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## **Spring Dangers and Your Dog**

As the weather continues to get warmer, you will find yourself spending more time outdoors with your canine companions. Keep these things in mind as you and your pets enjoy the great outdoors.

- Update your dog's shots as well as flea, tick and heart worm prevention
- Go green! Research organic pesticides and lawn care products
- Always walk your dog on a leash and make sure his dog tags have your current contact information

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



LAND OF THE FREE....



May 20, 2014

Dear Valued Clients, Colleagues and Friends,

Our newsletter is back! We are sorry for the interruption in delivering the pet news to you monthly. We had a change in staff but we think we have found the perfect solution to getting our monthly newsletter done. We hope you have been visiting our Facebook page to keep up to date on what is happening in the pet world.

Wow the month of May is here! May brings people outside after being house bound for the winter. And what a winter it was! We had ice and snow and as you know our area is not prepared for such weather. They do the best they can in clearing streets but things are still rough in getting around. I almost thought I was back in Kentucky.

We learned a lot in the ice storms this winter. We made getting to our clients a priority but we saw the need to have both pet sitters assigned to a client with a key. So we changed our key policy. We are always looking for ways to improve and to be there for our clients.

We have been looking for several months for the right people to join our team. We still need to add staff and are looking for animal lovers in The Colony, Frisco and Far North Dallas area. Do you know someone? Please have them complete the Join Our Team Form. If we hire your referral, our thank you is \$50.00.

Guardian Pet Sitters has formed a team who volunteer for SPAN (Senior Pet Assistance Network) and we deliver pet food to

senior citizens and their pets. These are low income senior citizens who without SPAN they would not be able to keep their pet. We know how important it is for us pet lovers to keep our pets! Being able to work with SPAN is a rewarding experience for everyone.

In March everyone on our staff was certified in Pet Emergency



#### In Memory....

We salute all past, present and future servicemen and women of America! We recognize their sacrifice and appreciate the freedoms we enjoy. Freedom is NOT free.

LAND OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY, AMERICA!! First Aid and CPR through <u>PetTech</u>. We value being prepared and knowing what to do in case of an emergency.

I cannot thank you enough for choosing Guardian Pet Sitters®. I enjoy being able to offer you "Peace of Mind" and being a part of your pet care team. We appreciate your business and the opportunity to provide our pet and home service. Summer is around the corner and we are ready to be there for your pets and home while you take your vacation.

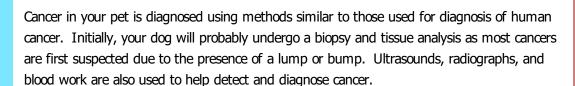
Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters' Team

### May is Pet Cancer Awareness Month

Did you know that 30% of older dogs will succumb to cancer? Pet Cancer Awareness Month is a time to educate yourself and your human family members about pet cancer. Early detection saves lives, even the furry kind, so read on to learn about the signs and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

- lumps and bumps
- discharge and/or bloating
- foul odors
- wounds that won't heal
- weight loss/gain
- change in appetite
- coughing/breathing issues
- lethargy
- change in bowel habits

#### How is cancer diagnosed in pets?



#### What treatments are available for cancer in pets?

Just like humans, your pet may receive some or all of the following treatments depending on how aggressive the cancer is and at what stage it is detected.

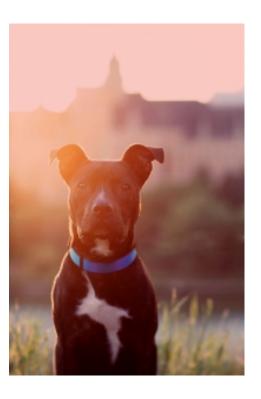
- radiation
- chemotherapy
- immunotherapy
- surgery

Some pet owners and their vets will forgo conventional medicine and treat the cancer via holistic methods and palliative care. Holistic methods use nutrition and vitamin therapy as well as other alternative methods as treatment.

#### Will my dog get cancer?

Any dog may get cancer but some breeds are more susceptible to certain types. Do your research on your dog's breed to see what cancers and other diseases he may be more prone to getting.

For more information about pet cancer, check out pet cancer awareness.



# National Dog Bite Prevention Week May 18th-24th

## How do I know if a dog is about to bite?

- Intense eye contact
- Showing the whites of his eyes
- Yawning
- Pinned back ears
- Fur that is standing up along the back

#### Why do dogs bite, anyway?

- Fear
- Pain
- Possessiveness
- Maternal Instinct
- Predator/Prey Instinct

<u>Learn more</u> about dog bite prevention.

