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## *Happy Spring!*

This is my favorite time of year, the Bradford Pear trees are in bloom, and the beautiful colors of the jonquils and tulips abound. It is a time people and their pets are ready to get out of the house and start walking! But before you begin, make sure you have your pet checked out by your veterinarian to ensure your furry companion is healthy enough for exercise.



## Dog Plays Piano

What is your dog doing during the day? They could be playing the piano, like Tucker here, and you wouldn't know it!

Guardian Pet Sitters is proud of our midday and dog walking services. We help keep your dog out of mischief, and they get a visit from their favorite playmate!

## *Guardian Pet Sitters® Services*



- Vacation Care
- Mid-day Visits
- Evening visits
- Dog Walking
- Puppy housebreaking

I am currently attending a local citizens' police academy. I am learning so much about our city and how the police department works. Where I reside the animal control department falls under the police department. Last week the head of animal control taught us about leash laws. In our city if your dog is more than 6 feet from you it is considered the dog is "at large". It was music to my ears when she talked about the dangers of retractable leashes. I loathe retractable leashes. You have NO control over your dog, they can break, they are hard to handle, and they only reinforce pulling behavior. When you allow your dog to run out from you they can get hurt or eat something nasty before you have a chance to react. There is NO need for these retractable leashes. A good leather 6 foot leash is the best tool for walking your dog.

Is the year going fast for you? I cannot believe it is March. I have barely touched the list of things on my list that need to be done. I would appreciate you letting me know how we are doing or what pet and home services you would like for Guardian Pet Sitters® to offer. Your input is invaluable! **I want to be sure we are everything you want or need in a pet and home care service.**

We are your solution for your pet and home care needs!

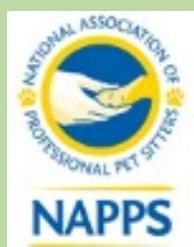
- Pet Convalescent Care
- Geriatric Pet Care
- Overnight Visits
- Sub-Q Fluids
- Allergy Injections
- Diabetic in-home Training
- Home Wait Service
- Pet Transport
- Residential Checks

Don't see what you are looking for? Check [GuardianPetSitters.com](http://GuardianPetSitters.com) for more information!

*Guardian Pet Sitters® is a proud member and supporter of the following organizations:*



[Pet Sitters Int'l](#)



[NAPPS](#)



[Association of Pet Sitting Excellence](#)



[Denton County Pet Sitters Association](#)

## Upcoming Seminar



Guardian Pet Sitters is proud to be hosting a seminar on March 23rd, 2013 by Jeff McKissack from Defense by Design. We have a few seats available for the public! The cost is \$30.00 for a 2 hour seminar. The seminar will be in Richardson on Arapaho near 75. If you would like to attend or need

more information, send us an email:

[info@guardianpetsitters.com](mailto:info@guardianpetsitters.com)

### Two Hours that can Save a Life

Driving down the road, we all know when someone is exhibiting potentially dangerous behavior behind the wheel, but what if we could apply the same to our social interactions, knowing who is potentially friend or foe? What are the personality traits that should cause you concern in a seemingly innocent social interaction? What are the specific lures used by criminals and con artists to put you into harm's way? What are the pros and cons of the various devices being sold on the market under the pretense of "self-defense"? These will be some of the topics of our first hour of training.

During our second hour, we will look at some of the basic "stun & run" skill sets that might enable you to recover quickly from a surprise attack. What skill sets did Mother Nature already "gift" to you, and how do you maximize these for your physical safety and defense?

Our speaker and instructor is Jeff McKissack, President of Defense By Design here in Dallas. Jeff has taught over 350,000 during his 25+ years in the fields of profiling, threat assessment and personal defense. He has often been used by our local FOX, ABC, CBS, NBC and CW news affiliates for his insights and expertise in these subject matters. Jeff is also a contributing writer to a number of state and national trade publications, and author of the book, Power Proverbs for Personal Defense, which each (paid) attendee will be receiving with the training. Jeff's entire focus can be summed up in his often-quoted tagline: "I teach you how to spot trouble 'before' trouble spots you." And today, who could not benefit from that message?

