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## Pet Tracks Newsletter for the Ultimate Pet Owners

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### Don't forget Your Cat's March Holiday

Respect Your Cat  
Day - March 28



How Does Your Dog  
Communicate with You?

- Is the tail stiff
- Lower their body to the ground
- Are the ears up

Dear Valued Friends,

As I write my column it is a beautiful spring day, sun shining and I can hear birds singing. I am glad to put all the inclement weather of snow and ice behind. However spring does bring tornados and thunderstorms. You might want to check out "How to Keep Your Pet Safe During a Disaster" to prepare for any inclement spring weather. <http://guardianpetsitters.com/keep-pet-safe-disaster/>

The last few months have been challenging for me as Chrissie was diagnosed with kidney disease and went into renal failure. As I write she is home and doing well. She still is having issues eating. I have hired a pet nutritionist to help come up with the perfect diet for Chrissie. The key to her well being is nutrition. I am going to be posting on Facebook and blogging about our journey in the weeks ahead. Chrissie has started acupuncture and I can't say enough good about it.

We are going to talk about pet poisons in this newsletter as this is "National Pet Poison Month". This is very timely with Chrissie and the suddenness of her illness. I can't help but believe that she could have ingested some toxin as her blood-work is normal except for the kidneys. As I continue my research I will share with you so you can learn and help your pets.

As we are preparing for spring, remember after a winter of lying around your dog needs to build

- Are the ears up

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National Pet Poison  
Month

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up in the walking department. Don't go out and try to start at the three miles you did last year. It is wise to have your older dog checked out by your veterinarian to be sure you know what limits if any on exercise for your dog.

When your pet is outdoors please keep a watch as there are many "wild" animals that can cause harm. Here in The Colony there are coyotes, bobcats and snakes to name a few.

We look forward to providing our pet and home services and want to remind you to book early for your vacation pet care needs. It is our pleasure to serve you and your pets. We enjoy being part of your pet care team.

Sharon & the Guardian Pet Sitters® team!

### Breed of the Month -

*Dachshund (nicknamed the "wiener" dog)*



#### Personality:

The Dachshund is a friendly little dog who has a keen sense of smell. They come from Germany and were used to hunt badgers. They are active and intelligent and can get bored easy. So it is best to keep them active. They are happiest when all eyes are on them. Dachshunds are good with children in their own family if introduced to them early. However they may not be as fond of your children's friends, so supervise playtime. Dachshunds are courageous and have an independent spirit. They can be stubborn. They are very mischievous. They like to dig. They may be difficult to housetrain. They do like to bark and think they are guard dogs. Could be a one person dog and suspicious of strangers. It is very important to socialize them when they are puppies. They are a delightful addition to any family as long as you understand their needs.

#### Characteristics:

**AKC Category:** Hound

#### Coat:

3 coats smooth, longhair, and wire haired  
They come in 15 colors though we mostly see red, black, tan, and dappled doxies

**Weight:** 16-32 pounds

**Height:** 8-9 inches tall at the shoulder

**Life Span: 12-15 years**

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**3 sizes - miniature, standard and tweenie**

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### **Do You Know What is Poisonous to Your Pet?**

**When you suspect your pet has eaten a poisonous substance you need to act fast per Dr. Tina Wismer, Medical Director of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. She says the best plan of action is to call your pet's veterinarian immediately. It usually takes up to 20 minutes or more for a reaction to start.**



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