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Dates to Remember:

* Bingo - Jan 7, Mar 27

Please contact Audrey Giefer at 248-6422 if you can help.

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
 With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
 The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away your tear,
 For I am spending Christmas, with God, this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that humans hold so dear,
 But the sounds of music can't compare
 with the Christmas choir up here.
 I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
 For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.
 But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
 So be happy for me my treasured friend,
 you know I hold you dear
 And be glad that I am spending Christmas with God this year.

I will ring the Christmas bell for you, that hangs upon your door
 To let you know I'm with you, in your lap,
 or by your feet, on the floor.
 I'll stay for just a little while to see that you're okay
 But there's no need to worry, I'll come again another day.

I'll bring with me a special gift from my heavenly home above.
 I'll bring for you a memory of my undying love.
 So have a merry Christmas and wipe away your tear,
 Remember I'm spending Christmas,
 with God, this year.



EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29, 2003, the City of Calgary will be enforcing a zero tolerance policy on all unlicensed dogs. The penalty for an unlicensed dog is \$250.00.

IN CALGARY, ALL DOGS THREE MONTHS OR OLDER MUST BE LICENSED!

Puppies (3 to 6 months) and altered dogs: \$30.00. Unaltered dogs: \$50.00

Need a Replacement Tag? When you license your dog, you're issued a permanent dog tag. If your dog loses his tag, you will need to purchase a replacement tag. To do so, please call (403) 268-4350 and be ready with your Visa or MasterCard, as there is a \$5.00 fee.

Out-of-towners: We at the PALS office were curious how this would affect our volunteers who live outside Calgary but come into the city for visits. We asked Animal Services Public Education Advisor and PALS volunteer, Dolly Hussey, who informed us that you will need to check with your municipality to see if you are required to license your dog where you live. When you are in Calgary visiting, you should be fine. If you were to be questioned about your dog's license, you could show your driver's license as proof that you live outside Calgary.

For more information, please visit Animal Services at www.calgary.ca/animalservices.

*The office will be
 closed from December
 20 to January 4 for
 Christmas
 All the best of the
 season.*



Don't forget...
to purchase your 2004 PALS membership.

**The PALS membership policy requires that
all volunteers hold a current membership.**

Please take a moment to complete this form and return it to:

**PALS Pet Access League Society
3019 - 21 Street NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 7T1
Phone 250-7257, Fax 250-9273**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Membership dues \$_____ (\$20.00 single; \$30.00 family) valid until Dec. 31, 2004.

_____Cheque/money order made payable to PALS

_____MasterCard Card Number: _____

_____Visa Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Charitable Registration # 10781 1879 RR0001

If you have already paid your 2004 membership, thank you.



Please help us update our database.

It's that time of the year again when we update the information in our database so please take a moment to complete the following and mail or fax it back to the PALS office.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

NB: To help PALS cut down on printing and mailing costs would you like to receive an email notice so you can get your newsletter from the PALS website? YES NO

I am interested in helping with the following activities:

- Interviewing prospective PALS volunteers (throughout year)
- PR booth at Hull Stampede Breakfast (July)
- PR booth at Pet Expo (September)
- PR Booth at Calaway Park (August)
- Special visits with seniors (throughout year)
- Special visits with children (throughout year)
- Pet Walk (Fall)
- Casino (Winter 2005)
- Bingo (throughout year)
- Art Market (November)
- Additional regular visits during the day _____ or evening _____.
- Other Interests: _____

Thank You!

Art Market - Once again Christmas is nearly here and the hustle and bustle of Art Market is but a memory. A lot of you heard the compliments from the artisans whilst in the lounge, but for those of you who didn't hear, I have to tell you that we were very much appreciated – especially for the tea and coffee breaks you gave them, but also for the odd break you gave them when needed. Those little extras earned us a lot of money to put in the Looney Bin. Total money to PALS (for booth relief and sales) was \$ 5834.91 , including \$911.46 from the Looney Bin, so thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm. On a sad note, at least for me anyway, I'm sorry to say I won't be organizing Art Market next year. After 9 years I want to hand over the reins to a younger volunteer, although I do hope I will be asked to do booth relief! A lot of you have pets who are retired or who have gone to the big play ground in the sky, and I hope you will continue to support PALS by helping at Art Market. Wherever else would I manage to see you again and catch up with your news?!! Also some of you come as "friends of PALS" and have never had a pet in the program – remember we will still need your help and support. See you next year..... **Eileen**

Calgary Pet Expo - The 2003 Pet Expo was as fun as ever. Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped by bringing in their furry counterparts to meet and greet hundreds of eager people at the Expo. Many a smiling child was seen making her way to the PALS booth.

Arguably, the highlight may have been on Saturday when Kathy and Hobbes were enjoying attention from several kids until Hobbes spotted a person in a wheelchair and insisted Kathy break away from the crowd so that he could "go to work" and greet this person. Guess you can't take the PALS out of the dog – even at Pet Expo. Good job, Hobbes! Moe was also busy doing some work of his own; happily, this little ferret was just as friendly!

Pretty hypnotic. What do you call that? Eau de Ferret?

Photo courtesy of FRES, www.ferrets.ca



Thank you Eileen for all your hard work in organizing this event. It would not have been a success without you.



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Did you know that because you are a PALS volunteer you could get a free flu shot? Talk to your doctor or visit your local health clinic.

We recently had an incident where a dog jumped up uninvited on a resident's bed and scratched the resident with its nails. Although no serious injury resulted it is a wake up call that we should exercise caution when allowing pets onto beds or laps and that nails should be kept short at all times.

Urgently required. Volunteers who would like to increase the number of visits they make. We have openings in Forest Grove (Monday morning) ,in a number of SW facilities that visit on Tuesday evenings and 2 NW facilities that visit on Saturday mornings. Call the PALS office if you can help out.