



**Yakima Valley Pet
Rescue and Adoption
Center www.yvpr.org
(509) 248 3113**

Facts and figures:
Since our Summer
issue we have
adopted 57 dogs and
17 cats to forever
homes .

We have also helped
21 cats and 82 dogs
find new homes
through our no kill
rescue partners.

Scooter selfishly gave up
his bone allowance to the
tune of \$ 1000.00 this
summer. Thanks
Scooter! Your doggie
friends and cat foes alike
thank you from the bot-
tom of their bellies.

Thanks to all our
supporters!
We can't help the pets
without you!

Dates and Places
Chili Cook-off!
March 12th, 2011
Consider volunteering.
Next Chili-feed meeting;
September 27th
Call 248 3113
for times and places

The Scoop!

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The Pet Health Issue Introducing : Ask the Vet!

Basic Pet Health Advice

**Vet Checks are important
for optimal pet health.
Basics are vaccinations,
alterations and well checks.**

Common Diseases

Vaccinations are essential
steps towards a healthy
immune system for your
pet. It is recommended that
you start at age 6 weeks on
a vaccine schedule of
every 3 weeks over 3
months. Vaccines help
prevent the spread of
deadly and highly conta-
gious diseases. Parvo and
Distemper are prevalent in
Yakima Valley. Unless
you plan on not taking
your dog,



especially
your young
pups,
outside of
your home
ever, (you
can even
bring the

Parvo virus in your home
on your shoes) you must
vaccinate your pet against
these diseases.

In the city of Yakima you
must license your dog and
you must show proof of a
Rabies vaccination to do so.
Most kennels and doggie
daycares will not accept
pets without a Bordetella
vaccine.

Here are just a few words
about what dog vaccinations
can prevent.

Parvovirus: The parvo vac-
cine protects against a deadly
but common virus, especially
in puppies, that is highly con-
tagious through contact with
infected animals stool. The
virus attacks the intestines
and causes severe diarrhea
and vomiting that can lead to
dehydration and death.

Canine Distemper: Consid-
ered the most serious viral
disease of dogs in the world,
approximately 50% of non-
vaccinated non-immunized
dogs infected with CD virus
develop clinical signs of dis-
ease and approximately 90%
of those dogs infected with
CD die. (Cont. on pg. 2)

Ask the Vet!

IN this
issue we
are introducing, "Ask
the Vet". Each issue
we'd like to pose a ques-
tion or two from our
readers to one of the vet-
erinarians that works
closely with Yakima
Valley Pet Rescue. This
months question is:



Can a Boxer/Great Dane
(i.e., large breed dog) be
neutered before the age of
18 months at minimum.
We asked the vet!

Dr. Beksinski from Selah
Veterinary Hospital had
this answer.

The consensus among
veterinarians on

neutering is that
6 months is
probably the
standard age for
neutering. This
has evolved
mostly out of
practicality i.e.,
it's possible for
the dog to be al-
ready fully vac-
cinated, isn't
sexually mature,
(cont. on pg. 2)

Ask the Vet! (Cont. from Pg. 1)

and has yet to develop bad habits (fighting, marking territory etc). At 6 months of age, they are about 75% of their full size; that being said, in recent years Humane Societies and Rescue groups have been neutering pups as young as 8 weeks. (YVPR does not spay or neuter at 8 weeks) This is not ideal health wise because they are delicate, not fully vaccinated and under stress. They feel this is necessary because these groups don't want to place any dog that can reproduce. I feel their reasons are valid so this will probably continue. As far as large breeds, I feel this question pertains to the fact that they grow fast which puts a lot of stress on fast growing bones. Testosterone increases cause growth to slow and stop

and puppies don't produce a lot until puberty. If you neuter them before puberty, the growth will continue longer than it would in an unaltered dog who continues to produce testosterone. This could mean there is the potential that the neutered dog could become larger. To date I don't feel the research has shown that neutering early or late has made any significant difference in dogs overall.

Thanks Dr. Beksinski!

