

# Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

## Pet Sitter Education Month



September is Pet Sitter Education Month! When most people think of pet sitters, they think of playing with puppies and kittens all day but while play and exercise are part of the equation, being a Pet Care Specialist is so much more! In

Anyone Can Be A Pet Sitter, Right?, we discuss the basic topics that pet care specialists must know, including, but not limited to, animal first aid and CPR, dietary and exercise needs, disease control, canine body language, medication administration and signs of distress or illness.

Pet Care Specialists must always be educating themselves on all behavior, nutrition, training, pet health and wellness needs and healthcare breakthroughs. Pet parents will come to their pet care specialist as a source of knowledge and expertise on all things pets. Topics could range from mental stimulation and exercise needs to raw diets, titer testing vs vaccines and positive reinforcement training methods. Not only are pet care specialists meant to know all of these things, many times they are studying them on their own personal time.

Pet care is a calling and the desire to want to help not only the pets, but the pet parents. Many times this is out of the realm of daily visits and care. Sometimes, it getting calls in the middle of the night from frantic pet parents, other times it's trekking through the snow or blazing sun

### <u>Health Tip for the</u> Se<u>ason</u>

Your professional pet care specialist works very hard to keep up to date on all things pets. If you have questions, be sure to ask your professional pet care specialist about subjects related to health and wellness, training and nutrition.

# <u>Training Tip for the Season</u>

When choosing a professional trainer, ask your professional pet care specialist for recommendations. They will know the best positive, modern, scientific based trainers and will know the trainers who are willing to communicate with the professional pet care specialist for the wellbeing of your pet.

trying to help find a lost pet. Other times, it's being there for a pet parent during a loss of their pet or other family member. It's driving through hail, thunderstorms and snow. Holding frail hands and lifting broken bodies. It's births, marriages, life, love, illness, divorce and death and being there for it all. Sometimes, it's being on two different sides of the spectrum for different clients in the same day!

Pet Care Specialists choose this career because they want to make a difference in the life of pets and the care they receive. It's not easy. It's not always pretty. Sometimes, it's heartbreaking but it's always worth it!

#### <u>Pet Sitter Tip for the</u> Season

Always stay in communication with your professional pet care specialist about the health of your pet! If any health issues arise, let your professional pet care specialist know immediately! They will know what to look for if your pet is having an issue and may also be able to recommend health and wellness tips for your pet!

# 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 https://www.paypal.me/JoeysPAW

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# September Birthdays



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

Yoopers Nelson Stella Adams Tewa Ellis

Clio Rubright

Bob Kienholz

Joe (Jojo) Kienholz

Charlie Siskind

Cocoa Swarts

Koby Swarts

Millie Verrilla

Mia Marcus

Major Leonard

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

Healthy Homemade Treats for the Season

Peanut Butter Carrot Cake

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking
- soda
- 1/4 cup peanut
- butter
- 1/4 cup
- vegetable oil
- 1 cup shredded
- carrots
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 egg



#### Preheat oven to 350 F

In large bowl mix all ingredients together. Spread into a greased 8x8 baking pan. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool, cut and serve

## Carrot and Catnip Cat Treats

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon dried catnip optional
- 3/4 cup finely shredded carrot
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten



Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In medium bowl add oil and mix in 1 cup of the flour until mixture looks sandy. Stir in catnip and carrots.

Mix in egg. Add a little water if the mixture looks too dry and isn't holding together. Add a little flour if the mixture looks too wet and sticky. (Sometimes the carrots can be more wet or dry.)

Sprinkle flat surface with a little additional flour and roll or pat out dough to ¼ inch thickness. Sprinkle dough with additional flour as needed.

Prick dough all over with a fork. Use pizza wheel to cut dough into 1/2 inch squares.

Arrange squares on prepared baking sheet.

Bake for about 12 minutes or until starting to brown. (Bake longer for drier texture.) Cool on baking sheet.

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