

Critter Care NEWS

FALL 2014/2015



Lakes Animal Friendship Society believes that healthy, happy pets are part of a healthy, happy family and community.



Critter Care at the Gathering Place



This spring, the **Canadian Animal Assistance Team** (www.caat-canada.org) returned to Burns Lake after a visit to Fort St. James! Volunteer vets and their amazing assistants came from across Canada. The Burns Lake Band hosted the event at The Gathering Place.

About 100 dogs and cats from low income families were spayed and neutered—with help from the Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic! Many more dogs and cats had their “checkup” and were given vaccinations. Vaccinations help prevent diseases. They were also dewormed to help keep them healthy.

Many students volunteered to help. The Team was happy to have lots of student helpers! Some students brought food for the Team. Others helped with crates and walking dogs. Some watched surgeries or helped cuddle animals in recovery. Others built and painted

dog houses. Students made cards to thank the Team for helping our critters!

The vets and their assistants said **our local students know a lot about dogs and cats**, and how to care for them! The students asked lots of great questions. Way to go kids!

Thanks to the Canadian Animal Assistance Team, over **600 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered in three years!** This would not be possible without great volunteers like our local students.

A big “PAWS UP” to everyone who helped!!! This is the fourth and last time CAAT is coming to Burns Lake. They are moving on to help families and critters in other communities in northwestern BC and around the world!

Female dogs and cats are spayed, male dogs and cats are neutered. Spaying and neutering means they cannot make puppies and kittens. There are already too many dogs and cats, and not enough loving homes!



Our Local “Super Heroes”

A small town veterinarian with a BIG HEART!

For the past twenty-five years Dr. Lois Martin has run the Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic.

We have been very lucky to have a veterinary clinic in Burns Lake. Many communities don't have a veterinarian! In those communities, families have to travel a long way if their animal gets sick or hurt, or even for simpler but important things like checkups and vaccinations.

We have been extra lucky to have a great veterinarian like Lois! Lois and her staff have helped THOUSANDS of animals stay healthy and happy! Every year, Dusty visits Lois at the Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic for his checkup and vaccinations. Dusty loves to see Lois because she is very kind and gives him treats during his examination!

By supporting the Mother Millie Fund and operating the Simonds Sanctuary, Lois has helped close to a thousand homeless cats find their forever homes.

Thank you, Lois, for everything you
 have done for our animals,
our families and our community!!!



The Benoits & Pugsly

Mrs. Benoit and her family are no stranger to adopting! They adopted Pongo from Turtle Gardens. Then they adopted Pugsly. Pugsly lost his eye in an accident. In Pugsly's previous home, a child developed allergies. The family had to let him go. Thanks to Mrs. Benoit and her family, Pugsly the one-eyed pug has a great new home!



A LOT OF ANIMALS END UP IN SHELTERS BECAUSE OF ALLERGIES! THE ANIMALS DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. HOW CAN YOU STOP THIS SAD SITUATION? YOU CAN FOSTER A DOG OR CAT. LOCAL SHELTERS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FOSTER FAMILIES! YOU CAN FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC BEFORE YOU ADOPT!

Ms. Ingram and Dusty thank all the local schools, teachers, staff and parents for inviting us to help teach local students about animal care, compassion and bite safety!!!

Brandie, Joey & Michael

Brandie Baker has a big heart for animals. So do her superhero sons Joey and Michael! They have adopted many animals—not just dogs and cats!



Brandie's passion for animals led her to work at the Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic. Now her family has a business called "Baker's Acres Kennels". They do grooming, obedience training and caring for animals when guardians are out of town.

They have volunteered with Mother Millie and Turtle Gardens. They have fostered animals needing extra care and they understand how important it is to spay and neuter your pets.



The **superstar students at Babine School in Granisle** continue to show their love for the critters! They have recycled dozens of pairs of jeans and turned them into blankets and beds for community cats and dogs in need. The students have done this for two years and have made it an ongoing program. The new and improved versions even have pockets for catnip and treats, and a sweet note for the dog or cat!!!

Taylor & Grace

Taylor and Grace have continued their amazing birthday tradition! At their birthday party they collected over \$80 for local critters. Taylor recognizes how very important it is to spay or neuter your pet and wanted her share of the birthday money to go towards spay/neuter programs.



Grace said "I donate my birthday money because it makes me happy to know that animals are being fed and sheltered because of my money. I love animals and know that they need my help. I want to help them if I can".

