



Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders



HALLOWEEN SAFETY FOR YOUR PETS !

NOISES and STRANGE STRANGERS:

Trick or treaters can cause loud and excessive noise and frighten your pet, so try to keep your pets inside in a quiet room where they are insulated from the Halloween noises.

Pets, especially dogs, that are easily excitable or threatened by strangers should be kept from the front door so they cannot bite anyone or run into the street. With many people visiting the home in strange attire, even normally calm pets might overreact.

Keep pets on a shorter-than-normal leash if you plan on walking outside on Halloween. Again, scary and weird looking trick-or-treaters could provoke aggression in even the nicest pet.

CANDY

Candy, especially chocolate, is toxic for animals and can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances, and even death. Ask kids not to share candy with pets.

CANDLES

Be careful with lit pumpkins and candles because pets can knock them over and start a fire. Therefore ensure that all burning objects are out of pet's reach. Remember that cats can jump high, and birds can fly, so try to confine a pet if it demonstrates an "unhealthy" interest in flames (e.g. it puts its paws in lit pumpkins or tries to play with candles).

PETS IN DISGUISE

Avoid costumes held in place by rubber bands, which can be uncomfortable and, more important, rubber bands mistakenly left on a pet can quickly burrow into the animal's skin and cause injury. Additionally, rubber bands in the wrong place can choke a bird.

If a pet wears a costume, make sure it is not constricting, causing your pet to trip, or blocking its vision. Do not force a pet to wear a costume if it demonstrates discomfort. All of the above can cause undue stress and possibly cause aggression in even the nicest dog, goldfish, or iguana.

EVIL IN THE NIGHT

Don't leave pets outside on Halloween. Many animals disappear as pranksters and those with darker intentions tease, abduct, torture, or even kill pets.

Be especially watchful of black cats, who which are frequent targets of cruel activities on Halloween. Try to keep black cats inside for the week of Halloween. Many animal shelters make black cats unavailable for adoption the week before Halloween because of black cat abuse.

Please keep your cats and dogs inside over the Holiday to ensure their safety !

GROOMING YOUR PET "CORRECTION FROM EMAIL NEWS #12"

In speaking with a Groomer who read the last Email News Letter on Grooming it is advised that I make a few corrections from the last article. It is recommended that you never remove matts or use a wire brush. Matts should never be pulled from the hair but should be either shaved clean from the skin or cut out, using scissors by an experienced groomer only. Brushes tend to pull on the knots and can cause skin irritations if these pins come in contact with the skin. It is suggested to use matt breakers or dematters to remove matts at home. These devices are a bladed comb which cuts the matts & undercoat out instead of a brush which only pulls them out....very inhumane !!! You have to hold the ends of the hair when using these dematters to ensure no pulling, a good dematter costs around \$35, you can remove these blades as they become dull & clean them as well, unlike the cheaper knock off dematters where you cannot.

A Very Special Thanks to Julia !!



*Julia donated her birthday party money to GVAC
Special Needs Fund to help Andy the dog*





"Love Animals For Life"

Wrist bands!!



Show your Love for Animals & Their Welfare by
Wearing a Wrist Band

Purchase your bands For \$5 at:

Bosley's - 491 Burnside Road East

Your Pet Pals-5-100 A Aldersmith Pl.(Admirals Walk)

Pets West - 220-777 Royal Oak Drive

Proceeds go to GVAC to help Save Animals Lives

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/gvac>

Designate your United Way Donation to GVAC

Donate to the United Way every year ?

You can “Designate” your pledge to Animal Crusaders !

Donate some or ALL of your United Way donation to Animal Crusaders.

To donate to the United Way call 385-6708 or Visit www.unitedwayvictoria.bc.ca

Pledge Form Instructions:

- On the bottom of your pledge form there is a box that says “Designations”
- Check the box that says “I Wish to designate some of my donation”
- Flip the page over and go to the back of the White pledge form on the Bottom where it says “Other Designations”
- **For Name of Charity write**
“The Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders – REG # 1189 4688 RP0001”
- Put the amount of which you would like to go to GVAC

MAZIE AND HER KITTENS NEED FOREVER HOMES !



Mazie is a young female cat (approx. 1 year old) She is in foster care where she had her 5 beautiful kittens !! They will be ready to go to their forever homes around November 1st.

