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Italian Night!

Paws Animal Rescue held its annual SPAYghetti and No Balls fund-raiser again this year for their spay and neuter program. Several people came out to have a delicious spaghetti meal with their families. There were also a lot of to-go boxes heading out the door for people who were not able to attend the event.

The spay and neuter program offers discounted rates to Hughes and Stanley County residents who would like to have their cats or dogs fixed. This program has been successful for several years in helping unwanted litters not be produced, which in the end is less animals that could possibly end up at the pound. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this program, please have them give us a call at 605-223-CATS.

The fund-raiser brought in more than \$1,500 and a big thank you to the American Legion and all the volunteers that made this event successful! See more photo on Page 2.



SPAYghetti and No Balls Highlights



Pup Dates

Momo (now Cocoa):

Update #1 - (The George she speaks of is their poodle mix dog, who is one year old.) "The trip home went well. George is getting used to having a buddy around. He's starting to play with her more and not just growl all the time. The boys decided to rename her Cocoa, she is learning her new name. She seems to be adjusting to being in a house really well. She loves to chase the boys around the backyard and go for walks. She has also been going to the dog park and loves it!"

Update #2 - "Momo (the boys decided to rename her Cocoa) is fitting in really well at our house! Her and George are starting to play together more and she really likes the kids. She loves to snuggle on the couch and play keep away from George. We got a gentle lead and have been using that for walks."

Margie:

"She's doing very well. I got the in ground fence put up yesterday. She loves the snow. We're keeping her name Margie. She's also very gentle with the kids and they love her. Margie is also being less focused on the cats in the household and will soon realize they are not squirrels!!!"

Eddie:

"Eddie is doing well and gets along fine with the cats. Still working on house training and chewing. William loves having him here. He is fitting in well."

Duke:

"Yes we are doing good and Duke really likes chasing cows and is starting to learn some commands like down and back. Thank everybody there for me and have a Merry Christmas."



KEEP THOSE RECEIPTS!

Paws Animal Rescue is asking for your Dakotamart receipts. With every \$10,000 we turn in, Dakotamart donates \$100 to the rescue. Your receipts can be dropped off at the shelter during open hours or please feel free to mail them in. This is an ongoing fundraiser so please keep them coming! Thank you for your support and stay warm.



Let's Cats-Up

Serena and Venus (now Merry and Pippin):

"The girls are doing great. They like to watch the traffic in front of our house as you can see in the one picture. We built them a box tower so they could get a better view. You can see Merry (Serena) playing with their feather toy and Pippin lounging after her feather toy adventure. They are definitely snugglers, especially in the early morning. We chose Merry and Pippin after the Lord of the Rings characters, because just like those characters they are always up to something."



They are doing well after their vet ap-

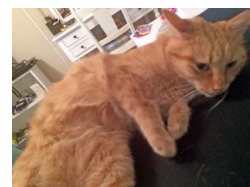
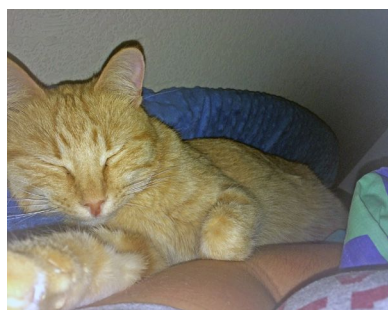
pointment to be spayed, they seem to feel like normal again.

They love plastic bottle caps, so if you want a cheap toy to test on the other shelter cats bottle caps are the way to go. They bat them around, carry them everywhere, almost loving them more than the feather toy.. ALMOST. They also still love the rik-rak elastic toy that was made by one of your volunteers.

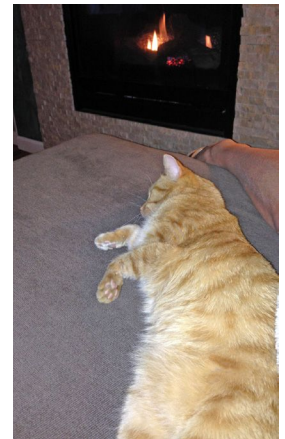


Gigi:

Gigi has adjusted quite nicely. She is always looking for someone to cuddle with or follow around and loves attention from everybody (even strangers). She also loves to watch birds outside and chase the bugs inside (we need to train her to kill the bugs). I am



so glad she is a part of our family now! Thanks for everything and hope all is well.



