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Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

PA Laws in Regard to Loose Dogs



Accidents happen to the best of us, and unfortunately, pets can get away from their owners. However, if these accidents are occurring frequently, there is an issue that needs to be addressed. All pets should know the recall command or

"come." If a pet parent is having an issue with their pet learning a proper recall, it may be time to hire a <u>positive based trainer</u> to help.

Primarily, a loose pet is a danger to itself! A pet running free can get lost, run into traffic, be attacked by another animal or get into something dangerous.

A loose pet also poses a danger to others, including other animals and people. A pet is often scared when they are lost and will react much differently than if they are safe at home. Even if a pet is normally "good" with people, a person could get hurt if the loose pet tries to attack another dog while it is being walked by their owner or a Professional Pet Care Specialist. Even if the loose pet has the best of intentions, the other dog being walked may become scared or anxious seeing a strange dog approaching and attempt to get away. This could cause the leashed pet to pull away and dash into traffic or worse, pull their owner or Professional Pet Care Specialist into traffic or cause them to fall and get injured!

If an uncontained pet does happen to injure someone, someone's pet or their property, the owner

Health Tip for the Season

Over vaccination can pose serious health risks for your pet. All pets should have their current up-todate vaccine taas on them when outside to walk, play or simply relieve themselves. If a pet gets away from their owners and is caught by animal control, they will not know if the pet has been vaccinated if they don't have their tags. If the pet is not claimed by the owner, according to the law, animal control or a rescue will have to vaccinate the pet before it can be rehomed. If the pet has been vaccinated, this could lead to over vaccination risks for the pet. Current tags will also help ensure a lost pet can get safely back home.

Training Tip for the Season

All pets should know the recall command. If a pet tries to run after another dog, a person, or simply tries a sneaky door dash, the recall command can literally save your pet's life! A fun training tip for can be held financially responsible for these damages.

According to the PA Department of Agriculture:

All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.

If the owner of the loose pet is fortunate and the pet doesn't injure or harass others, they can still be subject to a large fine for failing to keep their pets safe and confined. Additional costs may be incurred if animal control picks up the pet and it's taken to their facility.

PA Law 459-305 "Confinement of Dogs" also known as the Leash Law, states:

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to fail to keep a dog either:

 Confined within the premises of the owner;
Firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured; or
Under the reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition or field training.

Pet parents want the best for their pets but pets don't always know what is best for themselves. For this reason, pet parents should work to address ways to keep their pets safe and contained, either by fencing, secure leashing or addressing issues with door dashing. A contained pet is a safe pet! Safe from harming themselves and safe from harming others. learning recall is to play hide and seek with your pet! By playing hide and seek with your pet, they will learn to follow your voice and find their way back to you. This can be an extremely handy tip if your pet ever gets lost or gets away from you. Please, only practice this game in a secure, fenced area or in the house.

Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

As per PA law, if your Professional Pet Care Specialist is taking your pets off of your property, for playtime or walks, all pets must have up-todate tags. Please make sure all current tags are easily accessible to your Professional Pet Care Specialist.

Featured Organization of the Month



Joey's PAW



Joey's PAW (PAW stands for prosthetic and wheelchairs) helps rescues, shelters and individual dogs get prosthetic and wheelchairs for those in need. They give those pets the chance at living their best life possible! Joey's Paw also hopes that with these devices, the pets will have a better chance at getting adopted.

Boone is the ambassador for Joey's PAW and he attends all their events. Joey's PAW initially pledged

a wheelchair to the rescue that had Boone but Joey's Paw founders were complete foster failures (they adopted him) almost immediately. They got him a wheelchair and he became a whole new dog and came to life!

You can donate to Joey's Paw via their <u>Facebook page</u>, <u>website</u> or through Paypal at <u>https://www.paypal.me/JoeysPAW</u>

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Founders: Charlie and Tanya Diable



July Birthdays

Cecil Tarbett Sissy Masaitis **Jasper Rhoades** Cassie Overmyer-Workman **Cookie Rhoades** Minx Paal **Misty Paal** Luciano Bearley **Gray Roe Fafhrd Roe Mavis Petrie** Alvin Zadrozny **Book Pawelski Rex Paredes** Nina Paredes **Beau Johnston** Sailer Stefanos Lexi Galia Suki Oslick Phoebe Oslick Cody Gent **Arnold Pape** Cooper Ashley Molly Costelnock Lil Pea Soisson Lucy Sciarrino Ava LaBella Luna Regrut **Riot Kemerer** Zahra Soxman **Nebula Botts** Lady Ashley **Diesel Ackerman Roman Grey Marcus** Tyson Hill **Kitty Boczar** Kobe Hill Fern Escalante Milo Klaput Cash Kimes **Ember Gent** Calico Heiden **Dakota Miller Nellie Fine** Lucky Rodriguez-Cochran Harley Borrasso

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Red, White and Blueberry Yogurt Bites

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large container (32 oz.) of low-fat, plain, organic yogurt
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup strawberries

DIRECTIONS:

Cut strawberries and

blueberries into small pieces and mix all ingredients together.

Place the mixture in ice cube trays or your favorite molds and freeze for about 3 hours.

Homemade Organic Spinach and Chicken Cat Treats

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound steamed organic boneless and skinless chicken thiahs
- 1 cup fresh organic spinach leaves
- 1 cup organic quickcooking oats
- I organic brown egg
- 1 tablespoon organic catnip
- 1/4 cup flour

DIRECTIONS

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Steam the boneless and skinless chicken thighs until cooked through. You can swap for boneless and skinless organic chicken breasts, salmon, or tuna with cat-loving results too. Let the chicken cool for 20 minutes before the next step.

Place the chicken, oats, spinach leaves, egg, and catnip in a blender or food processor, and pulse on low until the mixture blends together. It should still be a bit chunky but also smooth, similar to the texture of wet sand.

Pop the mixture into a bowl and add the flour. You can also add a dash of salt or sugar to mix up the flavor. Use your hands to knead the dough until it's no longer sticky, then place on a flour-dusted work surface.

Use a rolling pin to create a rectangle of dough around 1/2 inch thick. With the help of a pizza cutter or small cookie cutter, create small shapes for the finished treats.





Place the kitty treats on a parchment-lined sheet tray, and bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool until room temperature, and then toss to your cat.

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