Mazie is an extremely good mother and one of the most loving, gentle and sweet cats this foster home has ever seen! Her kittens are all playful and love human interaction.

Mazie and her kittens all need homes so if you can provide a loving home please call Pamela 381-4744.



GWEN NEEDS A NEW HOME !

Sadly my owners moved away and left me locked in the house with no food and water. Thank goodness the neighbors heard by cries and came and got me out. I am now in foster care but need a forever home where I won't be left behind again. I am a 4 year old spayed female. Inside only prefer, good with other cats and very loving and affectionate.

For more info call Pamela 381-4744 or email gvac@shaw.ca

My name is "Tude " and I need a Forever Home !



I am a 7 year old spayed female. I am very healthy and my shots are up to date.

I am a bit shy at first but I do love attention. I would prefer a quiet home with no young children.

I am being taken care of by a wonderful lady but she can't keep me for long, so if someone can either foster me or provide me with a permanent home I would love you forever !

For more info on me please call Pamela 381-4744 or email gvac@shaw.ca

TRICK OR TREAT FOR DOGS AND THEIR PEOPLE !
OCTOBER 15TH

Proceeds to Noah's Wish - to help animals in Disaster

Citizen Canine is hosting this exciting Halloween fundraiser in Layritz Park (Saanich) between 11am and 3pm.

Activities include: The official CKC Canine Good Neighbour Program; expert advice about Halloween and pets' anxiety; dog obedience instructors teaching dog tricks, and canine related tutorials for children. They will also have a craft table and scary displays; costume contests for both people and dogs; working dogs perform... and lots of other fun things to do and see. Concession: Ghoulie burgers and Hot Dogs - of course!

Proceeds will go to Noah's Wish - a not-for-profit group that works to rescue and shelter animals in disaster situations (like Hurricane Katrina), and to support Cost for the evaluation and certificate is \$20.

Reserve your spot by going to cgnc@citizencanine.org

For detailed information about the twelve test situations, visit
www.citizencanine.org/cgn12.htm

"PAWS FOR LIFE"
Dinner & Silent Auction

Thanks to all who came and also all those who donated to this event.

It was a huge success with 120 people in attendance and \$7,410.68 raised to help save animals !



Great Food !



Great Entertainment !



Great Company !!

See you all next year !

The Way to a Woman's Heart ... Is Through Her Cat

So, you're dating a gal who shares her residence with a cat. If your relationship is going to get anywhere, I encourage you to follow each of these suggestions:

- Never, ever mention that you can (or can't) smell the litter box.
- If the kitten wants to spend an hour untying your shoelace, let him. When he gets it untied, retie it so he can continue playing.
- Never make a big show of brushing the cat fur from your slacks.
- Get in the habit of putting a couple of sardines in your pocket. Slip them to the cat when she isn't watching (Note: you may have to do this through the entire dating period, because the cat will likely go for your pocket each time you visit).
- Don't push the cat off the sofa if he's inserted himself between the two of you. If he's still sitting between the two of you when you get amorous, reassure him (mental telepathy is fine) that you have no harmful intentions against his companion, and move him gently to your lap. Try to keep one hand stroking the cat at all times in this situation.
- If you're spending the night, do yourself a favor and don't even TRY to sleep in the cat's favorite spot on the bed.
- When you phone her, ask about her cat.
- When she leaves the room to fix cocktails or check on dinner, ask her if she's got a cat toy handy so you can keep the cat entertained.
- If you're taking her out to dinner, ask her if it's okay to bring home a "cat bag" of leftovers for the cat.

"Scratch a dog and you will find a permanent job. "Franklin Jones"

Help Save Animals “Raffle Draw”

~Tickets 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5 ~

Prizes:

2 nights @ Mt Washington Condo

10 dog training lessons with Julie Carter of Sociable Dogs

Weber Barbecue value \$129

To Purchase Tickets go to:

Your Pet Pals - Admirals Walk

Bosley's on Burnside

Bosley's in Colwood

Draw Date Dec. 17, 2005 @ Noon ~ Bosley's- 491 Burnside Rd East

Winners consent to the release of their names by the licensee

For Animal Adoption or if you found or lost a pet
go to www.victoriaadoptables.com



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