



September Flyer



National Preparedness Month

This month is all about being prepared, and with extreme weather and natural disasters appearing more and more, you never know when an emergency might strike. During a disaster like a wild fire, we may be forced to consider a hasty evacuation, and in that event, what's good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today.

Step #1 – Make a Plan. None of us would willingly leave a pet behind in a disaster. But what if you aren't home when the disaster strikes, or your local shelter is not equipped to accept animals? Having an advance plan will identify important resources to keep your pet safe.

Step #2 – Build a Kit. The time to think about gathering up all the necessities for your furry friend is not when the flames are approaching your back deck! Be prepared with a supply of food and water for at least 3 days. Other important items include medicine, records, a first aid kit, collars, leads, tags, familiar items, and a picture of you and your pet together.

Does all this sound a little overwhelming? Certainly, but there are plenty of online resources available to help. Search for "pet disaster preparedness" and you will find more information than you can process. Here is a quick starting point: www.ready.gov/pets

Training Center

The next round for most classes, including some on all days Tuesday thru Sunday, will begin next week (6th–11th). Please see the store calendar for specific class times. There are still many spaces available.

The remaining Tuesday thru Thursday evening classes are already mid-session but will start again mid-October with registration on Tuesday, September 27th.

For complete details on schedules, pricing, class descriptions, and trainer biographies, please refer to the **Dog Training** page under the Services menu on our website.

Happy Healthy Cat Month

September is also Happy Healthy Cat Month which was established by CATalyst Council, a Maryland non-profit that promotes companion cat health and welfare. Cat, like dogs, are social animals that require interactive enrichment, but they don't always get the attention they deserve. Here are some ways to help keep the cats in your life as happy and healthy as possible.

- Provide a high-quality diet. Cats are obligate carnivores that require high protein diets with little to no carbohydrates. These foods will provide the amino acid taurine that they need to survive but which their bodies cannot produce on their own. Taurine comes from muscle meat and is most concentrated in the heart tissue.

- Keep your cat adequately hydrated. Canned or raw foods is the best way to do this, since cats are adapted to get the moisture they need more from eating moisture-rich food rather than from drinking water. Cats will sometimes even allow themselves to become dehydrated rather than drink water out of a bowl.

- Play with your cat. Cats are intelligent, social animals that need to be both mentally and physically stimulated in their daily lives. They are also trainable, responding very well to both clicker training and positive reinforcement with treats. Tricks like sitting, paw shaking, and even jumping through hoops are just a few examples.

- Plan a trip to the vet. If your cat hasn't been in recently or you just can't remember the last trip to the vet, it might be time for that annual wellness examine.

- Groom your cat. This may seem scary, but it doesn't have to be. Cats can and do groom themselves but there are areas they need a little help in. Trimming nails and regular brushing are both necessary tasks and can strengthen the bond with your cat if done in a positive way. Stay calm and provide lots of treats and love during those grooming sessions.

Studies have shown that having a cat in your life can have both mental and physical benefits, leading to a happier, more productive lifestyle. Shouldn't you do as much as you can to ensure that the cat that keeps you happier and healthier is as happy and healthy as they can be?

Pet Poison

According to the Pet Poison Hotline, the most common and frantic calls are due to items found in a purse, backpack, or work bag. Here is a list of the five most common pet poisons that could be hiding in plain sight at your house...

#1 – Human medications: About 50% of the calls taken by Pet Poison Hotline are pet ingestions of medication found in a personal bag. A rattling pill bottle is enticing for a playful pet. Both over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription meds can be very dangerous. OTC painkillers like Tylenol, Advil, or Motrin, and prescription drugs like Prozac or Effexor can be toxic (one Tylenol can be fatal to cats and larger amounts can cause liver failure in dogs).

#2 – Asthma Inhalers: Just a simple bite into an asthma inhaler can result in an acute, life-threatening poisoning due to concentrated doses of drugs like albuterol or fluticasone.

#3 – Artificially sweetened gum & mints: Many sugarless gums and mints contain the ingredient Xylitol – a sugar substitute highly toxic to dogs which can lead to liver failure.

#4 – Cigarettes & other nicotine products: Did you know a small dog can die from ingesting as few as three cigarettes? Nicotine products like chewing tobacco or smoking cessation gums are toxic to both dogs and cats.

#5 – Hand Sanitizer: Designed to kill germs, they contain lots of alcohol (ethanol). A small bottle is equivalent to a shot of hard liquor. Symptoms include blood sugar drop, loss of coordination, nervous system depression, coma, and even death.

If you think your pet ingested poison, professional help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the Pet Poison Helpline at **855-764-7661**. Please note that they have recently instituted a \$75 incident fee.

SAVE THE DATE!

**The First N4P Fun Match
Rally & Competitive Obedience
Sunday, October 16th**

Registration opens Tuesday, September 13th.
\$10 for 1 run

\$5 for each additional run, same pet / same event

**Monday, September 5th
Closed for Labor Day**

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4 Graduation
			3:30p Nosework 1 wk 2 4:30p Comp Obed 2 wk 2 5:30p Pre-Agility wk 2 6:30p Rally 1 wk 2			12:30p Basic Obed wk 6 1:30p Rally 2 wk 6
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Monday Madness Earn Extra Loyalty Points on instore purchases plus other fun surprises	* Registration for all Josette's Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday classes, and Noel's Sunday classes, beginning early November, will open up on Tuesday October 11th					

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