



Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

Importance of Microchipping Your Pet



May is National Chip Your Pet Month - a month dedicated to the importance of microchipping your pet. Even though microchipping has been around for a while, many pet

parents still have questions.

The most common question from concerned pet parents is about discomfort during the microchip placement. The microchip is placed with a hypodermic needle - the same kind of needle used for injections when getting vaccinations - and causes no more pain than a typical injection. However, many vets are opting to place microchips when pets are already under anesthesia for spaying or neutering. A microchip is about the same size as a grain of rice and after placement, won't even be noticed by your pet.

Microchips are not tracking devices and only contain the ID number of your pet's microchip. No identifying information other than chip number is contained in the chip. Microchips won't work with GPS and must be scanned with a device to be read. Your corresponding contact information is stored by the microchip manufacturer, allowing you to be found if your pet gets lost. For this reason, it's of the utmost importance that your pet's microchip is updated whenever you rescue your pet, move to a new location, or change any of your contact

Health Tip for the Season

While uncommon, a microchip can move around with known cases of microchips moving to the belly area and even the rear legs. During your pet's health and wellness exam have your veterinarian check to make sure your pet's microchip hasn't migrated and is still readable.

Training Tip for the Season

A fun training tip for 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. Please, only practice this game in a secure, fenced in area or in the house.

Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

The easiest way to keep your pets safe is to make

information. If the microchip's number is not updated in the manufacturer's database, you will not be able to be found, even if someone scans the microchip.

Unlike collars and leashes, your pet can't accidentally slip away from a microchip leaving their information behind, which makes microchipping the best chance for reuniting with your pet.

A growing number of police stations, vet clinics, animal hospitals, rescues and animal wardens have access to a microchip scanner. This means, if anyone should find your pet and turn them in to any of the above locations, they will be able to scan the microchip and contact you immediately.

No pet parent ever wants to think of their pet getting lost or running away, but sadly, accidents happen, doors get left open and pets take off after small animals. Microchipping offers the best chance of being reunited with your pet quickly.

sure all collars and harnesses are properly fitted to your pet.

A collar that is too loose can be dangerous if your pet pulls their head out of it and runs off after something that has sparked their interest. A collar that is too tight runs the risk of injuring your pet. You should be able to fit 2 fingers snugly between the collar and the pet's neck.

Check for signs of fraying or damage on all leashes and harnesses and replace any that start to show wear.

Featured Organization of the Month



Live Like
Roo

Live Like Roo Foundation is a volunteer-run 501c3 that assists animals through a cancer diagnosis by providing financial and emotional support to their owners. Through grants, care packages, special experiences and genuine human support and kindness, The Live Like Roo Foundation has been able to assist over 8200 pets and their families through cancer diagnoses.

Having experienced this devastation first-hand with the loss of Roosevelt, The Live Like Roo Foundation strives to be a helping hand in a difficult and sometimes confusing time. We want to be a real life sounding board and support system for people that need guidance and hope, sharing compassion and strength along the way. Ultimately, our mission is that you and your pet will #LiveLikeRoo.

We are nationwide, but are based in Chicago. Since 2016, we have granted

over \$500,000 to families going through one of the most difficult times of their lives. We also send cancer care packages that include a blanket, a tennis ball, toys, treats, a McDonald's gift card, and tissues. All of the things that Roo the rescue dog loved. All of this in the name of a dog named Roo, who passed away far too soon from cancer. We created a bucket list and he lived life to the fullest for 5 months, inspiring others to live every day like it is your last-Live Like Roo.

Donations can be made at livelikeroo.org/donate

Find Live Like Roo Foundation online:

Website - <http://livelikeroo.org>

Facebook - <http://facebook.com/livelikeroo>

Instagram - <http://instagram.com/livelikeroofoundation>

Twitter - <http://twitter.com/livelikeroo>

May Birthdays



Murphy Brown
Cally Liebmman
Hanley Kosmar
Wednesday Budilovsky
Daisie Mae Favocci
Franklin Kearns
Flopsy Petrie
Polly Pierce
Zane Parker
Ashley Karelitz
Thor Gottschall
Loki Gottschall
Jessie DeCesare
Sophie Tobin
Pewam Golden-Trist
Hissy Hisserson Golden-Trist
Tango Botts
Minnie Urban
Allie Griffith
Colby Russell
Tully Karelitz
Jada Pittsonberger
Tyke Roe
Salvatore Capone Roberto
Toby Soxman
Jasper Ellis

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Butternut Squash Dog Treats

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup squash puree
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbs. peanut butter
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour for rolling

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven 350 degrees.

Mix eggs, squash and peanut butter in a large bowl.

Incorporate flour until you have a stiff, dry dough the consistency of pie crust.

Knead with you hands if necessary. Roll the dough out with a rolling-pin on a floured surface until 1/2 inch thick.

Cut with the cookie cutter of your choice or just use a knife to cut into squares or pizza cutter to cut into triangles.

Bake on a cookie sheet until hard, approximately 25 mins. Move treats to wire rack and allow to cool.



Squash and Salmon Kitty Bites

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups oat flour
- 5 ounces boneless skinless salmon, drained
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup butternut squash puree (pumpkin can be substituted if you can't find squash puree)



Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine 1 cup oat flour, salmon, egg and puree in bowl.

Place the dough onto a baking sheet, sprinkle with some additional oat flour and pat down to about 1/4 inch thick.

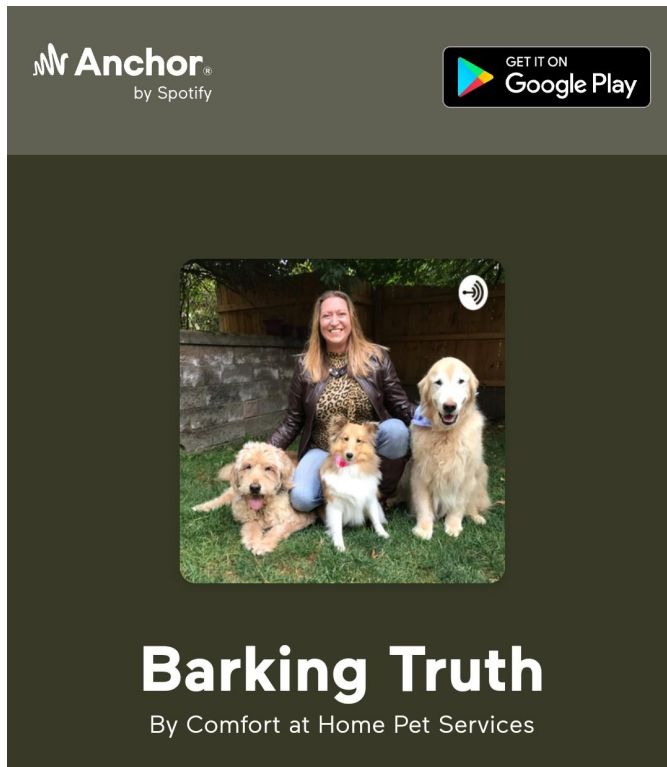
Bake for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and cut with the cookie cutter of your choice or just use a knife to cut into squares or pizza cutter to cut into triangles.

Spread the bits out and bake for another 15 - 20 minutes or until firm.

Let cool completely.

Barking Truth



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We will be releasing a new podcast every Wednesday and hope you can tune in and support pets everywhere by uncovering the truth of pet care.

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