Send your "ASK THE VET"
question to
newsletter@yvpr.org
next month we introduce
"PET PEEVES"

The Latest Poop!



What's happening inside YVPR's newsletter, The Scoop: The biggest change is Heather Simmons-Rigdon has stepped down as The Scoop's Newsletter Editor. Heather has spent the last several months setting up our brand new website. We'd like to shout out a huge **thank you** to Heather for her efforts in creating the informative and professional newsletter our supporters look forward to perusing quarterly. We hope to become as proficient at delivering the quality publications you've come to expect. The cost of producing The Scoop takes a significant bite out of our limited budget so to keep costs down we will make more use of electronic publications. We encourage our readers to provide us with your email address in order to continue receiving The Scoop quarterly, and a link to the newsletter is provided via our website, www.yvpr.org as well. Thanks for a job well done on the website too Heather!

Basic Pet Health Advice (cont. from page 1)

Distemper is considered airborne and highly contagious. It's more frequent and acutely affects pups under 3 months of age. Early clinical signs include anorexia, diarrhea, and dehydration. As the disease progresses, fever, depression, vomiting and bloody diarrhea may be observed, accompanied by signs of respiratory distress. Coughing, labored breathing, inflammation of tissues around the eyes and nose, and mucopurulent oculonasal discharge may occur.

Rabies: A fatal and incurable disease, the rabies virus attacks the nervous system of dogs that have been exposed to the saliva of an infected animal through an open wound or bite. Rabies vaccines should always be kept up to date.

Bordetella: Also known as "Kennel Cough", the symptoms include a harsh, dry cough, aggravated by activity or excitement. The cough is followed by retching or gagging in an attempt to clear small amounts of mucus from the throat. Body temperature may be elevated as secondary bacterial infection takes place. Highly contagious, this disease is readily transmitted to susceptible dogs. It is most common among dogs that congregate at dog shows, kennels, etc.

Cat vaccinations include prevention for Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline Leukemia, AIDS, Infectious Peritonitis, and Rabies; all potentially deadly diseases.

Other common health issues to be mindful of are Conjunctivitis, Mange, Ticks and Fleas, Ringworm, Worms and Upper Respiratory ailments. These too are common in the Yakima Valley, but with proper attention they can be easily managed and cured with a veterinarian visit and some home care as well.

These health issues could all be avoided with preventive measures. Speaking of preventive measures, spaying and neutering your pets would prevent those unwanted uncared for litters that potentially become the reason so many pet diseases are spread in the Yakima Valley.

Spread the word not disease: Vaccinate and Alter your Pets! Tell your friends and neighbors to contact us about reduced cost alterations for cats.

Success!

A tale of one of our rescues in extra need because of health issues.....

Guinness is good for you



A little over 1 year ago, our beloved Boxer died. We were heartbroken and after a few months began looking to readopt. Yakima Valley Pet Rescue had posted a 10-month-old male boxer named "Sugar Ray" on the site. "Sugar Ray" along with a few other animals had been pulled from a local shelter. "Sugar Ray" was scheduled to be euthanized probably because of over crowding. This little boxer had kennel cough, worms and was seriously malnourished. In addition, he was skittish and shy of people. Your organization began treatment for "Sugar Ray" and started him on the road to recovery. We adopted "Sugar Ray" now renamed "Guinness" and he is no longer the scrawny, skittish and shy little boy. Guinness has celebrated 1 year with our family and is doing great. He is such a healthy and handsome boy, full of life and bounce and people are amazed that he is a "rescued" dog!

