


Paw Prints

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Happy Summer.

Time to bring you up to date with information about our activities, news, plans, and of course, our “kids.” Yes, the pets we care for and love until you come and take them home are indeed our kids. We have all kinds...smart, funny, loveable, and the two that we’re featuring on our front page have their challenges. Meet Bear and Sir Klaus (Klausey to his friends which is everybody).



Hello...my name is Bear. I want you to know that I’m a perfectly good dog, and almost everything works just like it should. I’m a big, long-legged boy. I’m also strong, and healthy and I never get in a bad mood, but there is this one problem...I kind of wobble. These good folks rescued me from a really bad place in the South. For a long time, I didn’t get the right food, and I grew up with legs that although long, are not situated quite right. I kind of look like Scooby Doo. When I got here, the first thing they did was to take me to a couple of really nice Doctors, but the docs said there is no surgery that can help me. But, don’t get the wrong idea, I want you to know that I can walk just fine, it’s just that once in a while I lose my balance and bump into things. My legs sometimes seem to have a mind of their own. That’s why my weight has to be carefully monitored. But, Gee, we can go for walks... nice slow ones. If you like me, I’ll like you right back and I’ll love to be next to you. You’ll find my head in your lap when you pet me. Even

though I’m big, I’m a real snuggler. All I want right now is for my new family to walk through the door. I hope, I hope, I hope.

Sir Klaus (Klausey)

I’m a six-year old Boxer, a tough guy (real strong and sturdy) but I’ve got this problem that I’ll need your help with...heartworm. I lived in Florida with my Mom and Dad. when we found out about the heartworm. They started me on the medicine to treat it and I was doing Ok. Then my Dad got real sick and he passed away. Mom had to leave there and we came up here. Mom couldn’t keep up with the treatments, and she had to put me here. Maybe it was all too much. So here I am. I’m getting my medicine again, and if you like me (I know I’ll like you), we’ll have to keep up the treatments. Here is what Gary says about me...*“Sir Klause is a good boy who tends to be a dominant male. He should go to a strong handler with breed experience who will be a true pack leader. Sir Klause is a happy guy who deserves a chance in the right home. He is very loving and affectionate and knows how to act appropriately with new people and situations. But, he also needs someone who will be firm with him and not let him get away with things.”*



From the Director

With fall soon upon us, the kids will be heading back to school and we will be spending less time outdoors. For many active dogs, this can be a trying time when you may see some behavioral problems crop up or existing issues become more severe. Most of these situations can be easily corrected, even for pets with a long history of problems.



We have many ways in which we support adopters with any issues they may have, but even more important, the Animal Adoption Center utilizes “preventative medicine.” Before adoption we start with the basics. We ensure that everyone involved is being considered, especially the animal. This from the ‘get-go’ approach helps ensure success because we can identify issues that might show up later in your relationship with your pet. We speak with the entire family whenever possible making every attempt to determine their expectations and also their lifestyle.

We try to find the perfect match, helping people find the particular dog or breed that will work best. We often see families who come to visit us after a beloved pet as passed on and in remembering the breed and personality they may be looking to replace that exact dog. But no pet can ever be replaced; however, we get to know the people—who they are and what they expect. Pets are as individual as people and we’ve learned that finding just the right match for both the animal and the family is what it boils down to. After all, this is a relationship that can touch several generations of your family and can span many years. Therefore, when our visitors are interested in a specific animal, we not only mention the good points, but also bring to their attention any challenges we feel they might have with a particular animal. An educated decision is always the best one.

When there is an existing dog in the home of an approved adopter, our staff will schedule a “dog meet” in our dog park between the new and existing dog. This can help identify any challenges, and our kennel manager who conducts them the meets, can offer solutions.

Animal Adoption Center also educates our guests and adopters on how to relate more to their pet, not just to train them. This can really strengthen the bond with your animal. When your pets understand what is expected, they are much happier and calmer.