Memorials and Honors

November

Donation made by JoAnn Fischer in memory of Jessie Elder.

Donation from Pam Templeton in memory of Pearl, dog belonging to Nancy and Jerry Gabert.

Donna Park in memory of Tuck Durham.

Jodi Owen in memory of Dawn Schroeder

Numerous donations made in memory of Chris Huse.

December

A memorial in memory of Ernielee Kal-lenberger who loved animals, especially dogs, from his sister, Rosie Kraig.

Roger and Nila Novotny - in memory of "Lady," a great friend that we still miss after five years!!!



Above: Kaydence Horsley turned 4 years old and received gifts for Paws Animal Rescue instead of herself. Her birthday gifts to Paws was a bag full of dog treats.

Top 5 Most Common Cat Illnesses

Pets Best Insurance Services, LLC, a leading U.S. pet insurance agency based in Boise, Idaho, recently released a list of the top 5 most common cat illnesses to help cat owners recognize the symptoms of common illnesses and seek veterinary treatment when needed. Pets Best reports that five of the most common feline health issues represent approximately 30 percent of the agency's total claims for cats across the nation. Pets Best encourages cat owners to watch closely for the symptoms of the five most common conditions among cat-related claims filed with the agency.

1. Chronic kidney failure

Symptoms can include anorexia, vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea, constipation, depression and weight loss.

2. Hyperthyroidism

Common symptoms are a voracious appetite, weight loss, increased thirst and urination, vomiting, diarrhea and restlessness.

3. Allergies

Skin allergy symptoms often include raised, thickened raw skin, small scabs, face and ear itching and bald spots. Food allergies tend to include scabs and other signs of itching around the face or neck.

4. Cancer

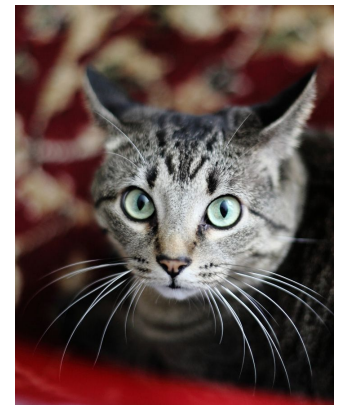
Cat owners should watch for symptoms like lumps and bumps on the skin, lack of appetite, lethargy, excessive salivation, difficulty chewing or swallowing, rapid weight loss and abnormal discharges. Other warning signs include abnormal odors, abnormal defecation and urination, vomiting and diarrhea.

5. Diabetes

Symptoms include increased thirst and urine, unusual appetite and rapid weight loss.

As a result of cats' distinct health trends, Pets Best offers feline-specific insurance plan to help cat owners afford the best veterinary care needed for their pets. The Feline Illness plan covers the diagnosis and treatment of many costly and chronic feline illnesses. Illnesses covered in the plan include chronic kidney failure, hyperthyroidism, cancer, diabetes and pancreatitis. In total, the plan covers 21 illnesses and starts at less than \$5 per month.

"Indoor cats may not experience emergency accidents as often as other animals, but that doesn't mean they never fall ill or need treatment," said Dr. Jack Stephens, president and founder of Pets Best. "Pets Best encourages all cat owners to consider the benefits of pet insurance plans, which can significantly reduce out-of-pocket costs for veterinary care and help cats enjoy longer, happier lives."



Ten Early Warning Signs of Canine Cancer

CANCER ESSENTIALLY REFERS TO AN uncontrolled cell growth on or in the body. It may either be localized, or invade neighboring tissues and then spread all the way through the body. This serious disease is potential in most household animals, and the incidence increases with age. Dogs often get cancer at almost the same rate as humans, and the condition has been found to account for nearly half of the deaths of pets which are more than 10 years old.

How Common is Canine Cancer?

Cancer in dogs has become especially prevalent in aging pooches. As a matter of fact, 50 percent of dogs over the age of 10 years have developed cancer at some point in their lifetime. Malignant lymphomas (a lymph node tumor), skin cancers (like mast cell tumor), or breast cancer (also called mammary gland tumor) are quite common in elderly dogs. Even soft tissue sarcomas and some fair incidences of bone cancer can also be seen in dogs. New estimates show cancer as the ultimate cause of death in one in five dogs.

