

# Delta Community Animal Shelter



## Whisker Report

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### Critter Care During the Holidays

#### Pet Concerns at Christmas Time

The presents, tinsel, bright lights, and holiday treats can be an irresistible temptation for household pets during the holiday season, especially when they are left alone more frequently because of busy families. For young puppies, the glitz and glamour is often difficult to pass by. A common concern for Veterinarian's during the holiday season is the ingestion of foreign bodies (objects that are not to be eaten). The Christmas Eve dash to the clinic after a puppy has swallowed an ornament whole or a strand of tinsel, is reason for owners to take extra precautions during the holiday season. To prevent temptation, it is suggested to place ornaments on the tree above reaching distance or place a baby fence around the tree. For both dog and cats alike, chewing on



certain holiday ornaments can actually poison as they may contain lead by-products. This can be a precursor to them becoming sick when snacked on.

Shiny objects are extremely attractive to your pets; make sure they are out of reach. The less shiny the better. Extension cords, that are often used by dogs for chew toys, can lose their appeal once Bitter Apple spray is applied. This will create discouragement and causes no harm to your pet.

For Cats, the idea of an indoor tree can be an exciting challenge. The attempt to get to the top to reach the bright glistening star can be thrilling. Only to have the tree come tumbling down and ornaments shattered to pieces. If you intend to leave your cat home

alone, leave it in an area away from the temptation of the tree or if you are at home, make sure you are aware of the location of your cat is in the house at all times.

House hold treats can also be a danger to your pets. Chocolate, although a delightful treat for people is toxic to animals because of the Theobromine content in the chocolate. The darker the chocolate the higher content of Theobromine and therefore the more toxic. If ingested seek immediate veterinary attention. Your veterinarian will have an emergency contact number on their answering machine if they are

not available. During the holiday season, keep all treats out of your pets reach. For Cats, holiday mistletoe, holly and lilies are poisonous. Also, your tree will have preservatives used in the water and this can also be a danger, as aspirin is often used in the mixture. Make sure your pet does not have access to consuming the water under the tree.

We hope these holiday tips will help make a safe and enjoyable holiday for you and your pets. For more information about any of this information speak to your veterinarian. They are the best resource!

*"Holiday Mistletoe, Holly and Lilly's are poisonous"*



# "Tis The Season"

If you are in the spirit of giving this Holiday season, attached is a copy of the Shelter Animal's Wish List:

- Wet Cat and Kitten Food pet store quality
- Soft dog treats
- HE Laundry Soap
- Cooked Knuckle Bones
- Small Animal food supplies
- Unopened Dry Dog and Cat food
- Cat and Dog Toys



# Dog Walking Seminar

Are you interested in making a difference in the dogs lives? Come join us for our dog walking seminar December.08/09 between 6- 8pm at the Delta Community Animal Shelter. We would love the opportunity to get some fresh air and visit with a smiling face.

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Dog Walking

Shift 1: Sun-Sat 8am-10am,  
Shift 2: Sun- Sat 12pm -3pm,  
Shift 3: Sun & Sat 3pm-5pm

### Cat Care

Shift 1 : Sun-Sat 10am-12pm  
Shift 2: Sun-Sat 12-4pm  
Shift 3: Mon-Fri 4pm-6pm  
Shift 3: Sun& Sat 3pm-5pm



### Small Animal Care

Shift 1: Sun-Sat 10am- 12pm  
Shift 2: Sun-Sat 2pm-4pm

We are currently looking for a volunteer who can commit to one day a week, 5 hours as a feline adoption counselor. This new position would require the volunteer to work between cat rooms 1 and 2 to help match suitable adoptees to a suitable home. Anyone interested please contact the shelter

## SUCCESS IN ADOPTIONS

The shelter has had lots of success this year in finding homes! Much of this success is in thanks to the help of many volunteers. The animal STATS to date are below for you to give yourself a pat on your back

### Animals Admitted:

Dogs: 305  
Cats: 374  
Birds: 14

### Reunited with Owners:

Dogs: 214  
Cats: 30  
Birds: 0

### Animal Adopted:

Dogs: 93  
Cats: 260  
Birds: 9

# Featured Friends of the Month



Marbles is a lovely older cat. Marbles has an incredible personality and is the favorite of the

Shelter Manager! She loves to chat a little but mostly loves to be pet, sit with you, be on the desk when you are working and on your lap when you are relaxing. We would love to see Marbles in a home with no other pets- a senior who wants a friend would be ideal! Marbles has many years of companionship and love to offer and we hope she gets the opportunity soon! Marbles is being fostered at the PETS-N-US in Tsawwassen in hopes to get her a home soon....Stop by and see her!



Dragon is a sweet boy who ended up at the shelter early this year. He was just a year old at the time and had little training.



As his previous home had kept him in the back yard. Dragon needed help socializing and guidance so he was placed into foster care. His foster family was an experienced dog owner and Dragon has flourished and become more social. Dragon is amazingly affectionate and gentle dog seeking love and the perfect family. For information on Dragon please contact the shelter. We would love him to go home for Christmas!!

## DON'T MISS OUT!!

DCAS will be drawing for prizes in our Monthly Raffle. Each month there will be a new prize. The first draw is in the month of December and is a Photography Session with [smellycatphotography.com](http://smellycatphotography.com). More info at the shelter so come down and check it out! Raffle Tickets are \$2 for 1 entry, \$5 for 3 entries and \$10 for 10 entries.