Our kennel manager conducts two or more dog seminars each month. These are offered free of charge to new adopters, volunteers, and any prior adopters who would like to attend. For a suggested nominal donation, we can work with you One-on-one in your own home.

After you leave the shelter with your new family member, we will call to check up and provide assistance where needed. The Animal Adoption Center is here for you and your pet for their entire lives when you become a part of our family of adopters!

Steve Katz

Two male beagles were abandoned along a highway near Dover Air Force Base. Passing motorists took them to the old Kent County SPCA (now abandoned itself). One was adopted before the other, leaving the second one behind. This was Cowpuppy who wrote this puppy rap.

Put Your Paws in the Air

The Kent County shelter were I was taken
From the side of a road after being forsaken

The jets took off from the Air Force base
You could hear them whine overflying the place

Then I was adopted, but not my Bro
Then my dad walked out, yea that was a blow

I've had two operations on my aging back
And if that doctor flew, I bet he'd quack

So put your paws in the air like you do not care
Cause you don't have to eat any kennel fare

You're out of the shelter and on the beach
The man can't get you, you're out of reach

The sun is warm and the breeze is cool
And you don't have to go to obedience school

When the sun goes down they're grilling steaks
When your birthday comes they're baking cakes

Now I have a mom and a brother too
A basset hound, yea it's a zoo

In the summers we go to the beach
So I keep in touch but stay out of reach

I hear you're in a brand new place
Away from the jets, is that the case?

This poem is so you'll remember me
Alex beagle, known as Cowpuppy

So put your paws in the air like you do not care
Take a walk down the beach in the salty air

Go back in the dunes if you have to wee
Then lie on your blanket by the salty sea.

Get your belly rubbed, have an ice cream cone
Call all your buddies on your mom's cell phone

You're adopted now and life is good
But you keep in touch with the neighborhood

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PRETTY BOY -

Look at this face...do I deserve the name Pretty Boy or what. And I'm a sociable guy. I love to hang with friends, feline as well as human, and even a canine or two. I have all my manners and shots and easy, not a crazy cat at all. This is what my friends say about me: *Pretty Boy is a 7 year old couch potato. He would do well with other felines*

around the same age and possibly with dogs. He is not recommended for a home with children. He's a laid back gentleman who would be content to sit home and watch the birds outside the window.

OLIVIA -

OoooooLivia. The fur, the whiskers, the eyes...and I'm not a bit vain about any of it. And you should know, people just tickle me. I love to play and if you have a catnip toy...well, I'll be your BFF. My friends say this about me: *This gentle beauty is a five year old black kitty with smoky grey undertones to her coat. It's tough to tell in the picture how truly gorgeous Olivia is but she is far more than just a pretty face - She is very playful and sweet, calm and affectionate. While making the best of living in our community cat room where she enjoys the company of the other kitties, Olivia is still wishing for a home and family of her very own. A family that really knows what FOREVER means. This lucky black cat is waiting!*



usually), it just kind of pokes out a bit. I'm a good fun-loving boy and I'll bet you won't be with me for more than a minute before I have you smiling. My friends say: *This adorable goof-ball is Reno! No, he is not making fun of the camera - his tongue always sticks out! It's just part of Reno's charm and we think it makes him extra-cute! Reno is about eight years old (that's barely middle age for a kitty) and is super playful and really enjoys his playtimes with our volunteers. But the real way to Reno's heart.... Food! He loves to eat and with a few treats he will be your new best friend! We'd love to see Reno being spoiled in a happy home very soon.*



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PUDGE -

Chubby, soft, fluffy... what's not to love? And toys! Bring 'em out and watch me swat and pounce. We'll giggle and have fun, then you just sit down and let me curl up on your lap and we can both take a nap. Toys can tire you out you know. By-the-way, I

have impeccable manners and I will take good care of your things, which you'll see as soon as you let me adopt you. My friends say: *Come meet our sweet Pudge! Pudge is a nine year old beauty who loves attention and affection, is very calm and gentle and would do best in a home with older children. She can be shy and we think little ones would scare her. Once she gets to know you, Pudge warms up very quickly and will love sharing your heart and home. She loves toys, treats and companionship. All Pudge needs is a chance to turn on the charm!*

