

## Creature Comforts: Caring for Your Best Friends

By Michal Smith

Phew-kitten season has finally come and gone at Creatures. We found great homes for over 18 local kittens - which means the puppies are here! We currently have well bred and healthy pups. Come on by and check them out!

Drum roll please: Beginning August 8th Creatures is excited to announce that we'll be expanding our services to include Animal Nutrition Consulting and will be hosting monthly vaccination clinics for dogs, cats and small animals! We've been fortunate to be able to bring Victoria Guerrero onto our team. Victoria has an extensive background as a Veterinarian Technician and has additional training in Holistic Animal Nutrition and Care from American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AHVMA). The "holistic" piece to her training includes nutrition

and emotion, as well as overall health. If your animal exhibits any odd behaviors or habits; chronically itches; is a finicky eater; is visibly overweight or underweight; is depressed; or is just plain acting weird but otherwise healthy, then you might consider making an appointment for you and your pet to visit with Victoria here at Creatures. She will complete a health assessment for your animal and create a path for your pet to realize better health and happiness. Nutrition consulting will be by appointment any day Monday - Saturday from 10-4 PM and cost \$30 for the first visit and \$15 for each follow up.

As we all know, vaccinations are the best defense against a variety of diseases that cats and dogs can be susceptible to. One deadly disease that the Vernonia Veterinary Clinic reports diagnosing here in Columbia County is Canine Parvovirus (Parvo). Parvo is a highly contagious disease of the intestinal tract. It

progresses quickly so death is common. Unvaccinated dogs and puppies may succumb to this disease in only 4 or 5 days from severe dehydration. Therefore, if your puppy or mature dog displays any of the following signs, prompt medical care is needed to save them: diarrhea, vomiting, and lack of interest in food. The good news is that Parvo can easily be preventable by keeping your dog's vaccinations up to date annually. Often dogs are given a combination vaccine. To be sure that Parvo was included in your dog's vaccination look for the following PV, Pv, or CPV on your shot records.

Vaccinations can be obtained at your local Vernonia Veterinary Clinic, Monday, Wednesday or Saturday; Valley Veterinary clinic on Thursdays and now at Creatures vaccination clinics once a month with the first one starting Saturday, August 20th beginning at 10:00 AM-4:00 PM by appointment only at 503-429-PETS!

## 2011 Oregon International Air Show

Look to the skies beginning Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21 as the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Oregon International Air Show takes flight! Presented by Standard TV & Appliance, this year's action-packed event at the Hillsboro Airport will feature something for everyone, including The Patriots 6-Jet Team of high performance L-39s, the U.S. Army Black Dagger Parachute Team, F-15, F-16 and F-18 military demos, an Aerobatic Racing Challenge and much more.

The gates open Friday night at 6:00 PM. and the skies come to life at 7:00 PM. This night will feature the biggest fireworks and pyrotechnics display in Oregon, presented by ATG and Homeland Fireworks. Before the grand finale, spectators can enjoy amazing flying and some great ground

entertainment including static displays and all the KOIN Local 6 Entertainment Center has to offer. Whether its reserved seating, food and drink at the Ninkasi Craft Beer Garden, a visit to the US Bank KidZone to wear the kids out, or climbing inside the cockpit of an F-15 in the Military Village, visitors can truly make the most of their Friday night. As part of US Bank Community Kids Night, every paying adult who brings a school supply donation Friday night will earn free admission for one child. Additional kids are only \$10 each. Kids can also meet and take pictures with performers, and even pick up free autographs and posters.

The festivities continue at full throttle Saturday and Comcast Sunday with a dizzying array of performers and other offerings. The gates open at 9:00 AM and the overhead action begins at 10:45 AM. The Patriots 6-Jet team will electrify spectators with fast-paced, choreographed formation flying, aerobatic maneuvers and signature moves. Also dazzling the crowd will be F/A 18E Super Hornet and F-16 Viper West Demo Teams, an F-15 Oregon Air National Guard fly-by, the U.S. Army Black Dagger Parachute Team and 14 outstanding civilian performances.

An extensive lineup of military static displays including warbird aircraft are among the many other sights. The KOIN Local 6 Entertainment Center will be packed with more displays and US Bank KidZone entertainment features. Add to the fun Military Village attractions inviting guests to test their muscle, climb a rock wall and even get up close and personal with military aircraft. The Ninkasi Craft

Beer Garden will offer still more - all from some of the best seats in the house.

For all levels of admission, advance ticket pricing and some great deals are available now through Aug. 12 online or by calling the Air Show office at 503-389-3153. Regular pricing begins the weekend before the show, Saturday, Aug. 13. To purchase tickets online, or for more information on performers, displays, directions and parking, visit [www.oregonairshow.com](http://www.oregonairshow.com).


Dignity Memorial and the Oregon International Air Show salute the military through this event by offering free general admission Saturday and Comcast Sunday to any man or woman who has served, or is serving, in the military. Vets can upgrade to a reserved seat in advance or at the gates for only \$10. This includes active, retired or honorably discharged military with verification.

The Oregon International Air Show will continue its tradition of honoring special needs children on Comcast Sunday for Margaret Teufel Day. The show will host 800 special needs children and adults, providing reserved seats, lunch and the opportunity to meet the performers up close and personal. Since 1988, the show has hosted more than 18,000 special needs children and adults. "We are proud to involve and give back to our community through this event," says show President Judy Willey.

Since its inception 24 years ago, the Oregon International Air Show has donated more than \$1.2 million to 475 organizations. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the show donates all net proceeds to local charities and non-profits. The event is made possible by the efforts of more than 1,500 volunteers each year.

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## Senior Center Activities

**5-Area Luncheon:** Monday, August 29th at the St. Helens Senior Center

**Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts:** Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

**Week Day Lunches:** The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for only \$4. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals.

**Maple Bars available locally!** Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the

side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

**Thrift Store:** Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

**For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.**

**Special Days:** On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

**Membership Dues:** Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

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