

# The Dog Pile

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- **Wild Arc Paws for a Cause Fundraiser Walk**  
*Saturday Sept 8/07*  
Royal Roads University  
Registration 8:30—9:30 AM  
Dogs & Kids games at 9 AM  
Race at 10 AM  
*Featuring a*  
3km Fun Walk  
5km Rover's Run  
(great for you and your dog)  
5km Trail Run

This is going to be a fun-filled day with music, food, and prizes, for you and your dog!

**More info:**

250-478-9453 or  
info@wildarc.com

- **BCSPCA Paws for a Cause**  
Walk for the animals campaign  
Sunday Sept 9/07  
Clover Point on Dallas Road  
Registration and Pancake Breakfast are at 8:30 AM  
Events include a fun walk and a pancake breakfast!  
Walk departs at 10 AM

**More info:**

www.spca.bc.ca/walk

## Okay, now we've really got it!

Three months in, it looks like we finally have everything working smoothly! The website is still basic, but it's up. We're hoping one day to set up an online form for customers to fill out and submit, and we'll add more information, but for the most part, it's up! Even the

Dog Pile newsletter is up, so if you lose your copy or want to share with a friend, you can print another copy right from our website! Last month we thought we had the e-mail invoicing working, but of course the night we went to start utilizing it, it quit! This month,

we have tested it and you will be receiving both a paper copy and an e-mail this month, and upon receipt of the e-mail invoice, please reply and just let us know that you got it with no problems!

## Pixie's Story

We would like to share our dog Pixie's story with our customers, in the hopes that it will help other dogs and cats. Pixie is now a happy and healthy 8 years old, and looking much younger than she did at 5! A few years ago, Pixie began having difficulty sitting down, lying down, and playing with our other dog, Ceilidh. After many visits to the vet, and a lot of research, the only ailment we could come up with was hip dysplasia. Correcting this problem would have involved surgery, and would have meant that Pixie wouldn't have been able to go up and down any stairs

for a minimum of six weeks, and the surgery wasn't guaranteed to work 100%! Not wanting to put Pixie through that, we kept looking for other alternatives. We tried a doggy-chiropractor, the Recovery formula, and an anti-inflammatory. Each helped a little, but Pixie still wasn't able to run and play like she used to. Eventually we were told she probably had arthritis in her right leg, and were given Medicam, an anti-inflammatory, and Cartrofen injec-

tions. Now, in less than six months, Pixie is happier than she has been in a long time. She runs and plays, she jumps up to meet people, and will even get up for treats now, instead of lying in one spot waiting for delivery! We hope that this information will help other dogs and cats the way it has helped Pixie.



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## Victoria Adoptables

Are you looking for a furry new addition to your family? Or perhaps you are an animal-lover looking for an organization to volunteer with. Either way, Victoria Adoptables is probably the right place for you. What started out as an organization to help find loving homes for animals in need has turned into an amazing community of volunteers who provide foster homes for dogs

and cats awaiting adoption, who screen potential adopters to make sure they are the right people for the pet, who help reunite people with their lost pets, and who fundraise to pay veterinary expenses for injured or sick animals. If you are looking for a new dog or cat, their website features pictures and biographies of animals waiting for homes, lost and found notices, training

advice, and how to become a volunteer or foster home. You can also see how animals who have been adopted are doing, and be connected with many interesting animal related websites from their links page.

Their website address is:

[www.victoriaadoptables.com](http://www.victoriaadoptables.com)

## Citizen Canine

Another interesting Victoria organization is Citizen Canine. Their website lists their goals as: advocating for inclusive public policy regarding public access; acceptance and welfare of dogs and dog owners in the Greater Victoria region; developing and supporting programs to encourage responsible dog ownership; educating the public about dogs and their behaviour; and develop-

ing a strong community of responsible dog owners through an information sharing network.

Their website also contains just about everything you need to know about owning a dog in Victoria, an especially valuable resource for people moving to the city who own dogs. If you're curious about bylaws in Victoria, such as where you can and cannot take your dog

off-leash, there are links from the Citizen Canine website. They've also recently launched a business directory for all business dog-related. Listings include veterinarians, dog walkers, dog sitters, groomers, retail stores, and more. Be sure to check out the Citizen Canine website at:

[www.citizencanine.org](http://www.citizencanine.org)

## Funnies

Does your dog or cat have a funny habit? We'd love to hear it, and print it in our newsletter!

In the meantime, enjoy one of our favourite jokes!

**A** burglar breaks into a home; it's dark and he is walking around when he hears a scary voice. "Jesus is watching you!". He stops and looks around in the dark, scared.

He walks another few feet when the voice comes again, this time louder. "Jesus is watching you!" By now, starting to freak out, he wonders if this is a good idea. He walks another few feet, when suddenly the voice comes again, louder and right in front of him. By now, terrified, he pulls out his flashlight. In the shaking beam, he sees a parrot in a cage. The parrot says

"Jesus is watching you!" to which the burglar replies "so you can talk!" "Of course," says the parrot. The burglar asks "What's your name then?" The parrot replies "Moses." The burglar laughs and says "What kind of idiot calls a parrot Moses?" The parrot replies "The same idiot that called the Rottweiler Jesus!!"