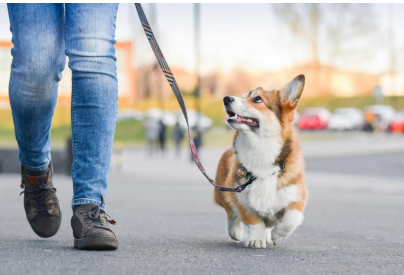




Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

Pet Sitter Safety



Pet sitting can be very rewarding and fulfilling for both the pet sitters and pets, but it can also be dangerous for

the pet sitter. Pet sitters must be aware of a pet's health concerns and body language and always be alert for potential dangers whether from the pet in their care, a loose pet or motorists on the road while out walking a pet.

Any dog can bite at any time and pet sitters must be aware of this while interacting with pets. Pet sitters often enter homes without the pet parent present, and some dogs, even after a meet and greet, will react differently to someone entering their home when the pet parent is away. Even a friendly pet can lash out when injured, stressed or frightened and this poses a bite risk to the pet sitters. While walking pets, a pet sitter must also be on the lookout for loose dogs who could pose a threat to them or the dog in their care. A pet sitter must always be on the lookout for loose dogs, keeping an eye on a yard they are passing to see if a dog is on a tie-out, has an electric fence or will jump the fence. If the pet sitter is walking a dog aggressive pet or the approaching dog is aggressive, the pet sitter could possibly end up in the middle. Either dog could lunge, bite, jump or knock over the pet sitter resulting in serious injury.

Bites are not the only risk and a pet sitter out walking a dog still faces injury from a dog jerking and pulling. A hard, abrupt jerking motion with no warning can catch even the best pet sitter off guard. With a hard enough jerk or pull the pet sitter

Health Tip for the Season

Cancer can strike any pet at any moment, but some breeds are more susceptible to certain forms than others. If your pet is one of those breeds, talk to your pet's health care provider about ways to lessen your pet's chances through proper nutrition, supplements and wellness programs. A healthy diet for all pets should include easily digestible proteins, fruits, vegetables, and supplements that keeps a pet's body and immune system strong. Some supplements have shown promise in reducing the risk of cancer, such as Cordyceps sinensis, Echinacea, Astragalus, Withania, Siberian ginseng, Essiac, Cats claw and Shiitake and Reishi mushrooms.

Training Tip for the Season

During your pet's annual wellness exam, ask your pet's health care provider to check their microchip. Microchips are the best way to reunite lost pets with their pet parents but they can migrate to other areas of the body. In addition to checking your pet's microchip, take this time to make sure all contact information is up-to-date. It's of the utmost importance that your pet's microchip is updated whenever you move to a new location, or change any of your contact information.

Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

Lives can change in a heartbeat and

risks joint and ligament damage from the pull itself, or scrapes and abrasions if they are pulled over or even knocked unconscious.. In the worst case scenario, a pet sitter can even be pulled into coming traffic!

While out walking, a pet sitter must be aware of not only the pet in their care and loose pets but motorists. When at all possible, pet sitters will walk on the sidewalk, but in areas without sidewalks a pet sitter could be put at risk of speeding or distracted drivers.

A professional pet sitter takes the time to educate themselves and be constantly aware of the potential dangers of their chosen profession and will work tirelessly to reduce the risks for themselves and those in their care. Even then, the risk is never zero.

should an emergency happen to your family, you'll want to make sure you have a plan that includes your pet. Thoughts aren't always clear when seconds count, therefore a pet parent should have an emergency kit prepared for their pet that is in an easily accessible place. Your emergency kit should have copies of your pet's license, up-to-date vaccination records and veterinary medical history, extra food and water bowls, an extra collar with name tags and extra leash, a recent picture of your pet with description in the event you get separated, disposable litter trays, disposable waste bags, litter or sand, a travel sized bottle of dish liquid for cleaning bowls and pans after each use a traveling bag, small dog and cat carrier, blankets and toys. In addition, have a list of phone numbers for pet friendly hotels and motels and local kennels readily available or stored electronically.

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 Liebmann
Hanley Kosmar
Wednesday Budilovsky
Daisie Mae Favocci
Franklin (Brian Weber
Flopsy (Petrie
Polly Pierce
Zane Parker
Ashley Karelitz
Thor Gottschall
Loki Gottschall
Jessie DeCesare
Sophie Tobin
Pewam Golden-Trist
Hissy Golden-Trist
Solis Word
Tango Botts
Podrick Burkett
Jeffrey Weinberg
Minnie Urban
Allie Griffith
Chalupa Word
Marshmallow Word
Tully Karelitz
Jada Pittsonberger
Salvatore Capone Roberto
Milo Berard
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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By Comfort at Home Pet Services

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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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