Preston saves Paw Paw



Preston has always had a love for animals. So, when he saw a limping, stray cat he was quick to catch Paw Paw, call LAFS and offer to foster. Paw Paw eventually came to the Burns Lake Vet Clinic to be neutered, treated for his sore foot and placed in a loving home.

Thanks Preston and Cheslatta Carrier Nation for all your efforts!



Dog House Project

Dirk Hofer and his student sidekicks made dozens of dog houses this year. His classes at LDSS have helped keep many dogs and cats warm and dry! The "Hofer House Design" has been used on over 100 dog houses. Not just in Burns Lake! They are in Granisle, Kitwanga, Fort St James and beyond. We have shared the design with schools around the world!



Tina Giesbrecht's class of superheroes built some houses using Hofer House kits. Each amazing house was finished with a cheerful and colourful paint job with help from Susan Russel's class! Local student Thomas Willner and his heroic helpers at the Community Animal Care Event built and painted several more. All of these houses went to local animals!!!





Check out our website (www.lakesanimalfriendship.ca) for more **Art for the Critters** where we will soon be featuring more contributions from local students. Do you have critter-related art, photos, or stories you'd like to share? Email them to valerie@lakesanimalfriendship.ca! Don't forget to get your parents' permission so you can be featured on our website or in our newsletter. Want to see more local children's art? Check out Doggonesafe.com. Art from many local children is featured on the Doggone Safe Facebook page in their album called 'Kids Drawing Contest 2014'.



Dog Breed WordSearch

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Golden Retriever	Chihuahua
Labrador Retriever	Pomeranian
Basset Hound	Pug
Bloodhound	Bulldog
Dachshund	Chow Chow
Greyhound	Australian Shepherd
Boxer	Collie
Great Dane	Cocker Spaniel
Newfoundland	Dalmatian
Rottweiler	Poodle
St. Bernard	Siberian Husky
Schnauzer	Doberman Pinscher

FIND LULU'S OTHER BREED

This is Lulu! She was abandoned. Ms. Ingram was a foster parent for Lulu and then adopted her! Lulu's DNA test showed she is a mix of two breeds. One breed is malamute, a type of sled dog. The other breed is in the word search but is not included on the list. **Can you find the other breed?**



CONTEST - GUESS DUSTY'S DOG BREEDS!!!



*"Hey kids, D-boy here. I'm proud to be a mutt!
Can you guess the 3 main breeds
in my family tree?"*



Hint, hint, Dusty is fixating on the ball!!

Most of you have met Dusty, the Lakes Animal Friendship Society classroom dog! Dusty is a real original. That is the great thing about a dog that is a mix of different breeds. They are "one of a kind"! There are only about 200 different dog breeds—there are zillions of kinds of mutts! **Mutts also tend to be healthier and live longer than purebred dogs.**

What if you don't know a dog's parents, grandparents and so on? How do you know what kind of dog you have? Well, there is something called a DNA test. A scientist uses cells brushed from the inside of the dog's cheek. They collect DNA from the cheek cells and compare it to the DNA from all the different breeds.

Ms. Ingram has had Dusty's DNA tested! And now you get to guess which three breeds make up most of Dusty's DNA! You can give your guess to Ms. Ingram or leave it with Lakes District Free Classifieds.

The person who has the best answer will win a Wisdom Panel 2.0 Breed Identification Kit to test their doggie's DNA and a small gift basket. We will also do a draw from all entries for another gift basket!

This contest ends on May 13, 2015.



My Name: _____

My Phone Number: _____

Dusty's Breed #1 _____

Dusty's Breed #2 _____

Dusty's Breed #3 _____

If I win, I will use the dog breed test on:

Dog's name _____

First Prize



Draw Prize



GET TO KNOW DOG BREEDS

For a fun web site with great information on lots of dog breeds, check out www.dogtime.com. Click on the “Dog Breeds” tab.

No matter what breeds are in your pooch—they ALL need food, water, exercise, shelter, love and vet care to be healthy and happy! Read on and you will see that some dog breeds need A LOT of exercise and training.

Think about the breeds and needs when you are adopting the next furry friend into your home!

1. Do I have the time to give them love, attention and training?
2. Will the needs of the breed I am considering fit my lifestyle?
3. Can I offer them daily exercise and play time?
4. Can I afford the costs (food, vet care, spay/neuter, medical emergencies)?
5. Will they be included as a valued family member in my home (dogs are very social animals)?