Most Common Symptoms

1. Abnormal swelling/s that continue to grow
2. Sores that never heal
3. Loss of appetite
4. Weight loss
5. Bleeding or discharge from any opening in the body
6. Offensive odor
7. Difficulty eating or swallowing
8. Loss of stamina or hesitation to exercise
9. Persistent stiffness or lameness



10. Difficulty breathing, urinating and defecating

How to Keep Your Dog from Developing Cancer

Unfortunately, the main cause of most canine cancers is still not known; thus, making prevention very difficult. Nevertheless, for those cancer types that are largely preventable, you can try the following:

- Spaying or Neutering. The biggest thing that you can do to prevent your pooch from getting this disease is by spaying her. Having your dog undergo this surgery as late as possible, BUT prior to her first heat cycle will reduce the probability of her developing mammary cancer eight-fold, simply due to the hormonal influence.

- A healthy, species appropriate diet. Its no coincidence that the prevalence of cancers in dogs has increased along with the growth of the commercial dog food industry. Choose to feed your pet a premium, high quality food that is sourced and made in the USA or Canada, not from China where regulations and quality control are lacking.

- Avoid exposing your dog to pollutants. Cancer isn't something that your

dog "catches," but rather, it is something that begins to grow inside his body. Avoid putting any undo stress on your dog's body by limiting his exposure to pollutants such as second-hand cigarette smoke, chemicals and dangerous household cleansers, smog, fumes, etc.

- Good oral hygiene. This can aid in reducing the risk of developing oral cancers. And, if you intend on buying a purebred pooch, check his line to find out if there's any kind of cancer that prevails in the family tree.

- Early diagnosis and treatment. Overall, cancer prevention is kind of difficult since we don't really know the causes of the disease. As a result, owners have to be alert when it comes to spotting the symptoms early and then treating them very quickly so that the severity of the disease can be avoided. Regular annual veterinary exams and bloodwork are an excellent way to catch cancers early. In many cases, by the time symptoms are obvious, the cancer is difficult to treat. But, certain cancers can be detected early through blood tests.

Will My Pooch Die Once Diagnosed with Cancer?

Not necessarily. In fact, most of the canine cancers we see today can now be dealt with surgically. Lots of breast cancer, skin tumor, mast cell tumor, and soft tissue sarcoma cases can be removed with surgery, rendering the dog cancer-free. Even in situations where a cancer has advanced to the lymph nodes, there remain several options that can help in prolonging both his length and quality of life.



Membership Registration

Paws Animal Rescue

PO Box 954 – Pierre, SD 57501

605-223-cats

www.pets4adoption.org

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Phone # Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Birthday (month and day) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New _____ Renewal _____

1 Year Membership: (Includes quarterly newsletter subscription, monthly animal update, & ability to vote at general meetings.)

_____ Student \$15.00 (under 18)

_____ Family \$30.00 (2+)

_____ Senior \$15.00 (65+)

_____ Business \$50.00

_____ Individual \$20.00 (18 and up)

_____ Lifetime \$500.00

I would also like to:

Make a donation

_____ One Time _____ Monthly _____ Yearly (Cash, Check, Automatic Deposit)

\$ _____ General Fund (every day expenses)

\$ _____ Special Needs Fund (for animals with extra medical needs)

\$ _____ Building Fund

\$ _____ Spay/Neuter Fund

Become a Paws Animal Rescue Sponsor (cash, check, Automatic Deposit)

_____ Monthly (\$30.00 per month)

_____ Quarterly (\$90.00 every 3 months)

_____ Semi-Annual (\$180.00 every 6 months)

_____ Yearly (\$360.00 once a year)

To register as a Paws Animal Rescue sponsor, please complete the separate Sponsorship Registration form and attach it.

Become a Paws Animal Rescue volunteer

_____ Dog Foster Home Volunteer

_____ Cat Shelter Volunteer

_____ Fund Raiser Volunteer

_____ Other

To register as a Volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Registration/Waiver form and attach it.

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Cash _____ Check _____

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