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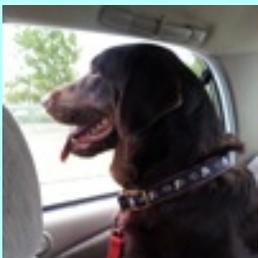
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Hot in that Car



It is getting hotter outside. And it always bears repeating that you should not leave your dog in a hot, parked car! Even with the windows cracked, in the shade, or any other "excuse." There is no excuse for leaving a dog in the stifling heat of a car. Tommy (pictured above) loves going for car rides but during the summer he has to stay at home.

Tornado Myths!

Myth: Areas near rivers, lakes, and mountains are safe from tornadoes.

Fact: No place is safe from tornadoes. In the



Pet Tracks

Newsletter for the Ultimate Pet Owner

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Every month Guardian Pet Sitters® has a conference call with our employees. We use this time to educate our staff on the various aspects of providing service. This month our subject was weather preparedness focusing on spring and summer storms. Our conference call was on Monday night before the tornadoes hit Granbury and Cleburne. It really drove home how important this subject is for us in North Texas. The next morning I got an email from one of our employees saying "I am glad we discussed being prepared and what to do in the event of storms and tornadoes but sure glad we didn't need to use it!" I am too! We never know when we will need this knowledge and we have to be ready!

We want our staff ready to respond not react to different situations and the way this happens is to have continuing education. I have told our team "Awareness of what could go wrong with any pet or house sit is a critical part of your job!" Having a plan and knowing the steps to take benefits everyone involved.

When you choose Guardian Pet Sitters® we want you know that we take seriously the trust you have placed in us to take care of your pets and home. We are always training to be ready for the challenges we face providing our service.

Be prepared and stay safe this spring!

Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters® team!

What do you do if...?

by Lisa Brank

late 1980's a tornado swept through Yellowstone National Park leaving a path of destruction on a 10,000 ft. mountain.

Myth: The low pressure with a tornado causes buildings to explode as the tornado passes overhead.

Fact: Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage.

Myth: Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and minimize damage.

Fact: Opening windows allows damaging wind to enter the structure. Leave the windows alone; instead, immediately go to a safe place.

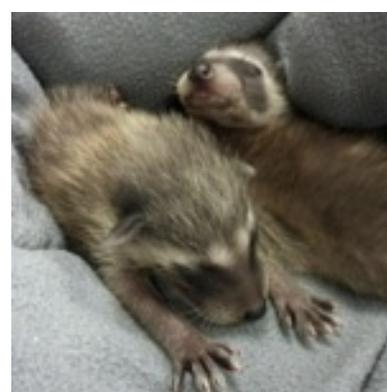
Guardian Pet Sitters® Services



- Vacation Care
- Mid-day Visits
- Evening visits
- Dog Walking
- Puppy housebreaking
- Pet Convalescent Care
- Geriatric Pet Care
- Overnight Visits
- Sub-Q Fluids

I wanted to start a recurring column in our newsletter. "What do you do if...?" will cover situations you might encounter and what you should do!

Springtime brings rain, sun, and new flowers. It also brings babies! So, what do you do if you find a wild baby animal?



When I say wild baby animal I am referring to any native wildlife not considered a domestic pet. Rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, opossums, birds, bats, etc. In North Texas we are blessed with abundant wildlife. This also means that sometimes the line is blurred where people and wildlife come together.

If you find a baby animal in your yard or garden, leave them be! Unless you know that the mother is deceased or the babies appear to be sick the best thing to do for them is to leave them alone. If the babies are still there the next time you check contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Rabbits are only with their babies at dawn and dusk, and the older the babies get the more adventurous they become. Most other wildlife is nocturnal and you won't see a mother during the day.

If you come across a burrow of babies and they appear to be happy and warm, leave them alone! Try to cover the burrow as best as you can. If it is in an area where dogs might interfere try to restrict the dog's access to the area. If the babies are cold to the touch then they need to be warmed and transferred to the care of a rehabilitator. Time is of the essence! If the wildlife needs care it is important that they receive it ASAP!

If you find a baby bird near or under a tree, leave it be! Bird mothers push their babies out of the nest to teach them how to fly. If the baby is large and has feathers chances are it is learning how to survive. If you come back to check and the bird is still on the ground, contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Caring for baby birds is difficult, and it is against federal law to care for birds without appropriate permits.

If you find a bat, baby or adult, on the ground, do not handle it! Bats are carriers of rabies and require specific training for safe handling. Contact a wildlife rehabilitator right away if you find a bat. They will be able to tell you how to safely transport the bat so it can receive the care it needs.

Do not attempt to rehabilitate wildlife without training, appropriate permits and equipment. It can be tempting to try and care for an orphaned baby on your own, but they require specific care that is distinctly different from domestic pets.

In all cases, if the animal needs to receive care they must go to a rehabilitator. It is against the law for a person without a wildlife rehabilitation permit to care for a wild animal. Wild animals have sensitive systems and need specific care.

In North Texas, you can call the DFW Wildlife Coalition for assistance if you find a wild animal that needs care. They are in contact with local rehabilitators and can help you find a place for the animal to recover

- Allergy Injections
- Diabetic in-home Training
- Home Wait Service
- Pet Transport
- Residential Checks

Don't see what you are looking for? Check GuardianPetSitters.com for more information!

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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

and be released if possible!

The number for the DFW Wildlife Coalition: **972-234-(WILD) 9573**, the hotline is manned from 7 am to 10 pm.

Pets and Storm Preparedness

We all need to have a plan in place for our pets in case of severe weather. After the terrible tornadoes that have come through recently it has become even more apparent how important preparedness can be. Things can be replaced but our beloved pets can not. Here are some tips to help you be prepared in case of severe weather.



- Make sure your pet is wearing a collar and tag with your name and phone number in the event you become separated. Having your pet microchipped is an added bonus.
- Carry a current photograph of your pet in your wallet for identification purposes. Having a picture of your pet on your phone is great, but you want to have a hard copy too.
- Have at least a week of pet food and water on hand. Be sure you have enough medications your pet takes on hand since you don't know when you can get more.
- Have non-breakable bowls for food and water. If you use wet food have a can opener and spoon. If you feed raw food have canned or dehydrated food to substitute.
- Have a carrier for each cat or small animal you have. Be sure to have leashes and crates for the dogs. In a pinch, pillow cases can be used to transport cats and small animals. It will allow you to get them to safety, but it is not a long term solution
- Have an extra litter box and litter for your cat and waste bags for your dog.
- Never leave your pets behind! Work out an arrangement with family or friends to care for your pets if needed. Keep your pets with you!
- Network with your community. If people in your community know that you have pets they will be able to help you become reunited faster if you become separated.

Be prepared! A sudden emergency is difficult for you and your pets but if you have taken steps to be ready you'll know how to respond to the situation.

Summer Schedules

The temperature is slowly creeping up, kids are getting antsy, and everyone is ready to get in that pool! You know what that means, SUMMER TIME!



Are you ready to travel? We are ready to help! Don't forget to book your visits early.

We make sure that every client gets top notch service. Booking earlier allows us to coordinate schedules to maximize our time. Our sitters are never overbooked, and we never hire seasonal help.

To book your summer service call us: 972-625-5272

home and knowing your
dog is there to greet
you.

or you can book online!

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

