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Black Cat Appreciation Day Celebrated August 17th



I hope by reading this it will encourage you to adopt a black cat. It could be the perfect cat for you! They are loving, beautiful, and intelligent

furry companions. If you adopt a black cat you will receive love beyond your expectations.

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Dear friends,

Pet Tracks is moving in a new direction. Every month we strive to bring you the pet information that will help you in caring for your pets. We want our newsletter to be for our valued clients, but also for all pet owners. Getting information into the hands of pet owners that will help them with their day to day life with pets is our #1 goal for Pet Tracks. We understand people are busy and it is difficult to keep up with everything. Let us bring the latest pertinent news to you through Pet Tracks.

It is like the new thing on peanut butter not being safe for dogs. What? I have always used peanut butter to give pills or I buy treats with peanut butter. What do you mean it is not safe? Well it seems some manufacturers are now putting Xylitol in peanut butter. Xylitol is poison for dogs so you now want to check the label of your peanut butter. It doesn't mean you cannot use peanut butter, but you need to use peanut butter without Xylitol.

We want you to continue receiving Pet Tracks if you moved because it has become a valuable resource to help you with your pets. We want you to share with your pet loving friends so they can join our mailing list and be informed to help their pets.

In the past we have used Pet Tracks to share Guardian Pet Sitters news, but you see less of this as we concentrate on making this newsletter for all pet owners no matter where you live or whether or not you are a client of Guardian Pet Sitters.

We love helping you with your pets. If you want to see any topic addressed please send me an email at Sharon@guardianpetsitters.com or call me at 972-625-5272. It is my pleasure to help you by bringing you pet information that will help your pet.

Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters® team



Later this month is celebrating Holistic Pet Day on August 30th. Holistic pet health can help improve nutrition, increase energy and remedy lingering ailments.

[Look for blog published on August 30th](#)

National Homeless Day



Every August we bring awareness to all the homeless pets. Learn what you need to know before you adopt a dog or cat from a shelter or rescue group.

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International Assistance Dog Week



The beginning of August we observed International Assistance Dog Week. Read here to learn more about these wonderful dogs and how they help people lead their lives

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We recently had to say goodbye to a favorite furry client Teddy.



Teddy

Hyperthyroidism is the most diagnosed endocrine disorder in cats. Learn more about the disease and what you can do to help your feline friend.

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Breed of the Month - Labrador Retriever (AKA "Lab")

Personality:

The lab is America's #1 breed per the American Kennel Club. It is an active, friendly and outgoing companion but also enjoys working and especially hunting. Labs have lots of energy and needs lots of exercises. Being extremely active a lab never met a backyard he didn't like. Labs get along well with humans and other dogs alike. Labs enjoy swimming and playing outside, and love to go hunting and fishing.

Labs love to eat and can become obese very quickly if you overfeed them. Be sure your lab gets lots of exercise, limit treats and the amount of food fed. They will get into the garbage; they will counter surf and are known to chew on anything left lying around.

Without exercise and proper training the lively lab can get into trouble. Some people think Labs are hyperactive when what is needed is exercise and training. When bored we have known Labs who would eat the leather couches and it must happen a lot as when screening clients for our pet care service and we mention "Have they grown out of eating the leather couch stage?" people will laugh and say you know our dog.

Labs tend to be healthy, but like any other breed there are some health issues to be aware of such as hip and elbow dysplasia, eye disease and exercise induced collapse.

Characteristics:

- Dog Breed Group** Sporting Dog
- Colors** Black, yellow or chocolate
- Weight** 50-80 pounds, they are known as a medium breed
- Life Span** 10-12 years
- Coat** Short, dense, weather resistant coat "otter tail", clean cut head, powerful jaws "kind" friendly eyes, expressing character, intelligence and good temperament.

Email us at info@guardianpetsitters.com on a "Pet Topic" you would like to see in the next newsletter!