, Simmah got to sit on a big "Pup"cake bed!! She looked pretty rockin!!

C-She said you looked like a big dork!! That made me bark!!

B-Ha! You liar!! You know that both of us are absolutely irresistible!! My mom tells me that all the time!!

C-Your mom is right on Bro!!

B-Royanne told my mom that she will be at the Government St market all summer long on Sundays, from May 4 to September 28. I sure hope we go sometimes so I can get more treats.

C-Ya, for sure!! Tell your friends to check out Royanne and Simmah's website too.

www.woofles.ca They are getting many of their items up on the site now.

B-OK, that's our excellent adventure for this time. Thanks Simmah and Royanne for the great visit and the treats!!

C-Ya, thanks from me too!! Now I just gotta bark!!



Ben, Simmah and Charley at Woofles



Simmah on her "Pup"cake bed



Did You Know.....?

A female kitten can become reproductively ready as early as four months of age. Female heat cycles are timed with the beginning of longer days and so have peak cycles in early spring and mid summer. Cats may also produce a third litter in late fall.

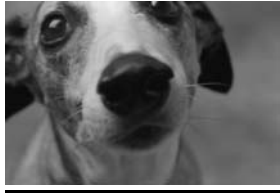
The reproductive cycle begins with a proestrus, which lasts about 1-3 days. When a female cat advances to estrus she will become more affectionate and exhibit behaviors like rubbing, rolling and vocalizing. She may drop her onto her elbows and raise her back end if stroked along her back and might accompany this with treading from side to side on her rear paws. This period usually lasts from 3-7 days but could be longer. If the cat does not mate with a male then she will go into a resting period known as interestrus that lasts 1-2 weeks. But in fact she never really comes out of season and could be ready to mate at any time.

Cats prefer to mate at night and during the receptive estrus period a female cat can mate with a male every 1-2 hours. Her receptive period lasts several days and she can mate with several different males. This is why kittens in the same litter may have different fathers.

Sources:

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&A=1738>

<http://www.cathealth.com/ReproMating.htm>



March STATISTICS

Cat Spay	Cat Neuter	Dog Spay	Dog Neuter	Other
7	8	2	1	67
Total: 85				



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Check out Who we have up for Adoption ! GVAC has all our animals up for adoption on

www.animalcrusaders.ca

Check us out!



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