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Book a pet sitter for Canada Day Long Weekend

WIN a \$50 LP&HS gift certificate



Book services to take place anytime during the Canada Day long weekend (June 29 to July 1, 2013) and we'll enter your name to win a \$50 LP&HS gift certificate.*



Enjoy a much needed vacation over the Canada Day long weekend!

There is no time like summertime to visit friends and family, and Canada Day is the perfect time to get away and be patriotic with your out-of-town loved ones by celebrating Canada's birthday together over the long weekend.

If you aren't planning on going away over the long weekend, you may be thinking about spending July 1st downtown or at your local community event to partake in the Canada Day festivities and fireworks, and this could mean a long day for your pet friend(s) alone at home.

As you schedule your Canada Day activities, please keep in mind that we have a professional and dedicated team of pet sitters, servicing

the greater Ottawa, Gatineau, Kemptville, Mississauga and Toronto areas. Our sitters are all set for the busy summer season, and are looking forward to providing excellent care to pets during any pet parent's absences from home. Let us help to give you peace of mind for a carefree Canada Day weekend getaway or day-long absence from home.

* 2 draws: 1 for new clients & 1 for returning clients. Applies to services only. Draw and winners announced on Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

St-Jean Baptiste Day (QC) & Civic Holiday (ON) Long Weekend

If you are unable to get away for Canada Day long weekend this year, don't forget that the St-Jean Baptiste Day (June 24 for Quebec residents) or the Civic Holiday (August 5 for Ontario residents) long weekend is coming up soon, too! Long weekends are an excellent time to escape for a short and sweet getaway. Keep in mind that our sitters' services experience a higher demand than usual during the summer months, and that their calendars fill up more quickly than usual for upcoming long weekends. We recommend that you make travel arrangements as soon as possible, and book our services at least two weeks in advance to ensure we can accommodate your request.

Pet Summer Safety

Summer has finally arrived! While the weather is wonderful for relaxing outside in your backyard, having barbecues, and preparing your gardens, the summer season also reveals several toxins that your pets may be exposed to, which are very dangerous for your pets' health.

Water

Salt water and stale water can be very dangerous to your dog. Consumption of salt water can cause hyponatremia, and stale water can cause Parvovirus. Help to avoid hyponatremia and Parvovirus by carrying your own fresh bottle of water for your dog at all times.

Plants & Garden

Some plants grown in the summer that should be particularly concerning, and should be kept away from pets are: Tomato plants, rhubarb, poinsettias, and Easter lily. Tulips, Lily of the valley, Oleander, Kalanchoe, and Azaleas

Wild Mushrooms

Although most mushrooms are non-toxic, not all mushrooms are. The main problem with mushroom ingestion in pets is

the fact that there are so many different types of mushrooms that a specific type may not be easily identifiable. For this reason, it is best to avoid the risk of mushroom consumption by inspecting your backyard, and disposing of all mushrooms that you are unfamiliar with.

Pesticides & Herbicides

Pesticides and herbicides these days are much safer than they used to be. Typically, when applied according to the label, they are relatively a low risk to pets. Ensure that your pets are kept off of the treated surfaces until the product is completely dry. Also, ensure that the containers of concentrated product are out of the pets' reach.

Humidity

While it is not poisonous for

pets, heat from the hot summer weather can be deadly to pets. Since pets don't perspire as humans do, they are much more susceptible to getting heat stroke. Pets should never be left alone in a car on a hot day. To avoid heatstroke, let your pet get plenty of fresh water.

In order to prevent all of these potential pet dangers, clean up and inspect your backyard, carefully monitor your pet and what they are consuming in your backyard, garden, and at dog parks. Also, carry fresh water at all times, educate yourself on the symptoms to recognize, and have a pet emergency procedure in place, so that you will be able to act quickly should urgent care be required.

To review our full Pet Summer Safety tips read our blog on [Blogger](#). Also, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for more tips, and helpful information.

National Hug Your Cat Day

National Hug Your Cat Day takes place each year on June 4. It is a day in which cat owners everywhere are encouraged to hug their cats.

For all our wonderful feline pet parents, we hope that you all remembered to hug your cat(s) on National Hug Your Cat Day this year!



It is a proven fact that hugs and cuddles from an animal lower a person's blood pressure, and help people decrease stress. If you're the proud parent of a purring kitty, June 4 is an excellent day to give some love back and to add some warmth and companionship into your busy life. Take the time to relax, and spend a moment to give your furry housemate(s) a hug or two.

If you forgot to hug your cat on National Hug Your Cat Day, don't fret! Your cat will always welcome your hugs all year round! No matter how stressful life can get, you can always rely on your furry friend to be there for you.

Meet Our Newest Team Members

We are delighted to be joined by these wonderfully qualified, responsible and reliable individuals, and also proud to introduce them to you; they have our *Seal of a-paw-val* and we believe they will have yours as well.

They have each written profiles to describe who they are, and what experiences they have had with various pets, both personally and work-related. They all have graciously agreed to let us post their profiles at LovingPaws.ca. Access each easily by clicking on the name below their photos.

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We're hiring ~ apply today



Be self-employed, work flexible hours, and enjoy a rewarding career!

As we are getting ready for the busy summer and fall months we are currently looking for dedicated, motivated, organized, and reliable self-starters with a passion for animals to join our heartfelt team, and service our clientele in the following locations:

- **Ottawa Downtown** (full-time)
- **Kanata/Stittville** (occasional)
- **Gatineau** (occasional)
- **All Mississauga communities** (occasional)
- **All Toronto communities** (occasional)
- **Other Ontario communities** (occasional)

If you live or someone you know lives in one of these communities and would be interested in joining our heartfelt team, we believe we present an exciting opportunity with a thriving future that can offer considerable freedom and a career that offers long-term growth and income potential.

The 'Careers' section of LovingPaws.ca outlines a summary of duties, [advantages of working with us](#), qualifications and other conditions, as well as an [online job application](#). Please apply today.

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