RENO -

Well Hello...I'm the poster boy for Cats Just Wanna Have Fun. Toy mice...nice. Cat treats...sweet. I have been called the class clown because of my expression, but I'm really not deliberately sticking my tongue out at you (at least not

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ACE -

You wanna snuggle? You wanna take a walk? You come see me. I'm ACE and I'm your guy! Look at this face. How many dogs do you know that can smile? Is that a smile or what? I'm six years old and have very good manners, but I have not forgotten what it means to be a puppy. Think FRIENDLY boy. GOOD boy. I am very nice to stroll with and will just wiggle myself silly

for a belly rub. I even know some basic commands like "sit" and "give paw (shake hands)." Come on down and let's get acquainted. We could get to be very good friends.

ALLY -

Hey, I can smile too...sort of! Well, maybe it doesn't look like it, but I do have a happy face. Just so you know, I kind of just showed up at the Animal Adoption Center...they shoved me

into the transport at the last minute as it was leaving that scary shelter in the South. (I think they were going to do something bad to me down there.) Gee, I was so glad to get here. Ally's friends say: *Our darling princess is an eight year old mixed breed that we didn't exactly expect to get - When the transport came from the rural south, there was an extra dog aboard. We took one*



look at Ally and knew that she belonged with us! We can't know what happened to her, she may have been born with a cleft palate or possibly had trauma to her face - It doesn't matter to us because we think Ally is absolutely beautiful! Ally is a doll, who just seems so happy to be around folks that love her! We will keep Ally safe and happy until we find a family that thinks she is lovely just the way she is and give her the home that she deserves! If you cannot adopt Ally, please consider sponsoring her so our Center can continue to help special cases. Perhaps you can provide a foster home so that Ally doesn't have to live in kennel while we look for a forever family. Or please just spread the word about this special sweetheart! Ally will appreciate your compassion and kindness!



GIA -

Well, even if I can't dance on tippy toes I can sure be gorgeous as a ballerina, can't I? Can I sit with you while you make yourself look wonderful? Even though I look strong, I'm a real lady at heart—a grown up with good manners. I'm a five-year old red-nosed pitbull terrier/hound mixed breed (I think that means I've got a lot of great DNA). Gia's friends say this about

her: *Gia looks every day for the wonderful family that will love her. She has dressed up in her finest summer outfit to show you what a fun and loving girl she is! Gia will do best with someone who is a strong leader and has good handling*

skills. She has grown at our Center in her relationships with other dogs and can go to a home with others with a good pack leader. Gia is still working on her ability to easily give up toys or treats, so she should not go to a home with small children. Training with a caring adult family can teach Gia so much and she is very eager to learn. She loves to please people and loves to be encouraged. Gia's former home did not give her the time or effort every dog needs and deserves. She is a super dog. Please call or E-mail our Center today for more information about Gia!



LOLITA -

I'm mature, I'm centered, I'm an intellectual. Low-key, relaxed, comfy. How's that for a description of a mature girl who would really mesh with grown-ups. I'm an eight-year young Shepherd mix, and with all that goofy puppy stuff behind me, I will be so at home with a laid-back lifestyle. Lolita's friends say: *Our wonderful Lolita! Lolita was adopted from our Center several years ago and, sadly,*

now through no fault of her own, finds herself homeless once again. Lolita is a very gentle and calm girl who has her shy side—so an adult home would be a perfect match. Give her moderate exercise and brushing and pampering and belly rubs. Cuddles are terrific too! This good girl would be perfect for an older person or couple looking for an affectionate and loving companion! Please don't leave Lolita waiting - Call or E-mail our Center for an appointment to spend time with our wonderful kennel manager and Lolita - You will love her

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BEWARE, BEWARE — Flea Medication



Concerns Prompt FDA Warning

FDA advises dogs receiving extra-label doses of ivermectin should not use Comfortis.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Elanco Animal Health are advising veterinarians that dogs receiving extra-label doses of ivermectin should not receive concurrent treatment with Comfortis (spinosad), a monthly oral, chewable tablet used for the prevention and treatment of flea infestation.

