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August 15th is Check Your Chip Day!

What is check your chip day?

Check your chip day is an annual reminder to update the registration on your pets' microchip. Many pet parents fail to realize they need to update their registration, which completely defeats the purpose of having your pet micro-chipped.

Have you micro-chipped your pet?

If not, you should seriously consider it! It can mean the difference between finding your lost pet or never seeing him at all. Dog tags and collars are not fool proof.



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Dear Valued Clients and Friends!

Summer is here! The temperature is rising and I see pets in distress being walked in the heat of the day. I have even stopped and offered water to try to help a pet. I offered a ride but it was refused. The pet needed to be cooled down and in the shade, not continue walking for any distance. I hope all ended well for the dog that day. Do you know how hard it is for someone who values the creatures we have been given to enjoy to see these pets in distress? I think those who are reading this newsletter do! This newsletter talks about heatstroke and things to keep your pet cool.

A Friendly Reminder:

When you book service with Guardian Pet Sitters® online you will get a confirmation from our website that says we will contact you, this means your request has been submitted. You will then receive a confirmation through our reservation software that gives your dates. And then you will receive a phone call from the pet sitter assigned to you to verify all the information. If you do not receive the two notifications by email and if you do NOT hear from your pet sitter then you are to call the office. **Please do not leave town thinking you are on the schedule if we have not confirmed with you.** We have put all these steps in place to ensure that a visit will not be missed. We love our technology but we know it can fail us at times plus we are human and something can be overlooked with all the emails received.

What is happening with Guardian Pet Sitters? Some of our staff attended "Understanding the Canine" presented by Karen Deeds. We continue our ongoing education so we can provide top-notch care to your pets and home. This is our month to deliver for SPAN. We have a group of staff volunteers that deliver pet food and pet supplies to low income seniors. Without this assistance these seniors would not be able to keep their pets. We believe this is one true form of rescue-keeping pets in their home. SPAN can always use cash

Why not have the added protection of micro-chipping? It's your dog's "one way ticket home"!

donations if you are led to help: <http://www.seniorspets.org/> Check out their page and you will see two of our volunteers at work on the last delivery! We also collected donations from Debbie Boyce and Costco for SPAN. We thank Debbie and Costco for the overwhelming donations. A lot of pets and their seniors are going to be thrilled!

Thank you for being a loyal reader of our newsletter "Pet Tracks"! We really want this to be YOUR newsletter to help you provide topnotch care to your pets. If you have a topic you would like to see addressed please send it to me sharon@guardianpetsitters.com. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, almost daily there are pet tips we share and it is our hope we will help a pet owner and their pet.

It is our pleasure to be here to provide pet and home care. We love what we do and we are glad you chose us to be a part of your pet and home team. If there is anything we can do to help you please tell us!

We value you and your pets! Have a wonderful summer and be sure to book early!

Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters® team

Is Your Car a Death Trap?

YES, your car is a death trap and we don't just mean for you! Your dog can die in your car. Many pet parents are under the impression that their dog will be safe for ten or fifteen minutes alone in their parked car but this is false. The temperatures inside a parked car can be deadly, especially throughout the spring and summer months.

On a lovely summer day when the temperature is as low as 78 degrees outside, it's still not cool enough for your dog. In fact, the temperature inside a parked car on a day such as this can soar up to 100 degrees within minutes of you leaving the car. Folks, that's even if you leaved the windows open. On a 90 degree day, the interior temperature of a car can get as hot as 160 degrees. Would you like to be trapped in extreme temperatures such as this with no way to cool off? No? Neither would we. Remember, your dog's ability to cool himself off is not as sophisticated as the human body's. A dog can pant to cool himself off and he releases heat from his paws but that's all he can do! He can't turn on the AC or take off his fur coat and sure can't fan himself. Do your dog a favor and leave him at home unless you plan on visiting establishments that are pet friendly!



What would you do if you were in a parking lot headed to your car and you spotted a dog locked in a car? What should you do? The short answer is STOP and call 911. Read more about what you should do [if you find a dog locked in a parked car](#) on a warm day.

Signs of Heat Stroke

Summer is a time of fun and frolicking for all members of the family, even our dogs, but it can be a dangerous time, too. As dogs are exposed to the summer heat, they are at risk of suffering from heat stroke.

All dog owners should be aware of the signs of heat stroke.

- Excessive panting

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- Dizziness
- Bright red or pale gums
- Bright red tongue
- Staggering
- Temperature of 104 degrees
- Excessive Drooling
- Excessive thirst
- Seizures
- Thick saliva
- Increased pulse or heartbeat
- Vomiting
- Glazed over eyes
- Depression
- Unusual state of lethargy



At the onset of any signs of heat stroke, you must act immediately by cooling your dog off.

Bring your dog into an air conditioned setting if at all possible.

- Give him cool water to drink.
- Place him in front of a fan.
- Put a cool washcloth on his chest, stomach, ears, groin and paws.
- You can submerge him in the tub but be sure not to use ice cold water as doing so could send him into a state of shock.
- If you are outside you can always spray him down with a hose, especially if the dog is immobile.
- Call your veterinary clinic without delay. Time is of the essence.

You can prevent heat stroke altogether. Read this [blog for steps to keeping your pet cool all summer long!](#)

Does Your Dog Need Help Cooling Down?

With the dog days of summer being downright dangerous, we're always on the lookout for products that can help keep your pets cool!

Your pet will love summer with these amazing products.

- **Cool Bed III** - This bed is covered in nylon with an air adjustment valve. It will be smooth and cool from edge to edge. Fill it with water and it will be cozy and cool.
- **Gel Pet Mats** - This mat can be used alone or placed on top of any pet bed. It comes in multiple sizes, is puncture resistant and the gel inside is non-toxic to your dog. This bed will help draw the heat out of your pets body. No need to freeze or refrigerate these mats.
- **Cooling Bandana** - This bandana is filled with non-toxic polymer crystals. Just soak this bandana in water and it's ready to be used. It cools your dog as water evaporates from the bandana. The cooling bandana is reusable and hand washable.



Would you like to learn more about products that will keep you be cool this summer? Visit our [website](#) for more information about these products and a few others!

When visiting our website you will now see we have an online store. For the month of July we have a special. Enter the code FLY-2-JULY get 25% off the Shopping Cart Items. Shipping is FREE for a shopping cart above \$49. Use is unlimited for this July! Be sure to share with your friends!