



# HEALTHY PAWS NEWSLETTER

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## **HAVE YOU SEEN OUR CAT??**

Our female, chocolate Burmese cat from our store has still not returned. She escaped from our store on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> around noon and was seen running south a few houses from our store. She has not been seen since. If you have seen her, or know someone who might have taken her in thinking she was a stray, we would really like your assistance in having her back. We really miss her, and Ilsa and Moxy miss her too.

We are offering a reward for her safe return. Call us at 344 3443 if you have any information.

## **WHAT'S NEW??**

Mike has just come back from the annual pet supply show in Toronto. He was **really** excited about this new cat furniture he found. For ten years, we have been looking for a supplier of really good quality cat condos, etc. and it looks like "**Tomcat**" Cat Furniture "is that company. These pieces of furniture are made from high quality carpet, are very sturdy and all the edges are completely finished for a very classy look. We have a full colour catalogue and will take special orders if there is a piece that you would like. We had 6 pieces arrive on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in varying heights, colours and styles. Come on in and have a look!!

**"Kittywalk & Puppywalk"** are containment systems for outdoors for cats and dogs in various styles – telescoping tunnels, penthouses, "Kitty Kabanans" and even pet strollers!!! Because of the time of year and the space involved in displaying them, we will delay bringing them in to the store until spring, but will be happy to order them for anyone interested. Again, we have a catalogue, so if you are interested, ask Mike or Jayne.

## **DOG & CAT CALENDARS**

As we said in our previous newsletter, we will be bringing in calendars of various breeds of dogs and cats this year. Some of you placed your special orders in September. We will attempt to bring in the most popular breeds so there will be something for everyone hopefully. These calendars are a great gift (Christmas is coming!) for yourself or for the pet lover in your life. The company web-site is [www.browntrout.com](http://www.browntrout.com) and you can view the calendars and the monthly pictures on-line.

### **UPDATE ON REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS**

In our last newsletter, we had quoted requirements of breeders regarding the registration of dogs and the registration papers for the owners. This information was quoted from a newspaper article and one of our readers has given us some additional information. Thanks to Don for this information.

In the U.S., the American Kennel Club (A.K.C.) **does not require** pups to be registered and can sell dogs with or without papers. If you buy a puppy from a U.S. breeder, you may be out of luck getting papers for your dog. Legal battles have ensued over this issue and have not been successful. The Canadian Kennel Club has no jurisdiction over this issue and it requires getting the R.C.M.P. involved.

So, once again, do your research on breeders to make sure you are buying from a reputable and honest one.

### **ANTI-CRUELTY ACT**

The House of Commons and the Senate are deadlocked on the issue of revisions to the animal anti-cruelty act (Bill C-10b). If an agreement cannot be reached, animals will continue to be denied legal protection from cruelty.

We have a letter to Prime Minister Jean Chretien available for anyone interested to come in and sign. We will collect these letters and ensure that they are forwarded to Mr. Chretien. Please give your support to this important issue.

### **ELEPHANT IN DISTRESS**

If you are interested in signing a petition regarding an elephant being subjected to cruelty, log on to [www.petitionpetition.com/cgi/petition.cgi?id=5418](http://www.petitionpetition.com/cgi/petition.cgi?id=5418) and give your support. It's a sad story!

### **DOGS BEING SOLD FOR RESEARCH**

On September 4th, a documentary on "Disclosure" exposed the sale of dogs from "pounds" to research facilities (University of Guelph, University of Alberta, etc.) for \$6.00 each. There is a law in Ontario that stipulates that dogs can be requested from facilities for this purpose. It did not mention "shelters" or "humane societies". I spoke with our local humane society and they assure me that they, and other humane societies, are not part of this practice. I was directed to the Ontario Humane Society for a definition of the difference between a "pound" and a "shelter" or "humane society". Unfortunately, nobody is returning my call!!

These dogs are being subjected to experiments (surgeries including hip replacements, experimental drugs, etc.) A former CCAC (Canadian Council on Animal Care) inspector says that pain management and anesthetics are poorly administered and that animals are often allowed to live too long before being euthanized.

If you are adopting an animal from a "pound", you may want to ask them their position on this issue and support a nonparticipating facility. A woman whose Golden Retriever was picked up was sold for research before she could even track him down to the local

pound! Unfortunately, he was elderly and was euthanized before she could get him back from the research facility here in Ontario.

If you would like more information on this, the Ontario Humane Society number is 888-668-7722. If I get a response, I will update in the next newsletter.

In good health, MIKE & LEE (also Ilsa, Hershey & Moxy)

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