He was very skittish at first and wouldn't come to us. If we moved too quickly or tried to get him to come, he would run away. We had to squat down to coax him over and then he would let us briefly touch him. It took about a month before we didn't have to be so careful with him. He also didn't like going outside by himself and we had to go out with him and take him on a leash and walk him around until he was willing to explore on his own. Now, he owns the yard as he sits on the lid of the hot tub "surveying his kingdom". He was so skinny and his coat sticky and flaky and he had kennel cough and worms. He wouldn't eat much at a meal so we fed him several times a day for the first 6 months, which caused our Weimeraner to chunk up because she wanted to eat too. Now, we can spell E-A-T and he goes vertical in a happy dance. Guinness LOVES food. It had been about 6-9 months when we realized we were making progress. One morning we found that he had quietly crawled up in our bed during the night and was at the foot end sleeping. Then, a few months later, he began to show up between us! We knew then, he trusted us and has decided we were "okay". Guinness is a typical boxer, silly, stubborn, energetic and sweet with an atypical start in life. We are glad Yakima Pet Rescue gave him a chance at a new beginning.

Please use our Guinness as one of your success stories so others can see the value of rescue not only to the animals but also to the families your group serves.

Thank you for all you do. The Lawson Family Kent WA



Devon Lowry from Petfinder.com Foundation was a 'mystery shopper' on our YVPR site and found we had provided excellent customer service. YVPR was rewarded \$500.00 from Maddie's Fund for the Put Your Best Face Forward program which partnered with Petfinder where all of YVPR's adoptable animals are listed. Even our Ferrets! Go to www.yvpr.org

There are so many great stories like Guinness's. Too many to choose from and not enough room.! Go to www.yvpr.org for more Success!

Do you have a Success! story for our newsletter or website? Send to rescue@yvpr.org

In Memorial...

wishing peace in the hearts to those who feel the pain of the loss of a pet.

Donations have been made in the names of those that were loved and now are missed;

With love to Mark and Heidi for their "Steve" Zizzou

With love to the James Family for their Digby

With love to Bryn and Michael for their Coltrane

Donations make it all possible. Thanks! Cut along this line and send donations to:



YVPR
P.O. Box 944
Yakima, WA 98907

or make a donation from our secure donation page on our website
www.yvpr.org using Pay Pal or Credit Card

Yakima Valley Pet Rescue & Adoption Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, a dedicated group of volunteers who rescue abandoned and homeless animals, provide spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and medical care, and help pets find forever loving homes.

To help save costs for YVPR, we are no longer supplying return envelopes.

Thank you for your understanding!

\$10.00___ \$25.00___ \$50.00___ \$100.00___ Other \$_____ Do you wish to specify how your donation is used? Please use my donation for_____

- Please make your check payable to Yakima Valley Pet Rescue.
- 100% OF Your gift helps homeless pets in our valley.

A receipt will be sent for your records and all donations are tax deductible.

Please help us reduce our costs by signing up for our e-letter at newsletter@yvpr.org or by sending us your email address _____

Please continue to send me my letter via post _____ my name and address is _____

Please remove me from your mailing list _____ my name and address is _____

Recycle at
Michelson's
and say
Donate to YVPR



<http://www.facebook.com/yvpetrescue>

Help reduce the stray and unwanted pet population of Yakima Valley,
spread the word about
Spaying and Neutering!



Education is Key!
We have a great educational program and we're looking for venues in which to share our message. If you would like to have us present our program in your classroom or at your next meeting, contact; volunteer@yvpr.org.

Get involved! Go to www.yvpr.org and check out the volunteer tab and make a connection with us. We are growing and are looking to fill board and officer and committee positions. Come to our meetings on the 1st Monday of each month, except September when it will be on the 13th at Jackson's on 48th ave. at 6:30. Or check the calendar on our website or Facebook. Or email: volunteer@yvpr.org

Thanks to all of you who choose to have The Scoop! sent to you electronically.

We appreciate your concern for the environment and our costs. If you have received this newsletter and would prefer not to, please unsubscribe by saying so in a short note to newsletter@yvpr.org. Or, share it with your contacts to help spread the word and consider donating at www.yvpr.org via paypal! Thanks!

We foster our pets to be sure we know what type of household should work for them.

Cats? Chickens? Kids? Couch Potatoes? Jocks? Let us help you find your match...

Pets are available for adoption at
www.yvpr.org.