

# Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting Spring News

## Springtime Pet Safety Tips

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From Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting



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We'd like to welcome all new clients to Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting, and thank our current clients for their great referrals! We really enjoy taking care of your pets and look forward to another year of playtime and walks together!

### Springtime Pet Safety Tips

Spring has not yet sprung, but with the change of season, our thoughts inevitably turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. But the new balmy weather can prove not-so-sunny for curious pets—or their unwitting parents. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your delicate, furry friend. To help you out, our ASPCA experts have come up with a few seasonal tips that will help prevent mishaps or misfortunes.

**Easter Treats and Decorations** Keep Easter lilies and candy bunnies in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats, dogs and ferrets, and lilies can be fatal if ingested by our furry friends. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy—

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### Important Unavailability Reminders

## Upcoming Holidays -

## Easter and Memorial Day!

Please remember to book early for Easter weekend (April 5th), and Memorial Day weekend (May 25th). These holidays tend to be our busiest times during spring so let us know if you'll need pet sitting. Since I will be unavailable

these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

### Screen Yourself

Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows. If you have adjustable screens, make sure they are tightly wedged into window frames.

### Buckle Up!

While every pet parent knows dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the bed of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

### Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all commercially sold cleaning products contain chemicals that are harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage.

### Home Improvement 101

Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

### Let Your Garden Grow—With Care

Pet parents, take care—fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients aren't meant for four-legged consumption and can be fatal if your pet ingests them. Always store these poisonous products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully.

### Poisonous Plants

Time to let your garden grow! But beware, many popular springtime plants—including Easter lilies, rhododendron and azaleas—are highly toxic to pets and can easily prove fatal if eaten.

### Ah-Ah-Achoo!

Like their sneezy human counterparts, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause minor sniffing and sneezing as well as life-threatening anaphylactic shock. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.

### Pesky Little Critters

April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet.

### Out and About

during the Easter weekend, spots are very limited, please contact us immediately to book services!

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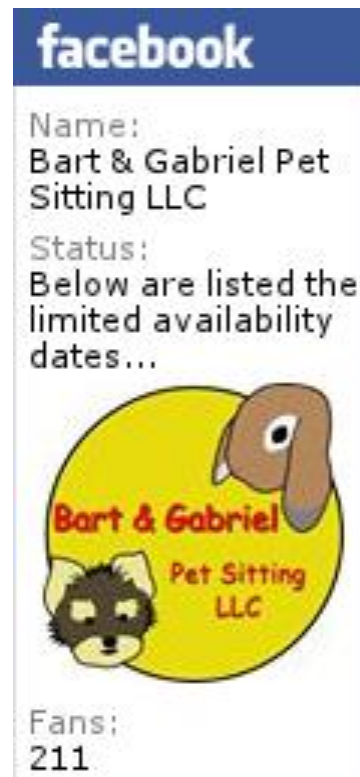
If you anticipate needing pet care on these dates (daily walks included), please let me know as soon as possible, I will do my best to help you find a one-time substitute from the professional pet sitter network I belong to. We all are very busy so please plan ahead. I and my pet sitter colleagues deeply appreciate it!



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**Upcoming  
Unavailability  
Dates**

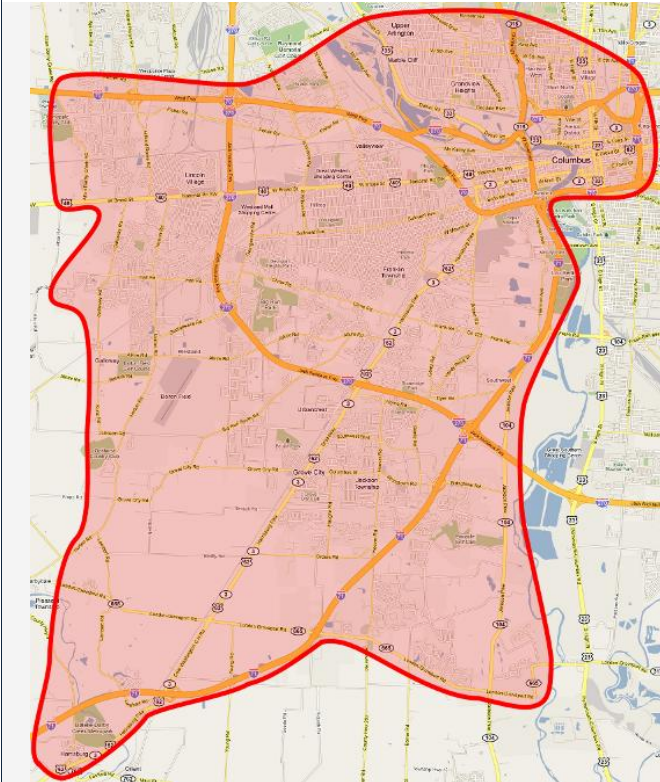
**Friday, March 27th -  
Sunday, April 5th**

Please note, during this period I will be out of the country, with very limited access to the Internet. If you anticipate needing service during this time, please contact me as soon as possible to reserve services. If you are a daily walk client, please let me know what

Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information. Canines should wear flat (never choke!) collars, please.

If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Source: [ASPCA](#)



you expect your schedule to be, and we can work out the individual arrangements as needed. [Send me an e-mail!](#)

#### Further upcoming dates of unavailability:

Friday, May 15th - Sunday, May 17th

Wednesday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 7th

Saturday, August 15th

Saturday, October 3rd -

Monday, October 12th

Friday, January 1st (2016) -

Sunday, January 10th (2016)

As always, these dates are listed in my Calendar, and are added throughout the year, so please remember to check before booking

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