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Newsletter

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Loving Paws & House Sitting team would like to extend to all our furry friends and clients our most heartfelt and best wishes for the Holidays. We sincerely appreciate the trust and continued patronage of our services.

We know the Holidays create *paw'sitively* wonderful memories about family and friends' for many. However, for some it may mean an emergency visit to the animal hospital.

♥ **FRIENDLY REMINDER #1**

Please remember that many delicious goodies are not safe treats for your furry family members. Although your pet will certainly enjoy partaking in the family traditions of gastronomy, the typical Holiday-rich foods may cause a stomach and/or intestinal upset that leads to vomiting and/or diarrhea. And please remember that most chocolate bakes contain Theobromine, which is a toxic to

dogs and which induces vomiting, diarrhea, and possibly seizures.

♥ **FRIENDLY REMINDER #2**

Please remember that some Christmas plants such as Poinsettias, and Mistletoe leaves and berries are poisonous to pets and must be kept out of reach. These will trigger vomiting, diarrhea, sores in the mouth, drowsiness, confusion, and even seizures.

♥ **FRIENDLY REMINDER #3**

Please keep your pets in mind when decorating for the Holidays. You should:

- ♥ tuck your Christmas light cords away to keep your pet from being electrocuted;
- ♥ cover the Christmas tree's water reservoir so your pet is not tempted to drink it;
- ♥ avoid using tinsel on your tree or using ribbons and bows on your gifts - all of which may cause an intestinal blockage and require a painful and expensive surgery; and
- ♥ keep ornaments higher up on your tree so your pet is not tempted to play or to ingest Santa Clause.



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Exclusive and new to Loving Paws & House Sitting, we're pleased to offer you the personalized **Sitter Holiday Greeting Card** specially designed to be sent from you and your pet(s) to your favourite pet sitter.

As you know your pet sitter has a genuine compassion and desire to provide loving care to your pet(s). Sending this Card would be a wonderful way to say thank you for services rendered and it would provide you with a perfect opportunity to send your best wishes for the Holiday Season and New Year. It will no doubt mean a lot to your sitter.

Exciting News

Sara Morris, Admin. Assistant

We are delighted to announce that Sara Morris has accepted the new position of Administrative Assistant at Loving Paws & House Sitting and is now helping our team communicate with and serve a growing clientele that is increasingly relying on our professional services.

For those of you who do not know Sara, she joined our heartfelt team in Nov 2006 as our Professional Pet Sitter servicing Orleans, and is now completing her final year of study in Communications at the University of Ottawa.

Her education, skills, and experience make her a *paw-fect* candidate for this new position that focuses strongly on excellent customer care.

We believe the exceptional attention she pays to details and the solid communication and interpersonal skills



she brings to her work will contribute greatly to the Loving Paws & House Sitting effort to provide exceptional, quality service.

Sara plans on going into business for herself once she graduates. We hope she will consider doing so in a way that will allow her to grow with Loving Paws & House Sitting and continue to care for the many furry little friends she has come to know in Orleans.

We invite you all to join us to extend heartfelt congratulations to Sara!

Winter Safety

Dog Protection



Many of you want to curl up inside with a hot coco and snuggled up with your pets during the winter months.

However many of you also enjoy the revitalizing and crisp air of winter and participate in numerous outdoor activities with your dogs.

Although our friends have a furry coat they can still be severely affected by Mr. Frosty.

Snow clumps between toes, frostbite, hypothermia, ice-melt chemicals, and vehicle fluids are things you should be alert to when outside with your pooch.

Snow Clumps Between Toes – Whether your furry friend is going outside for a quick pee or a longer walk, snow clumps can easily find their way between toes and quickly cause discomfort to your pets. If clumps are not removed or allowed to melt away quickly they could cause frostbite. The simple solution, especially for longer walks outside: winter booties.

Frostbite – Mr. Frosty means no harm but he can easily freeze the tips of your dog's ears, tail and paws. Frozen skin has no blood supply; it's pale, bluish and feels cold to the touch. Please don't rub the area or apply warm water. Frostbitten skin must slowly be re-warmed.

Hypothermia – Hypothermia occurs when the body can't adapt to the cold and maintain a normal body temperature. The natural reaction to the decrease in temperature is to generate heat by shivering. If this fails, blood vessels dilate, body temperature, blood pressure, and the breathing rate drop. If you suspect hypothermia and the body temperature is lower than 35 degree Celsius, *contact your Veterinarian immediately.*

Vehicle Fluids & Road Salt - We'd have a hard time driving without them in winter but road salt, antifreeze, windshield-washer and chemical ice melts are very harmful and even life threatening to our pets.

Prevention – Prior to taking your dog for a walk please put booties on all feet to save them from the skin irritation and discomfort caused by these chemicals, and from the possibility of ingesting them when licking their paws afterward. Ingested, these chemicals can cause stomach upset, nervous symptoms, kidney failure, and even death.

If handling these products, please ensure not to spill them or allow your pet near them.

As heartfelt alternatives, use pet friendly propylene glycol, sand, or cat litter on ice.

JOBS

We're hiring today ... apply at www.LovingPaws.ca

To meet growing demand in existing and new communities, we are recruiting again. If you reside in one these communities, or know of someone who does, and would be interested to join our team, we would love to receive your or their application: QC: **Aylmer, Hull**; ON: **Kanata/Stittsville, Barrhaven, Downtown, Orleans**.

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