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**Are you keeping
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pets?**



Adopt A Shelter Dog It's not over yet, folks!

It's not too late to support your local shelter! But, really, is it ever too late? Here are some ways you can support Adopt a Shelter Dog Month all year long!

- Ensure you have your pet fully ID'd. This is the number one way your dog will be able to find his way home should be get lost. So many people fail to properly ID their pets. This leads to your pet finding their way to shelters and perhaps going unclaimed.

- Spay or Neuter your pet. Keeping the population down greatly reduces the amount of unwanted pets who find their way in the shelter system.



October 2014

Greetings!

Wow! October is halfway gone. Is the year going fast for you? As I write this column I am in the great state of Kentucky. I have traveled from Texas to Tennessee to North Carolina and now Kentucky. I am driving and seeing the change in the leaves has been awesome. This is a beautiful time of the year! Being in the mountains is wonderful! I am enjoying my own pet and home care service as Chrissie is home in her favorite place. Knowing that she is happy and content and the home is secure gives me the "peace of mind" needed to make my trip enjoyable. It is what I want all of our clients to experience. I know for Chrissie it is best for her to stay home even though I miss her a lot.

We are already seeing postings on Facebook that it is ... weeks until Christmas. 2014 is going to be ending soon and time to start preparing for 2015.

This trip is a time of clearing my mind and helps me start looking at 2015 for Guardian Pet Sitters®. What is going to give us the advantage to provide our pet and home care at the highest level? What else can we do to help our clients with their pets and home? We would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions to help us be better at what we do. We want to be ready for our planning session in January.

We recently got an email wanting to be removed from our advertisement and they were referring to this newsletter. I was taken back as our goal for the newsletter is to help pet owners by keeping them informed about their pets not be advertisement. Daily we are learning new things about our pets and home and we want to keep our clients updated. We would like your feedback, what would you like to see in the newsletter? Do you think we are meeting our goal? If not what do we need to change? Please take the time to help us so we can be sure we are offering you the best newsletter that keeps you up to date with pet and home information.

The holidays are approaching and we want to be able to serve as many of our clients as possible. Please book early to ensure that you have pet and home care. Remember we do not hire "extra" for the holidays!

Enjoy the cool weather, pumpkins, and all the wonderful fall events. I know this year spending time with family and friends and seeing the leaves in full color and being in the mountains has made this fall season very special for me.

Happy Fall!

Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters® team



Preparing For Puppy

- Support your local shelters and rescue organizations.

Donations of items needed, your time to help run events and/or care for the animals as well as financial assistance are all methods of assistance required. Do what you can!



So you're bringing a new pup home to join the family. Congratulations!!! Now as any good parent would do, you need to prepare your home for the little ones arrival. Puppies are curious and will get into anything they can. They don't realize what is good and bad and what should be avoided. Therefore you need to review your home from a puppy's perspective and set it up to avoid anything dangerous.

Follow this [link](#) for a few tips to consider when setting up for the [arrival of your new puppy!](#)

Fall Safety Tips



Fall is in the air! Leaves on the ground, the kids back to school. An oasis of fall foliage and changes everywhere we look! However, there should be some changes for your pets as well. Some adjustments to the fall need to be made for your pets! They need to be prepped for any seasonal change just as we humans.

Follow [this link](#) for some tips to keep your [pet safe](#) and sound this fall season.

Pumpkins And Their Seeds

Canned natural pumpkin (unsweetened - not the pie filling version we are all quite familiar with), pumpkin seeds, and fresh pumpkin cooked, have TONS of benefits for dogs. The flesh and seeds are simply loaded with tons of nutrients and vitamins ranging from A, C, E, Beta-carotene, Zinc and Iron, to name a handful!

Pumpkins provide some [amazing health benefits](#) for your pet! Keep [reading!](#)



Pet Care For Your Senior Pet



As your pet approaches his golden years known as "senior" status, you may begin to notice some changes taking place. He might sleep more, eat less and show less interest in things that he used to like. That happens with people too.

However, there are things you can do to [make your senior pet feel his best](#) and get the most out of his golden years.