



Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

National Pet Cancer Awareness Month



November is Pet Cancer Awareness Month, a month to educate on the signs, symptoms and treatments for pet cancers.

No one likes to think of their beloved pet being stricken with such a horrible disease but with new breakthroughs and treatments, early detection is more important than ever. Pets are diagnosed with cancer at approximately the same rate as humans, and just like us, the earlier it can be found the better chances of a good prognosis.

Symptoms of pet cancer can include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of appetite or difficulty eating
- Rapid weight loss
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Loss of interest in playing or exercising
- Difficulty with stool or urination

Health Tip for the Season

Yearly wellness exams are a must to keep your pet happy and healthy, but many issues can arise during a year. Bathing, brushing or petting are all perfect times to check your pet for any new lumps. Many types of lumps are benign but always have any new lumps, bumps, lesions or open sores checked by your pet's healthcare provider.

Training Tip for the Season

Teaching a pet manners, like not begging or counter surfing, and commands like 'leave it' are a great start to a

- Changes in stool frequency
- Limping or refusing to bear weight on a limb
- Abnormal stiffness
- Severe lethargy
- Unusually strong/foul odors
- Blood coming from mouth or rectum
- Respiratory changes
- Hard and bleeding lumps
- Rapidly growing lumps or bumps
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Dry coughing

Once a month, you should give your pet a general health and wellness check by feeling them all over for new lumps or bumps. Any new lumps should be brought to the attention of your veterinarian who can do a needle aspiration to see if the bump is cancerous or a benign lipoma.

If your pet does get a diagnosis of cancer, talk to your veterinarian about the best options for your pet. Chemotherapy and radiation are available for pets but it can be very expensive and have side effects. Some medications that help with cancer can cause liver and kidney failure, so it's imperative to monitor liver and kidney function through blood work during treatment.

As mentioned, chemotherapy and radiation treatment can be very expensive. Thankfully, there are organizations that can help with some of the financial burden. For more help with financial assistance, visit our blog post [Pet Health Insurance and Financial Assistance](#).

A cancer diagnosis can be devastating and scary but with new advances in veterinary medicine, there are many options available to you and your pet. Speak with your vet to find out what options are best to keep your pet comfortable and get them through the fight of their life.

respectful pet. However, you can help set your pet up for success by not leaving the thanksgiving meal in their reach and tempting them.

Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

Who doesn't love an extra hour of sleep? Don't forget to fall back on Sunday, November 6 by turning your clocks back one hour!

Featured Organization of the Month



JOEY'S PAW
PROSTHETICS AND WHEELS

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 [Facebook page](#), [website](#) or through Paypal at <https://www.paypal.me/Joey'sPAW>

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November Birthdays



Staff celebrating a birthday in the month of November

Jennifer Sybol

Pets celebrating a birthday in the month of November

Itzie Hommel
Bourbon Nelson
Sonny Marie Tessauro
Lucy Marie Tessauro
Ellie Weber
Bruster Shields
Sunny Kowalski
Spartacus Blumenfeld
Loki Ortiz
Madison Escalante
Reece Gomez-O'Toole
Sophie Swarts
Daisy Kowalski
Saddi Miller
Tiger Wolfarth
Joey Favocci
Diesel Davis
Ernie Borrasso
Iowa Bytner
Mayhew Tomko

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Turkey Cranberry Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup shredded cooked turkey
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth,
- or as needed

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Lightly grease baking sheets, or line them with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, whisk the whole wheat flour and baking powder together until thoroughly combined, and stir in the cooked turkey meat and dried cranberries.

Make a well in the center of the flour mixture, and drop the egg into the center; pour in the olive oil and about 1/2 cup of chicken broth. Mix into a soft dough. If mixture is too dry, mix in more chicken broth, about 1 tablespoon at a time, until dough is of desired consistency.

Turn the dough out onto a floured work surface, and knead for 1 to 2 minutes.

Roll the dough out 1/4 inch thick, and cut out with your favorite cookie cutters.

Bake until the treats turn brown, about 25 minutes. Turn the oven off, and leave the dog treats in the oven an additional 30 minutes to dry out. Refrigerate leftover dog treats.



Turkey Cranberry Cat Treats

Ingredients

- 1 heaping cup rolled oats
- 3 tablespoons Unsweetened, low-moisture, dried cranberries
- 4 ounces cooked, plain turkey
- 2 tablespoons + 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 heaping tablespoon dried catnip
- 1 large egg



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Grind all dry ingredient in a food processor until they are ground fine.

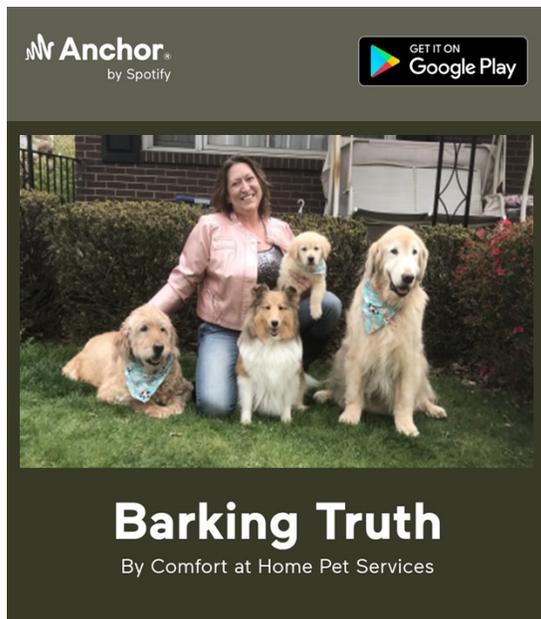
Add remaining ingredients to the food processor and pulse until well combined.

Turn out into a bowl.

Measure out 1/4 teaspoon-sized portions. Roll each portion into a ball and press flat using your finger. Line up evenly on the prepared baking sheets.

Bake for 15-17 minutes, or until golden and dried out on the top

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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