Professional Pet Sitting Etc

**Solving Your Pet Care Needs,
Leaving You Guilt Free, Since 1990!**

www.profpetsit.com

January 2019 Newsletter

The New Year is here and there's no turning back! The future is bright and there's nothing you can't face with your pet by your side. New Jersey has some great events coming up for you both to enjoy so get your calendar out and mark a few dates off to spend with your best furiend!

Speaking of the New Year, how long does it take you to stop writing the previous year on everything? It takes a solid month on our end! Whatever this year brings, remember that Professional Pet Sitting Etc. is here to help you with your pet in any capacity. If we can't do it, we know someone who can. Let's make this year full of pawesome memories for you and your pet!

If you or someone you know is debating adding a new furry family member this year but not quite ready, fostering is a great option. It helps needy animals, allows shelters to free up space for other homeless animals, and it fills a void for the foster parent. Here are a few contacts if you're interested in fostering this New Year.

THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

Top 10 Dog Foods of 2019

Taste of The Wild pet food is a fantastic choice for your four-legged friends because it's the diet that nature intended for your pets. They use unique proteins and all-natural ingredients to create a delicious and natural meal for your animals. Their website even has a special filter set-up to help you choose the right kind of foods for your pet.

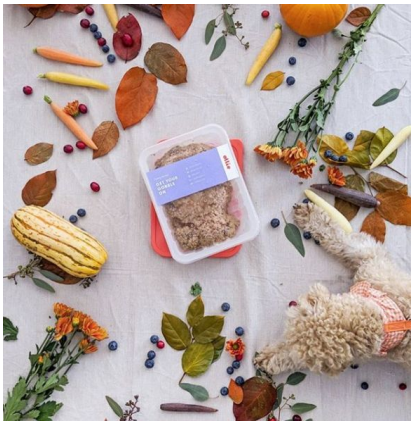
NomNomNow is a unique pet food company that creates their own delicious and natural foods in their very own facilities. They take into consideration; your pet's weight, activity levels, and health conditions, to create the perfect food, tailored especially to their needs. NomNomNow even delivers it straight to your home! How awesome is that?

Wellness CORE is another great choice for your animals. Their food is free of grains and big on protein. Their website also has some pretty awesome coupons too, so you can save a little extra. It's a hug for your pets and a hug for your wallet.

Nature's Variety is a holistic dog food company that makes raw nutrition ready and accessible. Their team of nutritionists really love animals and their passion is what put their pet foods above and beyond the norm. Their foods match what your animals would find in the wild. How much more natural can you get?

Orijen offers wonderfully yummy and biologically natural foods for your pets. They make their foods in their own kitchens too, which are award winning! They even make natural treats too, because your pet deserves to be spoiled.

American Journey has a wide variety of all kinds of foods and recipes to cater to individual dogs, to better meet their unique needs. Their products are available at PetSmart and to buy online as well, for added convenience. Plus, their products are moderately priced too. Who doesn't like to save a little?



Ollies creates custom meals for your sweet little critter. Only using whole and natural ingredients, Ollies takes pride in it's clean and healthy ingredients. They deliver straight to your door too! How cool is that? Another really awesome thing about Ollies is that 1% of their revenue is donated to shelters and rescues.

Blue Buffalo is a company that was brought to life by none other than a puppy! If that isn't cute enough, the company is driven by its love of animals. Blue Buffalo is also the number one selling natural pet food brand in the world!

Halo strongly believes that whole and natural is the best way to go! They never use antibiotic-fed animals, never use GMO vegetables, and avoid artificial colors and flavors, to make something that's simply pure. It's delicious, healthy, and just as nature intended.

Iams Grain-Free Naturals also uses pure ingredients in their food and avoid artificial colors and ingredients. Their food is infused with vitamins and antioxidants too, for added goodness.

How to Introduce a New Puppy Into Your Home

Getting a new puppy dog is an exciting time. Welcoming a new four-legged family member should bring joy, excitement, and love into any home. Introducing this new addition to your home needs careful planning by everyone involved. Thankfully there are many tips available on how to do just that.

Choosing the dog that is right for your family is an essential piece of the planning process. There are breeds of dogs that need much more exercise than others, some that tend to do better with or without children and breeds that shed excessively or very little at all. Researching the breed of dog that is right for you will help to match your family with the right dog. If you are getting a shelter dog, it is important to ask key questions such as how they adjust to homes with or without children, if they have anxiety or behavior issues and if there are any health problems present. Many shelter dogs tend to be older, so there could be some vital pieces of information regarding their health and behavior traits that could help when determining if that particular dog is right for you. Picking the right dog for your home situation is much more involved than picking out the cutest puppy in the bunch.

