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Pet Tracks Newsletter for the Ultimate Pet Owners

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FDA Warning on Flurbiprofen

FDA issues a warning to pet owners about topical pain medications that contain flurbiprofen. The

pain medications containing flurbiprofen are dangerous to animals, especially cats. [Continue Reading Article](#)

National Dog Bite

Happy May!

Spring is my favorite time of year, watching the trees and grass turn green and all of the wonderful spring flowers bloom. It is breath taking to see all the Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrushes growing wild as you drive. And then the Tulips, Hyacinths, Iris and the start of all the blooming flowers for summer.

This is the time we work in our yard and prepare to spend time outside enjoying the fruits of our labor. As pet owners we need to take caution that our yard is pet friendly. There are plants and mulch that are poisonous to our pets that we need to be aware of and not use.

We need to keep ahead of the flea and tick season and if at all possible use a natural product. Be prepared and ready by starting treatment now.

This is the time of year where we suffer from allergies and so do our pets. If possible try to find natural solutions to help our pets fight their allergies. If you and your pet spend a lot of time at your regular veterinarian using steroid and antibiotics it might be time to see a pet dermatologist. Here in Dallas we are lucky to have the Animal Dermatology Clinic and Dr. Garfield is my favorite pet dermatologist. [Contact Animal Dermatology Clinic](#)

We need to know about dangers to our pets. This month there are two dangers we have addressed in our blogs: The danger of Xylitol to our dogs and the recent FDA warning on the ingredient flurbiprofen in topical products being deadly to cats. (They don't have enough information on either to know the effects on all pets.) Please help us get the word out as my heart aches when I hear of another pet dying because people do not know the dangers!



Did you know around 800,000 people receive medical attention each year because of dog bites? Half of these are children!

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Children & Dogs



Children get excited around dogs and they move quickly, talk loudly and try to hug the dogs. All of this needs to be avoided. Even your friendliest dog can be uncomfortable with these quick movements and loud noises.

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Xylitol is Poison to Our Dogs



Xylitol in high doses causes severe irreversible liver damage. Some signs of liver failure are vomiting, black-tarry stool, coma, increased liver enzymes, jaundice, clotting problems, coma and death.

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We continue to grow and we need more staff! We are hiring! If you know someone who you think would make a great member of our team please ask them to complete our Join Our Team form:

[Join Guardian Pet Sitters Team](#) If we select the person you refer we will pay you \$50.00 after their 90 day probation period.

We are ready to give you "Peace of Mind" while you travel this summer. Please book as soon as you make your vacation plan to help us in scheduling our pet staff and to ensure we are available for you. We look forward to providing our service to you and your pets and home.

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Sharon & the Guardian Pet Sitters® team!

Breed of the Month - Main Coon Cats

Personality:

Main Coon cats take it all in stride; they can live in both active and quiet households. Main Coon cats are sometimes called "gentle giants" as they are known to accept people



and activities with easy-going grace. They are affectionate and social, they like having their owners nearby and will play fetch. They can be taught to walk on a leash. Main Coon cats are attracted to water and have been known to stand in their water bowls while drinking and scoop it with their paws. They are the largest domestic breed. Men often like them because of their size.

Characteristics:

Weight: 16-20 pounds

Life Span: 12-15 years

Coat: Long shaggy coat that lies close to the body. Bushy long tail and large ears adorned with furry tufts. Their coat is easy to care for and a good combing twice a week eliminates matting and reduces shedding and hairballs.

Most Main Coon cats come in brown tabby or brown tabby with white. However the breed is available in all

colors except chocolate or lavender colors. They have golden to green eyes.

Apple Cider Vinegar Tea Body Rinse

Introducing the yeast-smashing homemade spray for your dog! After [Dogs Naturally Magazine](#) broke the Internet with this post last spring, Pet Nutrition Blogger Rodney Habib added his spin by creating the visual for this easy to make



Visual for this easy-to-make homemade recipe.



This body rinse can be useful to restore skin pH, soothe itchy skin, calm rashes and welts, and has some added benefits for keeping biting flies, fleas and gnats at bay.

Mix the following ingredients together in a bottle/jar with cap and shake well before use:

Apple Cider Vinegar: 1/2 cup

Brewed Green Tea (cooled): 1/2 cup

Distilled Water: 1 cup

Apply to clean skin and coat, massage, rinse, and pat dry.

For more recipes and solutions to itchy dogs.

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Pet Cancer Awareness Month

Pet cancer is the #1 disease-related killer of our pets. Dr. Gerald Post said "about one in four dogs will get cancer in its lifetime and about one in five cats will get cancer". Dr. Post also said "which equates to approximately 4 to 8 million new cases of cancer in dogs each year.



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