The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine recently received reports of adverse reactions that are consistent with ivermectin toxicity. Many veterinarians use high, extra-label doses of ivermectin to treat dogs with non-responsive demodectic mange and other conditions.

Elanco Animal Health is a division of Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co. The company's web-site states clearly that Spinosad, brand name Comfortis®, is known to cause blindness when combined with Ivermectin (Ivomec, Heartgard, Heartgard Plus, Acaress, Iverheart Plus, Ivomec, and Milbemycin). Their web-site further advises that although the most common adverse reaction reported is vomiting, other adverse reactions reported during trials include diarrhea, depression/lethargy, decreased appetite, incoordination, disorientation, excessive dilation of pupils, itching, trembling, excessive salivation/drooling, and seizures.

Comfortis® is NOT recommended for cats, puppies under 14 weeks, or pregnant or nursing females. The product literature states that problems observed during testing for the excluded groups included loss of litter during pregnancy, poor weight gain of puppies, and vomiting.

Check with your Vet and check the web for more information.

PRODUCT RECALL

On July 1, 2010, Feline's Pride, a Buffalo-New York-based producer of (normally) high-quality pet foods, announced a NATIONWIDE, VOLUNTARY recall of Feline's Pride Raw food with ground bone for cats and kittens, Natural Chicken Formula, Net Wt. 2.5 lbs. (1.13 kg., 40 oz.). The recall is occurring because the company does routine quality tests through a lab in New Jersey and a report from that lab indicates a POSSIBLE contamination with Salmonella. Neither the company nor the U.S. FDA have received any reports of animals being infected.

The product is packaged in uncoded plastic containers and sold frozen to private consumers nationwide including a number of veterinary practices. Once thawed, the pet food has a shelf life of about 1 week. The firm manufactures the pet food on an as-ordered basis. This recall affects only those orders placed and shipped from June 10 through June 17, 2010.

CHOCOLATE MULCH

This is a repeat of a warning we shared last summer. Do not use Chocolate mulch in any area where your pet can roam free. The smell is very enticing and many dogs will be drawn to it and eat it. The ASPCA confirms the potential effects of theobromine and caffeine (ingredients of the mulch) on dogs: Cocoa beans contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine. Dogs are highly sensitive to these chemicals, called methylxanthines. In dogs, low doses can cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea, and/or abdominal pain); higher doses can cause rapid heart rate, muscle tremors, seizure, and death.

CHOCOLATE of ANY KIND for CATS or DOGS

Do not feed chocolate to dogs or cats. Do not leave chocolate lying around lest your pet help himself to it and in so doing poison herself. If your animal begins exhibiting signs of distress and you believe he might have gotten into some chocolate, call your veterinarian immediately. Time is of the essence. Be prepared to tell your pet's weight, the type of chocolate, the amount ingested, and how long ago. Do Not Wait.

COMING EVENTS

Psychic Night - Aug 26, 2010 - check website for exact time

Psychic Night - Oct. 28, 2010 - check website for exact time

A Taste of Luxury - Oct. 23, 2010 - A night of Wine Tasting, music, and Mercedes-Benz- 7 to 9 PM, Mercedes-Benz of Cherry Hill

Dogwalk 11 - October 3rd, our 12th annual Dogwalk in Haddon Heights Park



Psychic Night



Thursday Oct 28, 2010 - we are going to play off of the Halloween theme and have a costume contest etc. for that event.



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- Steve Martin

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