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Professional Pet Sitters to Gather in San Antonio for Annual Conference

*The 2013 Annual NAPPS Conference Will Offer Programs
for Advancing and Enhancing Businesses*

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J., December 10, 2012 – The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) is gearing up for the 2013 Annual Conference and Small Business Forum, February 8-10 in San Antonio, Texas, where professionals in the pet care industry will have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive CPR and First Aid certification program to help advance and enhance their businesses.

The theme of the conference—*Position Pride, Passion and Promise in Your Business*—will feature three days of workshops and seminars geared to help professional pet sitters develop skills for better business practice and exchange valuable information with other professionals in the industry. An additional CPR and First Aid program is being offered on Sunday, February 10, from 12pm-5pm featuring instructors from Pet Tech®, the first international training center dedicated to CPR, First Aid, and care for dogs and cats.

“Being trained and certified in Pet First Aid and CPR can help offer credibility to your business and give your clients the comfort of knowing that their furry friend will be properly cared for under your supervision,” said John D’Ariano, president of NAPPS. “This is an invaluable program and all professionals in the pet care industry are encouraged to take advantage of the course.”

The five-hour program will help prepare pet care professionals with the skills needed for acting in pet-related emergencies. Participants will learn how to:

- Assess the vitals of a pet
- Perform rescue breathing
- Conduct Snout-to-Tail assessment
- Restrain and Muzzle a pet
- Relieve choking, manage bleeding, inspecting insect bites and stings, plus much more.

NAPPS is offering the CPR and First Aid training program at a discounted rate of \$70 for all conference attendees. Non-conference attendees are invited to attend, for \$100.

NAPPS, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals, is the only national nonprofit trade association that serves the needs of professional pet sitters. Members of NAPPS share the desire to promote excellence in the pet sitting industry through complete customer satisfaction. NAPPS encourages its members to take full advantage of the opportunities for professional advancement and continued education, including attending the annual conference.

For additional information about the 2013 Annual Conference and Small Business Forum, visit the NAPPS website at www.petsitters.org.

About NAPPS: NAPPS is the only national non-profit trade association dedicated to serving the needs of professional pet sitters. The Association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, serving as “the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.” It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS’ free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, and a nationwide referral service,. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS’ nationwide “Pet Sitter Locator” at www.petsitters.org. For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](https://twitter.com/TheNAPPS) on Twitter or join us on Facebook at facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

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