

The Dog Pile

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BC Guide Dogs

Don't forget—BC Guide Dog Services is holding a special fundraiser on Saturday, October 13! This evening will be a fun filled event complete with trivia, door prizes, a raffle, and games!

Location:
Greek Community Hall
4648 Elk Lake Drive
Beside Saanich Commonwealth Place.

Time: Doors at 6:30
Triva to begin at 7:30

Tickets: \$25/person
Will not be sold at the door.

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Sunday, October 14th, 2007 -- The Rotary Club of Colwood presents "Dog Day Afternoon"

Where: Luxton Fair Grounds
Time: 1PM until 4PM

This is a charity dog walk to raise money for youth scholarships and other [Rotary Club of Colwood projects](#).

This is a fun event complete with a leisurely 2.5 km walk in the Westshore Communities along Galloping Goose Trail. There will be entertainment; a variety of contests, and demonstrations; expert advice, pet information, vendors, food and lots of tail wagging.

[Pre-register online](#). For more information about The Rotary Club of Colwood and/or this event, [send an email](#) or telephone Phil McGuire at (250) 478-3237. Hope to see you there.

Important Information for Dog Owners!

We have received some important information regarding Elk Lake from one of our clients. This information is not first hand, but we thought our client base would be interested to know.

On Monday evening, S's parents took B for a walk around Beaver/Elk lake. They were throwing the stick into to lake and B was retrieving it. He was also playing around in some horse poop (they had to chase him out of it). When B got home, he became violently ill. The next morning, he was brought to the vet. He was put on IV and oxygen while blood tests were being

conducted. The vet said he was bleeding internally, he had literally no white blood cells and his blood was not coagulating. At about 3pm things took a turn for the worse and B started bleeding out of every orifice. They gave him a blood transfusion. Shortly after the transfusion, his heart stopped and he passed away. The vet is very concerned about these circumstances for many reasons:

1. There was a case of antifreeze in Elk/Beaver lake 2 weeks ago where a ladies dog died. The parks people were supposed to have cleaned it up.

2. The vet is concerned it could be from rat poison coming from peoples houses around Elk/

Beaver Lake

3. The Vet said it could also be a bacteria from the horse poo
4. He also said the signs and symptoms are identical to what happens with the ingestion of Anthrax.

As you can imagine, the Vet is very concerned about this. He said he has not seen anything like this in years. They are looking into it and doing further blood tests to determine more. I just wanted you all to know because it sounds like Elk/Beaver lake is not safe for doggies right now. My friends parents have contacted the parks/CRD and Times Colonist so hopefully we will hear more.

Dangerous Plants for Cats and Dogs

Many people have house plants in their homes, and flower gardens outside. We thought everyone might be interested in knowing which ones are dangerous to their pets in order to keep their pets healthy. If you are unsure about anything, do call your animal health practitioner.

Here is a list that we have found online:

Alcohol (all beverages, etha-

nol, methanol, isopropyl), Almonds*, Amaryllis bulb*, Apricot*, Autumn crocus (Colchicum autumnale)*, Avocado (leaves, seeds, stem, skin)*, Azalea (entire rhododendron family), Begonia*, Bird of Paradise, Bittersweet, Bleeding heart*, Boxwood, Bracken fern, Buckeye, Buttercup (Ranunculus), Caffeine, Caladium*, Calla lily*, Castor bean* (can be fatal if chewed), Cherry, Chinese sacred or heavenly bamboo*,

Chocolate, Choke cherry (unripe berries)*, Chrysanthemum (a natural source of pyrethrins), Clematis, Crocus bulb, Croton (Codiaeum sp.), Cyclamen bulb, Delphinium, larkspur, monkshood*, Dumb cane (Dieffenbachia)*, Elderberry (unripe berries), English ivy (All Hedera species of ivy), Fig (Ficus), Four-o'clocks (Mirabilis), Kalanchoe*

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Sunday, October 14, 2007
-- [Canadian Kennel Club](#),
[Canine Good Neighbour](#)
[Program certification](#)
[test](#).

Where: Luxton Fair
Grounds

Booking times between
1PM until 4PM

Cost for the registration
and CKC certificate is
\$20.00.

Advance registration is
recommended. For more
information, or to book a
reserved time, email
agn@citizencanine.org or
telephone 217-9877

Saturday, October 27,
2007 -- [Woofles Barking](#)
[Boutique](#) is proud to
host our 2nd annual
WereWoofles
Wag'oween!

