



## Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

### Pet Sitter Education Month



September is Pet Sitter Education Month, and in addition, our newsletter is soon to be a year old. To commmentate this, we wanted to review some of what we've shared and what we've learned during this journey.

The purpose of starting our blog and newsletter was to share informative and accurate knowledge with our clients. As of this newsletter we've shared over 80 blog articles across our social media platforms, covering health and wellness, training, pet safety and grooming tips. Our favorites by far are our Hiring a Pet Sitter series which shares information to keep you, your home and pets safe with the knowledge of exactly what it takes to be a Professional Pet Care Specialist.

A lot of people don't realize what all it takes to be a Professional Pet Care Specialist. It's not a job for a hobbyist or someone looking to pad their monthly income. This is a lifestyle and one that demands constant care and attention. [It Takes More Than a](#)

### Health Tip for the Season

To provide the best care for your pets, your Professional Pet Care Specialist must also be making it a priority to take care of their health and wellbeing. As the saying goes, you can't pour from an empty cup. Be respectful of your Professional Pet Care Specialist's downtime, such as days off or their vacation time. Unless it's an emergency, don't make after-hours calls or short notice requests. To keep up on walks, they must be physically rested and to remain alert for the safety of your pet, they must be mentally rested. Allow them the time to be the best they can be for your pet.

### Training Tip for the Season

Harnesses are recommended for pets who need a little work on their loose-leash walking. The harness is used as a training tool by redirecting the pet back to you, which helps train and teach no pulling and

[Love for Pets](#) details the horror stories from those lacking the education and understanding of what this profession entails.

The blog article [But, I'm Just a Dog Walker](#) is an example of how much is put into a real Professional Pet Care business and the care of your pets. It's commitment, perseverance and determination. It's missed family dinners and frostbitten fingers. It's bonding with pets and families, growing together, laughing and crying.

Our blog article [Are You Emotionally Ready to be a Pet Sitter](#) deals with compassion fatigue in the pet sitting business. Many feel compassion fatigue is reserved for those who are doctors, nurses and veterinarians, but pet sitters also deal with it. To be outstanding in this field, one has to care deeply about their clients and pets. That comes with a price. Losing pets, losing clients, building a business, late nights and early mornings, and little down time all culminate in a heavy emotional load.

To be of the best service to our clients, we must first educate ourselves through webinars, and educational resources, often during our very little downtime. [Professional Pet Care Specialists and Continuing Education](#) explains in detail of how much personal time must be put into education.

We hope you've enjoyed, and will continue to enjoy, all of our blog posts and that we can all grow in our knowledge to benefit the animals in our care, whether they be personal pets or clients.

loose leash walking. In addition, harnesses don't come with the neck and throat risks, or strangulation risks of more traditional collars.

We recommend front-attaching harnesses, such as Easy Walk Harness, Walk-in-Sync Harness and Freedom Harness which are slipped over your pet's head and designed to clip over your pet's chest area.

Always remember, a harness is consider a tool to teach loose leash walking and is not a fix all.

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### [Pet Sitter Tip for the Season](#)

Always plan ahead! Professional Pet Care Specialists will book up quickly, especially with holidays right around the corner.

We are already booking for 2020 and it's never too early to get your dates in.

## Featured Organization of the Month



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. Joey's PAW just celebrated their 2 year anniversary and have helped over 315 animals!

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!

Joey's Paw runs solely on donations. November 14, 2019 is their annual holiday fundraiser called Joey's Santa Paws for a Cause 2. It will be held at Domenico's Restaurant located at 20550 Rt 19N ( Piazza Plaza) Cranberry Twp. from 5:30-8pm. Tickets are on sale now. 100% of the ticket sales, baskets and 50/50 will go towards helping dogs.

You can donate to Joey's Paw via their [Facebook page](#), [website](#) or through Paypal at <https://www.paypal.me/JoeySPAW>

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These pets will be celebrating a birthday in the month of September!

Bob Kienholz  
Joe (Jojo) Kienholz  
Major Leonard  
Xena McCrossin  
Clio Rubright  
Cocoa Swarts

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

### Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

#### Apple and Cinnamon Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

1 large apple  
1 teaspoon of cinnamon  
1/8 cup of water  
1.5 cups of white rice flour (you can also opt for brown rice flour or buckwheat flour)  
1 cup of oats  
Peanut butter (optional, but worth adding since peanut butter is a treat in itself!)

How to make them:

Preheat oven to 350°F

Peel apple and cut into small pieces. Make sure you take out any seeds as they contain cyanide.

Place apple pieces and water into a bowl and mash using a potato masher. Fold in the oats and cinnamon, and add in the flour until a dough is formed. Sprinkle your counter with a bit of flour, and roll out the dough. Use your dog's favorite cookie cutter and place treats on a sprayed cookie sheet.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, leaving them in the oven to dehydrate further with the oven off for 2 additional hours.



Take a butter knife and ice the cookies with a thin layer of peanut butter before serving. cookies in for 1-2 hours to harden. Makes Approx. 80 two-inch cookies.

## Bacon and Apple Cat Treats

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup bacon grease
- 1 grated apple with peel
- 2 cups flour\* plus extra for dusting the dough
- OPTIONAL: 1-2 egg yolks, beaten
- Large cookie sheet
- Parchment paper
- Small cookie cutters – such as these miniature cookie cutters or use the opening of a bottle (like a soda or beer bottle) to cut out circles



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (180°C).
2. Soften the bacon grease in the microwave for about 30 seconds.
3. Fold in the apple and flour, forming the mixture into a dough. Mix as little as possible to get an even consistency – or use a pastry dough cutter – this ensures that the cookies have a flaky, delicate texture.
4. Roll dough onto a well-floured work surface and roll with a rolling pin, sprinkling some flour on top as you go to avoid sticking.
5. Roll into a sheet approx. 5mm (1/8") thick and use cookie cutters or small object to cut into shapes.
6. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper, add the pre-cut cookies, and bake at 350°F (180°C) for 20-25 minutes, until golden. Before baking, you may want to brush them with a little beaten egg yolk to give them a nice shine.

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Professional Pet Care Specialists and Continuing Education



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