Before a puppy can be brought into a new home, there are certain items that must be present. Dog food, toys, chew bones, a dog bed and a dog crate are some of the key items that just about every dog will

need. Dog soap, a warm blanket, and puppy training pads may also be needed. A trip to a local pet store can give more information as to what exactly your dog will need. The employees at just about every pet store are trained in dog breeds and know the specifics that new dogs will need.

Having a vet picked out is another step to take when taking the leap into dog ownership. Meeting the vet beforehand is a great idea so you are comfortable with the vet which in turn will make your new puppy more calm.. All dogs, whether from a private breeder or a shelter, will need to see a vet very quickly after coming into your life. Having their overall health checked out, as well as getting heartworm and flea preventers need to happen sooner, rather than later.

Once you have done all your research and a new dog becomes part of your family, they need to become part of your family routine. Most dogs will not be potty trained and need to be put onto a set schedule of being taken outside. Most dogs will need to be taken out first thing in the morning, right before bed and several times during the day, usually, every other hour, until they are house trained. Eating also needs to be put onto a schedule to avoid chewing of items in your house and trying to steal table scraps. All dogs, regardless of breed, need exercise. Some dogs will need more than others, but at a minimum will need a walk per day. A new dog may not be leash trained, so they will need to become used to walking using a leash, which is easily learned over time.

One of the hardest parts of introducing a new dog to a family is if there are children present. Children will typically have two types of reactions to dogs, either overly excited or scared of their new pet. A new dog can have the same reactions. A new dog needs to be slowly introduced to children so both child and dog can gain trust in one another. Giving a dog an old shirt or blanket that smells of the child will help the

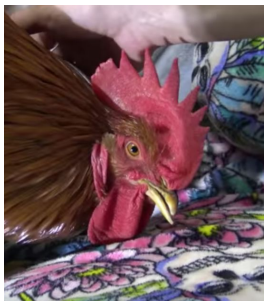
dog to gain trust, just make sure whatever you give the dog can be ruined in case they chew it. Having the child help to feed and walk the dog are other ways to start the trust process. Always remember that you cannot control the reaction of a dog, so never allow a child and new dog to play too close or too rough until a relationship with the dog has been established. If a meeting with the dog and child can be set up before the dog comes to your home is possible, take the opportunity. This will help the child to be calmer when the dog moves in and is a great way to see how the dog and child react initially to each other.

With Christmas right around the corner, the amount of dog adoptions increases. A dog should never be an impulse decision. These dogs have been waiting for a forever home, some for years! So, bringing a dog home for Christmas, only to find it wasn't what you expected, is not fair to any pet. Abandoning them at the shelter or anywhere else could have long-lasting negative effects on the dog. Do your due diligence!

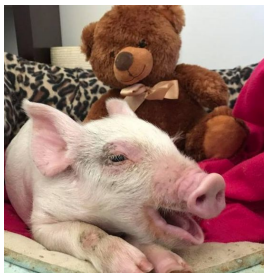
The addition of a puppy to a home should be a joyous and wonderful experience for all involved. This is completely possible if proper research and financial planning is a top priority.

---

3 Farm Animals Who Are Living the Sweet Life After Escaping Slaughter



When the Hope For Paws team set out to find and rescue a stray dog, it was a stray rooster they found instead. They believe he escaped from a nearby slaughterhouse, as his beak had been clipped. With the help of World Bunny Foundation, the rooster, who was named Cornelius was placed in a loving forever home. He now lives the life most roosters don't even know exists. Cornelius has two best friends, Lester, and Gus the cat.



Rose is a sweet little piglet who fell off a truck headed to a feeder farm. She suffered from shock, asphalt burns, and other traumas. Even with the life-threatening conditions she faced, it may have been the best thing that could have happened. Now, Rose is in the care of Blind Spot Animal Sanctuary where she will forever be safe, happy, and loved.

This cow is Bonnie. She, like so many other cows, was headed to slaughter but took her life into her own hands (or hooves, rather?). She managed to escape while farmers were loading the transport truck and found herself in the forest. For a year, she survived with the deer, they accepted her as their own. Bonnie ate, slept, and played with the deer until being rescued by Farm Sanctuary with the help of her special friend, Becky.

Professional Pet Sitting Etc.
603-888-8088
www.profpetsit.com
profpetsit@aol.com

Follow Us!