Registration: 1PM

Costume contests: 1:30PM

Trick contests immediately
after!

Where: [Historic Market](#)
[Square](#)

This is a fun fundraising
pet costume contest
benefiting [Greater Victoria](#)
[Animals' Crusaders](#) Strut
your poochie's stuff on the
"dog" walk. Prizes to win,
and lots of poochies to see.
Pet owners can also update
their Emer. Prep. Pet Id.
Call 385 WOOF (9663) or
[email Royanne](#) for details!

Sunday, October 28th,
2007 -- **PUG PARTY**
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Time: 12:00 noon till 3:00
p.m.

Where: [Ferris' Oyster Bar](#)
[and Grill](#)

Theme: "Ziggy Stardust
and the Pugs from Mars"
- Dust off David Bowie's
albums and come up with a
costume idea. Any David
Bowie persona will do.

Cost: As usual this is a
hosted event. Donations
for animal rescue greatly
appreciated.

There will be lots of prizes
this year and karaoke too!

Of course David Bowie
will be there signing
autographs and will also be
our celebrity Judge. This
Pug Party promises to be
our best one yet!!

Plants-Cont. From Page 1

.Lantana*, Lily (bulbs of most
species), Lily-of-the-valley,
Lupine species, Marijuana or
hemp (Cannibus)*, Milk-
weed*, Mistletoe berries*,
Morning glory*, Mountain
laurel, Narcissus, daffodil
(Narcissus), Oak* (remove
bark for use as a bird perch),
Oleander*, Onions*,
Peaches*, Pencil cactus plant*

(Euphorbia sp.), Foxglove
(Digitalis), Garlic*, Hyacinth
bulbs, Hydrangea*, Holly ber-
ries, Iris corms, Jack-in-the-
pulpit*, Jimson weed*, Philo-
dendron (all species)*, Poin-
settia (many hybrids, avoid
them all), Potato (leaves and
stem), Rhubarb leaves*, Ro-
sary Pea (Arbus sp.)* (Can be
fatal if chewed), Scheffelera

(umbrella plant), Shamrock
(Oxalis sp.)*, Spurge
(Euphorbia sp.), Tomatoes
(leaves and stem), Yew*.

In the event your pet does
come into contact with one of
these plants, the number for
the Poison Control Centre is
1-888-232-8870

Preventative Pet Health

This month, we decided to
make our issue dedicated
mostly to pet health. Below is a
schedule of preventative medi-
cine for your pet.

Daily

- Feed a balanced diet.
- Groom dog as demanded
by coat type and dog's hab-
its
- Observe dog's general ex-
ternal appearance, attitude,
activity, and appetite. Any
change may indicate a need
for a complete physical
examination.
- Pay particular attention to
back problems
- Remove stool from yard or

kennel, observe stool, and,
if possible, also observe the
urine.

- Clean teeth, if necessary

Weekly

- Examine for external para-
sites and treat as necessary
- Examine ears
- Clean teeth if necessary
- Bathe, if necessary

Every Two Weeks

- Check toenail length and
appearance and trim, if
necessary
- Examine teeth if weekly
cleaning is not necessary
- Bathe, if necessary

Monthly

- Examine mammary glands
- Bathe, if necessary

Every Six Months

- Perform a complete physi-
cal examination if one has
not been indicated earlier
- Take a fecal sample to a
veterinarian, particularly if
there is an internal parasite
problem in your area
- Take your dog to a veteri-
narian for a heartworm
check if you live in a prob-
lem area

Yearly

- Take your dog to a veteri-
narian for a physical ex-
amination and booster
vaccinations as necessary

Funny Section

October's Joke....

*A little girl asks her Mom, "Mom,
may I take the dog for a walk
around the block?"
Mom says, "The dog is in heat, go
ask daddy."*

*The little girl goes to her father,
"Dad, can I take Susie for a walk
around the block? Mom said the*

*dog is in heat and that I should ask
you."*

*"Hm." He answers, takes a rag,
soaks it with gasoline, and scrubs
the dog's butt with it.
"OK, you can go now but keep
Susie on the leash."*

*Little girl goes and returns a few
minutes later with no dog on the*

leash.

*Dad asks, "Where is Susie?"
Little girl says, "Susie ran out of
gas about halfway down the block.
But another dog is pushing her
home."*