



October 2008 Newsletter

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The CPC has its general meetings on the second Monday of each month. Feel free to bring prospective members. The board and committee chairs meet on the fourth Thursday of each month.

BE CAREFUL

On September 22, 2008, The Greenville News reported that seven people who came into contact with a rabid dog in Spartanburg County are undergoing medical treatment to prevent contracting the disease. One person was exposed in the Canaan community of Spartanburg County by the unvaccinated animal, which had been seen around the neighborhood for several years. The other six exposures were to veterinary care staff that was exposed while treating the dog.

Be careful when approaching animals that you don't know-Rabies cases have been reported in our County.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN!

Yes, we've enjoyed some rain lately, but this part of NC is still in a protracted drought. Shirley Pearl is selling rain barrels for the very reasonable price of \$70. They attach to your downspouts to catch your roof's run-off which is great for watering gardens, flower beds and hedges. Installation is available for an additional charge. Shirley will also assist you with selecting and installing accessories such as soaker hoses. The rain barrels help are available in white, blue or solid colors, or can be customized with logos, camouflage, dragonflies, horseshoes, flowers and so on. If you have questions or are interested in talking with Shirley please feel free to contact her at: fhorses08@att.net or 828-305-1300.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

October 4-Hilltop Festival & Canine Costume Contest (10:00am)-Rutherfordton, NC
October 11-Celebrate Forest City!!!-Forest City, NC

DONATION BOXES

Patronize CPC's friends. Have you noticed that our newly designed collection boxes for spare change are conspicuously displayed at many local venues, including The Coffee Place, Fireside Books & Gifts, Legal Grounds, Foothills Veterinary Hospital, Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria and other local businesses. It's heartening to see these boxes filling up with dollars and dimes. Thank these establishments by mentioning that you're with CPC and that you will be visiting them often. If you are interested in having a donation box in your office or business, please call the CPC office @ 287-7738.

DOG HEALTH HINTS

The popular website "Dog Owner's Guide" <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/idx1.html> is an excellent source for dog information. They find the following items safe to use on DOGS:

Triple antibiotic ointment

Ace self-adhering athletic bandage-three-inch width

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White petroleum jelly-(Vaseline or similar)
Pepto Bismol tablets
Generic Benadryl capsules-25mg, for allergies
Hydrocortisone acetate-one percent cream
Dermicil hypoallergenic cloth tape-one inch by 10 yards
Hydrogen Peroxide
Kaopectate tablets-maximum strength
Vet Rap bandage
Buffered aspirin-be sure it is NOT enteric coated. Buffered aspirin should be given in very small dosages and only under a vet's instructions. FYI, cats cannot break down aspirin as quickly as dogs (or humans), and can be easily overdosed with the accumulation of aspirin in the body.

Do not give your dog any other human non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including but not limited to Tylenol, Aleve, Advil, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Advil. One excellent link on what NOT to give dogs is at <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/nsaids.html>.

If you think your animal has gotten into these or any other medications and you cannot get to your vet, the ASPCA has an Animal Poison Control Center

(888) 426-4435.

A \$60 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card.

CATS AND KITTENS

It's still raining cats at the Rutherford County Animal Control Facility. Cats and kittens of all sizes, ages and colors arrive daily, and the sad but very real fact is, only a very few are finding homes. Despite strenuous educational efforts, there is still a lot of work to do to convince the public to neuter and spay their animals.

According to the Internet, a single pair of cats and their kittens, if all the kittens and the parents continue to breed at the normal rate of two or three litters per year (an average litter is one to eight kittens, but the record for the largest number of kittens in a single litter is a mind numbing FOURTEEN) is 420,000 in just seven years.

STRANGE BUT TRUE FACTS!

On a lighter note, Sir Isaac Newton is credited with inventing the cat door. The ridges on a cat's nose pad form a unique pattern, just like a human fingerprint. Cats step with both left legs, then both right legs, when they walk or run. A domestic cat can sprint at up to 30 miles per hour.

PHOTOS OF YOUR FAVORITE CAT

If you haven't discovered the web site <http://icanhascheezburger.com/>, check it out! People compose captions, spelled as if written by a cat, to go with adorable cat and other animal photos. Please send a link for YOUR favorite cat website so we can share it in our coming newsletters.

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BUNNY LOVE

Kudos to CPC volunteer Gail Bautista. At a recent CPC meeting, one attendee announced that she had with her a displaced pet rabbit (only cats and dogs can be housed at the Rutherford County Animal Control Facility). Many of us peered into the crate and saw an enormous, white, handsome rabbit. But it was Gail, with a wry look on her face, who agreed to foster him. His name is Snowball and he is very smart. Gail is hopeful that she can place him as the class mascot at a local school. Of course, if anyone reading this can find Snowball a good home, please contact the CPC office @ 287-7738.

SNOWBALL



Please feel free to share the Community Pet Center Newsletters with others.

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