



# Happy 4th of July!



Dear Pet Parents -

Welcome to your Pet Parent Resources Newsletter. Created for you and your pets by your NAPPS pet sitters & dog walkers. This quarterly newsletter is one of the many benefits that your membership brings. Remember to check the website often as informational articles are added all the time by going to [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org). For more information about Pet Parent Membership check out the Pet Parent Tab. We hope that you find the articles contained in this issue useful and we welcome your feedback as to content you're interested in. Thank you for your interest in continued enhancement for the well being of your pets.

Most Sincerely - The Pet Parent Resources Committee

## In This Issue

### Tis the Season.....

Ah, Summertime! We're outdoors more - BBQs with friends and family, hiking and 'stay' and vacations. This outdoor activity can bring on allergies, storms, high temperatures and more for our pets and ourselves. This issue contains articles to remind us and raise our awareness of our pets needs during this season.



## Allergy Season

Allergy season is here. Not only do people suffer from seasonal allergies, but so do pets.

Here are a few tips to help you determine what allergies your pets have. [Read More Here](#)



## Summer Storms

Some pets are very sensitive to changes in weather and a summer storm can cause intense fear for many animals. This fear can be manifested in a number of ways including hiding, physical shaking, whining, need for closeness, or all of the above. Here are some great tips we have provided to our pet sitters that can be used by everyone who has an anxious pet. [Read On](#)



## One Cool Cat!



Kittys have their own special needs when it comes to the heat. Dehydration is a major concern, especially when the temperature rises.

[Meow - check it out](#)

## No Hot Bunnies!



Sitter, I was thrilled to find this article in our library. Super helpful. As a Professional Pet What do you think?

## You think it's hot...

what about your friend in the fur coat?

Summer is here and so are the hot temps!! Keep these tips in mind and help keep your four legged loved one cooler!!

[It's going to be a scorcher](#)

In keeping with the summer months & high temperatures, remember the additional needs of your senior pets. They may require additional care to keep them safe and healthy in the heat.

[Senior Pet Info](#)



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## Lost Pets



Summertime means better weather and more family outings including the family pets but what if the unspeakable happens and your dog runs off?

Consider leaving your furry loved one at home when attending firework displays or concerts. Here are some helpful tips on what to do if your pet is lost and how to increase your chances of getting her home again.

[Click here to read more](#)

## Bring on the BBQ!

Barbeques - Cook Outs - Picnics

We gather with friends and family - furry friends and family too - in the back yard

or park to feast and enjoy the summer. Most of the foods we enjoy are too fatty for our pets. Please read the following if your little moocher hovers around the BBQ and picnic table.

[Munch On](#)

[Second Course](#) a great list to check out.



## Bird Care 101

Cage cleanliness is a must! Both you and your bird will enjoy the benefits of a clean cage. [Cage Sweet Cage](#)

## A Pet Sitters Day

I'll admit it, I was a little nervous as I slid the door open. I could hear their frantic growls and barks like a little pack of wolves guarding a fresh kill. I was warned by their pet parents that they would not like me and that I shouldn't worry if they did not engage with me. There were a total of four dogs in this house -- all with their own issues and problems! The oldest, a terrier mix, was 17 years old and blind. The other three were Chihuahuas that really didn't like people unless you were their people!

With the special needs of these dogs, I had arranged to spend the day with them and started to set up my home office set up. The Chis were curious but as soon as I looked at them, the barking frenzy began again. Pepper, the terrier, was happy to have someone who found her best spots to be rubbed and she quickly took a seat next to me on the floor. Little by little, curiosity got the better of the Chi-pack and before lunch, they had lost their inhibition and set up camp next to me, all except the two-year old leader, Kasha. It took her a while longer but the more I left her alone, the more curious she was about this stranger in her house.

It is my practice to send text messages and pictures to pet parents throughout the time their furbabies are in my care. My proudest text was the picture I took of the Chi-pack including Kasha snuggled together in my lap with Pepper laying close by with her head on my thigh! The pet parents couldn't believe it.

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