A



B



C



D



E

Herding

Border Collies & Heelers:

- Bred to drive livestock
- Lots of energy
- Love to chase animals and moving things
- Smart and can take directions well

A. Corgi B. Border Collie C. German Shepherd
D. Old English Sheepdog E. Collie

Hounds

Sight Hounds : Greyhound

- Bred to look for & chase prey such as rabbits
- Lots of energy
- Love to sprint

Scent Hounds : Beagle

- Bred to follow prey using sense of smell
- High prey drive (wants to chase things)
- Love to sniff things out

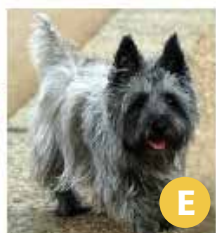


A. Beagle B. Borzoi C. Whippet D. Basenji E. Bloodhound F. Basset Hound

Terriers

Jack Russell

- Bred to kill small animals (like rats and rabbits) both above and below ground
- Love to dig
- Lots of energy
- High prey drive (love to chase things)
- Very independent



A. American Staffordshire Terrier B. Miniature Schnauzer C. Welsh Terrier D. Smooth Fox Terrier E. Scottish Terrier F. Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



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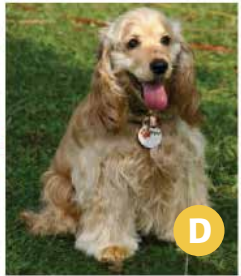
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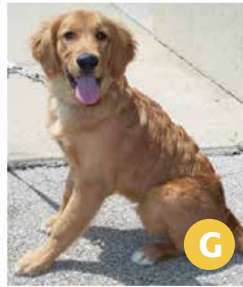
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Sporting

Golden Retriever

- Bred to bring back dead prey to hunters
- Like to carry things in their mouths
- Lots of energy
- Love to fetch

A. Labrador Retriever B. German Shorthaired Pointer C. Labrador Retriever D. Cocker Spaniel E. Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever F. Pointer G. Golden Retriever

Non-Sporting

Standard Poodle

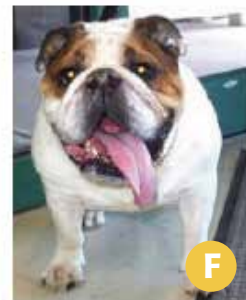
- Bred to bring things back to their owner from water
- Very smart
- Love to swim
- Lots of energy



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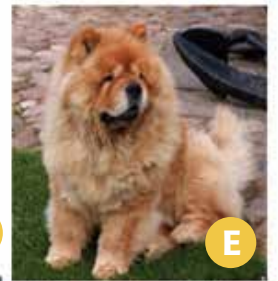
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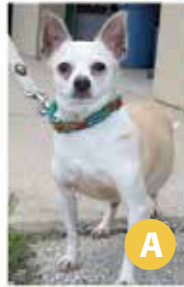
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A. American Eskimo B. Standard Poodle C. French Bulldog D. Sharpei E. Chow Chow F. English Bulldog G. Dalmatian H. Shiba Inu

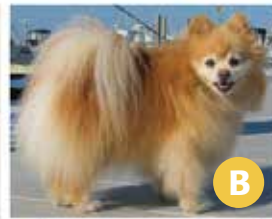
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Pug

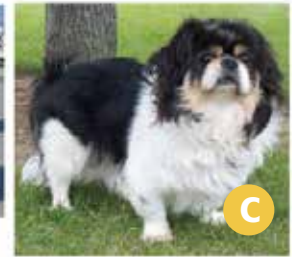
- Bred in China as pets for royalty
- Acts big with other dogs
- Low prey drive
- Lower energy



A



B



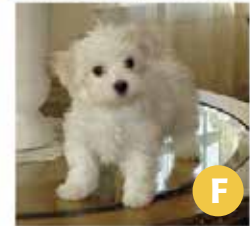
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A. Chihuahua B. Pomeranian C. English Toy Spaniel
D. Italian Greyhound E. Pug F. Maltese G. Shih Tzu

Working



A



B



C



D

Newfoundland

- Bred to pull nets for fisherman & haul wood from the forest
- Very strong
- Love to swim

Rottweiler

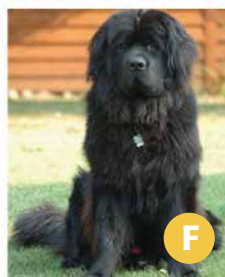
- Bred to herd livestock and pull carts
- Very strong
- Very protective

Alaskan Malamute

- Bred to pull sleds in cold climates
- High energy
- Love to run distances



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A. Great Pyrenees B. Alaskan Malamute
C. Doberman Pinscher D. St. Bernard E. Great Dane F. Newfoundland G. Rottweiler

What I Need



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Always By My Side

"Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

Few things are harder than having a pet die. A pet can be your best friend. You can share your deepest thoughts with your pet. They can comfort you when you are feeling sad.