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*Thank you for the opportunity to care for your beloved pets and homes!*

*We value being there for our clients and take pleasure in making a difference in the lives of our clients and their pets.*



Happiness is coming home and knowing your dog is there to greet you.

## Is Your Pet Microchipped?

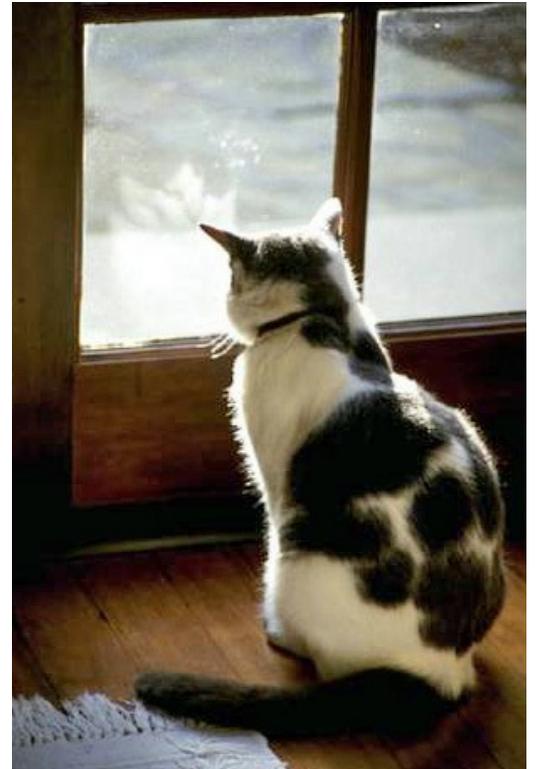
We hear daily about pets that get lost. They dash out of open doors, run after an interesting critter, or just vanish! One of the best ways to ensure your pet comes home safely is to get them microchipped.

A small capsule (think the size of a grain of rice) is placed just underneath your pet's skin. This is typically done on or near the shoulders. The procedure is quick and simple! There is no scary surgery or anesthetic. It is done in a similar fashion to a routine shot.

After the pet is microchipped it is important to register your pet!

Your vet will give you a code that is your pet's ID. There are many website where you can register your pet. You want to keep this information up to date. The website is also where you would go if your pet becomes lost.

One service is Home Again. They offer a basic service for free for life. You can find out more on their [website](#).



## Easter is Hopping Closer!

Easter will be here before our next newsletter. We wish you and your family a Happy Easter!

Here are some reminders to keep your pets safe this Easter:

- Lilies and Daffodils are highly toxic to cats if ingested.
- Cats and puppies love things that move and the Easter grass found in Easter baskets can be irresistible. Once ingested it can create what is called a linear foreign body. You need help from your veterinarian to get the grass removed.
- Chocolate is everywhere for Easter and dogs have a sweet tooth. Dark chocolate contains higher levels of theobromine and caffeine, and is more dangerous than milk chocolate.
- Xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in many candies, chewing gums and baked goods is very toxic to dogs and ferrets.
- Plastic eggs can create havoc with your pets. If the plastic is chewed and swallowed it can cause intestinal blockages.
- Hard boiled eggs spoil fast so if your dog was to find one a few days later it could make him very sick. Keep track of the number of eggs hidden and make sure all are accounted for at the end of the hunt.
- Small toys can be a choking hazard. Keep them up and away from pets.



*And our yearly plea -  
DON'T GIVE LIVE BABY CHICKS, DUCKS OR BUNNIES! They  
grow to be adult animals requiring full time care and  
attention.*

**Are you keeping up with the latest information for  
you and your pets?**



**April  
2013  
Referral  
Special**

We need your help! For us to grow we depend upon you our satisfied clients telling others about Guardian Pet Sitters®. We have been thinking how we can show how much your business means to us at Guardian Pet Sitters®. We decided a way we can show our appreciation is to pass on to you what we can save in advertising if you refer your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

\$25.00 off YOUR Service when you refer a new client

**AND**

\$25.00 off for your friend who books 5 or more visits at one reservation

**Service must be used by the end of May 2013, Referring client will receive \$25 off after pet and home services have been done for referral**