



## Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

### The Importance of Choosing An Educated Pet Professional



The healthcare field is constantly changing as new medical breakthroughs are made and newer types of non-invasive equipment are being used. In the last 10 years alone, there have been breakthroughs in stem cell therapy, laparoscopy, laser surgery, MRI, animal acupuncture and holistic therapies. At the rate these changes are taking place, it's critical that Professional Pet Care Specialists are always educating themselves on issues of health and wellness in the pet care field.

Many Professional Pet Care Specialists will also be members of professional pet sitting organizations, such as Pet Sitters International and the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. These organizations have certifications, classes and educational resources for professional pet sitters to continue their education.

No one wants to think of their pet getting injured or having an emergency, but should the unthinkable happen, your professional pet services provider needs to know emergency procedures and pet first

### Health Tip for the Season

Our pets can't vocalize their pain and discomfort with words as we do but they can tell us if they are hurting. Pets show signs of pain by panting, licking, whining or howling, restlessness, aggression, limping, irritability and withdrawal from normal behaviors. Not all pets will show all signs and many will only show one or two. Pain or discomfort in pets can occur due to injury, illness or age but all pain types can be addressed by working with your pet's medical provider.

### Training Tip for the Season

Disasters can happen at any time and the best way to prepare for any emergency is to have a plan of action and practice it frequently. Include your furry family members in all escape plans, and remember to practice with an alarm going off to get your pet prepared for the sounds they make and to reduce

aid. If your pet gets excited about a treat and swallows too fast, they can choke. Does the professional pet services provider know the Heimlich Maneuver for cats and dogs? Do they know that depending on the size and age of the pet, the techniques change? A laceration could happen from something as innocuous as a tree branch falling in your yard and your pet running into it. Does your pet care services provider know how to provide immediate care for a laceration? Or a broken bone? Do they know how to stabilize your pet before taking them to emergency care? PetTech offers classes in Pet First Aid and CPR and all Professional Pet Care Specialists should have their pet first aid certification.

As pets grow their needs can change rapidly. A Professional Pet Care Specialist will be educated in proper nutrition, disease care, training, weight loss, and basic health and wellness. A professional will be more than happy to speak with you about your pet's needs at different life stages.

Pets are family members and deserve to be treated as such in every way. We wouldn't ever go to an uneducated doctor or let an untrained mechanic work on our cars. We owe it to our pets to find an educated pet professional!

the chance of the alarm scaring your pet and causing them to dash or hide. All pets should know the recall or "come" command to lessen the chances of them running off and getting separated from their family.

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### Pet Sitter Tip for the Season

If your pet is showing signs of pain or discomfort, please let your Professional Pet Care Specialist know. Not only will they be able to modify your pet's exercise routines, whether during walks or play time, they may be able to recommend supplements, massages or homeopathic veterinarians who can help ease your pet's pain.

## Featured Organization of the Month



### Crisis Response K9

Crisis Response Canines (CRC) is a non-profit 501c3 organization comprised of members throughout the United States who have dedicated thousands of hours comforting individuals impacted by personal or community crisis events with their certified K-9 partners. CRC volunteers services that are provided by the handlers

and their canine partners' offering a level of comfort and calmness that only a canine can afford.

The mission of Crisis Response Canines is to provide strength, comfort, and emotional support to individuals, families, communities, and first responders experiencing intense emotions in the aftermath of critical incidents. Our highly trained K9 teams are experienced in psychological first aid and certified to work effectively in crisis environments supporting any affected by mass shootings, largescale accidents, violence, abuse, tragic death, suicides, terrorism, natural disasters (fire, flood, hurricane, etc.), and more. Our goal is to establish a nationwide network of canine crisis response teams who can be deployed immediately where they are needed most. Our volunteer members and their canine partners have achieved national therapy dog certification, AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Certification and Crisis Response Working Dog certifications.

CRC Members Have Participated in the Following National Crisis Deployments:

- Orlando, FL | Pulse Nightclub-mass shooting
- Las Vegas, NV | Mandalay Bay Hotel/Route 91 Harvest Festival-mass shooting
- Sutherland Springs, TX | First Baptist Church-mass shooting Parkland, FL | Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School-mass shooting
- Paramus, NJ | East Brook Middle School – Tragic Bus Accident
- Pittsburgh, PA | Tree of Life Synagogue – mass shooting
- Virginia Beach, VA | Municipal Center | Mass Shooting
- El Paso, TX | Walmart | Mass Shooting
- Dayton, OH | Ned Peppers Bar/Oregon District | Mass Shooting

Donations can be made to Crisis Response Canines at [paypal.me/crisiscanines](https://paypal.me/crisiscanines)

## September Birthdays



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

Yoopers Nelson  
Stella Adams  
Tewa Ellis  
Bree Gent  
Bob Kienholz  
Joe Jojo Kienholz  
Clio Rubright  
Rocky Micelli

Lucy Fabrizio  
Charlie Siskind  
Mya Davis  
Isabella Botts  
Koby Swarts  
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.

## Barking Truth



**Barking Truth**  
By Comfort at Home Pet Services

Clients, followers and friends have voiced their appreciation of our educational blogs and monthly newsletters and have urged us to release a pet care podcast. We are excited to announce that we have answered the call with Barking Truth, a podcast exposing the truth in the pet industry to keep all pets safe, healthy and well.

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.

Be sure to follow us on Anchor, Spotify or your favorite podcast service.



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