"Always By My Side" is a place to share your feelings about a pet that has passed. It can be a poem, a picture or a short article about how your pet has changed your life. Share all the warm happy memories your pet has given you. Share how much you loved your pet and how well you took care of it.

Remember that there are lots of dogs and cats in need of loving homes. Adopting a dog or a cat saves lives and can help heal broken hearts!

For a beautiful story about loss, love and adoption, Ms. Ingram recommends *"Before You Were Mine"* by Maribeth Boelts, who generously helped LAFS provide copies to the local libraries.



The BC SPCA Bark! Magazine for summer 2013 includes an article on saying goodbye to your pet. The BC SPCA also recommends *"Saying Goodbye to Lulu"* by Corinne Demas.

THINKING OF ADOPTING? Y'KNOW SENIORS ROCK!

Just because a dog or cat in a shelter is a little older, doesn't mean they are broken—really, they just know a little more about life!



If these same animals were people, we would think of them as being very wise with interesting stories to share.

An older animal is able to settle into a new family very quickly and needs less training. They don't have as much energy, so they need less exercise and enjoy spending more time sitting or laying close by you.

Don't feel sorry for a senior shelter animal—ADOPT ONE! You will feel proud to have their love and experience by your side, for the rest of their life.

Faladah was a great horse!

Thomas Willner



"Faladah was a great horse. She was friendly and always came when called. It was something of a daily routine; we would come home and our two horses would be waiting to greet us at the end of their pasture. Faladah was actually my Dad's horse and she knew it very well. Whenever Dad tried to ride a different horse she would get mad and sulk (at least as best a horse could).

To sum it all up, Faladah was the kindest horse a family could ask for. We will all miss you Faladah!"



Skeena

Our Dog Skeena

by Lucas Phillips

We adopted our old dog Skeena from a family who was going to put her down. We have another dog named Jazzy and they quickly became the best of friends.

She would always be there if I wanted to go swimming! She was a very special dog even when she was 13, Skeena still was swimming to fetch sticks. We had a special bond.



Jazzy & Skeena

We gave her a second chance at life by adopting her and I recommend you do the same.

MYTHBUSTER

Myths & Facts about Spaying & Neutering Your Pets

Myth: My pet will get fat and lazy.

Fact: Too much food and not enough exercise can cause pets to become fat and lazy.

Myth: My dog/cat is so special, I want one just like her.

Fact: There's no guarantee your pet's babies will be just like her.

Myth: I will find good homes for all the puppies and kittens.

Fact: Unlikely, since there are already too many puppies and kittens. There are not enough loving homes. And each home you do find means one less home for pets in animal shelters.

Also, each of your pet's babies may produce a litter, adding even MORE animals to the over-population.



DOG SAFETY

In which picture is Dusty saying "I'm happy to meet you"?

A

B



Answer: Picture B. Dusty's mouth is soft and open, and his eyes are normal. Dusty is relaxed and happy with the girl. She is giving him space. In picture A Dusty is NOT happy. He is saying "I am nervous!" He has half-moon eyes. His mouth is closed and he is licking his lips. The boy should not be hugging Dusty. Credit: Photos by Denise Stewart

A Critter Care Paws Up!!

Thank you Sara, for making dog cookies with your mom (yet again) to raise money for LAFS. And thank you for the neverending energy and effort you put into the entire Community Animal Care Event. Your support is making such a difference for the animals! Sara received a BarkBox as a thank you.



BarkBox rocks! The kind-hearted folks at BarkBox (www.barkbox.com) donated 12 BarkBoxes for our Community Animal Care Event. Don't forget that if your family signs up for BarkBox and uses code LAFSBBX1 in the coupon code at checkout, BarkBox will make a donation to LAFS!!!



Sam (left photo) loves all kinds of animals, including horses, dogs and cats! She has been a fantastic volunteer in the Simonds Sanctuary cat shelter at the Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic. She has also been a caring foster mom to cats and kittens.

RioTintoAlcan

Woof! Thank you to Rio Tinto Alcan for sponsoring Critter Care News. Woof! Woof!





Ms. Isaak and her Grade 8 Social Studies class have big hearts! They made a huge effort to help the critters by making and selling cookies.


LAFS gives you "Two paws up"! Your cookies for the critters raised \$86.50.



Mrs. Turford's Aboriginal Education Class submitted these beautiful pieces of animal-inspired art!



PAWS TO READ ~ EVERYDAY!

 From the catchy title and the bright and fun pictures, children loved "Don't Lick the Dog" and "A Cat Like That" by Wendy Wahman. Be sure to check out Wendy's fun activities that go with each book at www.wendywahman.com/pages/kids.php.



Students at Woyenne School


Animal Welfare Contacts

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Pet Adoptions: Shelters & Rescue Organizations

If you are looking for a new family pet or know of an animal that needs help, contact one of the organizations listed below:

Turtle Gardens, Topley
www.turtlegardens.org or call 250.696.3461

Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic, Burns Lake
Simonds Cat Sanctuary : 250.692.7476
Search Simond's Sanctuary on Facebook 

Northwest Animal Shelter, Smithers
info@nwas.ca or www.nwas.ca

Northern Animal Rescue Alliance, Terrace
www.northernanimalrescuealliance.org

Kitimat Humane Society, Kitimat
kchs.webs.com : 250.632.7373

BC SPCA North Cariboo, Prince George : 250.562.5511

BC SPCA Prince Rupert : 250.624.2859

Most organizations also list their adoptable animals on Petfinder at www.petfinder.com. Search by city to find local pets.

To report animal cruelty or neglect:

BC SPCA Hotline: 1.855.622.7722

Dog Training

Dog jumping up? Pulling on the leash? Barking all the time? Dogs aren't born knowing the rules! A little training goes a long way, for both the dog and their guardian.




Lakes Animal Friendship Society: basic training by donation. Contact valerie@lakesanimalfriendship.ca


K-9 Angels: Tanya Hainstock:
www.k-9angels.net/training.html • K-9 Angels has kennels too.


Bakers Acres Kennels: Brandie Baker:
250.692.6481 or Bakers Acres Kennels on Facebook.
• Bakers Acres has kennels and a cattery, and also offers doggie daycare, dog walks and grooming.



A VERY BIG Thank You!

 To **Bandstra** for the discounted rates on the shipping of tonnes of dog food each year to Burns Lake. The food is donated by Jake and Daisy's Raw Pet Food. We are grateful to **Turtle Gardens** for sharing this connection with us! Thank you to **Starland** for unloading the food and **Burns Lake Community Forest** for storing it. And finally, thank you to the **Lakes District Food Coalition** and **Hayley Nielsen** for distributing the food to the hungry critters. Talk about a community effort!!


 To **Petland** for helping find forever homes for cats from Mother Millie and being open to other ways to help animals in our community!

 To the **Cheslatta Carrier Nation** for holding a fundraiser to help support our community cat project. The money they raised helped feed hungry cats through the winter!!! And they even fed our volunteers—thanks again for the salmon!

 To **John and Lane**—supporting us on top of everything you already do for your community is a vote of confidence we truly appreciate.

 To **Allana Sullivan** of **Mouse in a Box** for super web site maintenance!

 To **Lisa** and **Lakes District Free Classifieds** for your ongoing support and “over-the-top” service!

 To **The Cutting Board** and **Linda Curry** for sharing awesome vegan recipes with us and to **Christoph, Eveline, Barb and all our other food donors!** Thanks to you, our volunteers have been powered by delicious, nutritious and critter-friendly meals and snacks!

 To **Brandie** and **Amanda** for offering your skill and care in grooming animals at our Community Animal Care Event.

 To **SEDA** and **Kelly Friesen** for your support and getting our messages out!

 To **Woodland Bakery** for supporting animal welfare in OUR community!

 To the **Animal Welfare Institute** for donating awesome books to our education programs.

 To the **Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako** for your continued support.

 To our **angels on the Southside** who prefer to remain anonymous—thank you.

 To **Paws for Hope** for making connections that help the animals in Northern BC.

Lakes Animal Friendship on YouTube!

<http://www.youtube.com/LakesAnimalFriends>

- Coming soon—awesome videos by local student Lucas Phillips and his dad Lyle!



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