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Meet Sheryl

Sheryl is a compassionate individual who is honored to be a part of your pet's life. In the picture above she is with her husband Brian, participating in the Tailwaggers Trot. She has attended and raised money for this event to support the Humane League of Lancaster, PA for six years.

Summertime and the Livin' is Easy

This is one of the busiest times of year for a pet sitter and even so, we continue to feel that, "Summertime and the Livin' is Easy". Pets make it easy for us to enjoy living. We love our jobs and we look forward to this busy season.

So, planning a trip over the weekend? Give us a call. We will provide overnight services, dog visits, cat visits and small animal care.

Your pets are our priority. We will test the heat on the macadam on a hot days when walking to ensure it will not burn their paws. We will bring water along with us on

our walks for your thirsty friend. We will make sure your dog/s gets a drink before we leave and fill the water dish with ice cubes if you request.

*Picture credit: Sheryl added 'some' ice for Dazee



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Tips for the Nomadic and the Prey Driven

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's a squirrel! Fenced yards are excellent barriers for animals with high prey drive. Dogs may get in 'the zone' and once they see a small animal, they sprint to try and catch it. Any training which was achieved with your dog in the past, may likely be thrown out the window. Having a fence is important if you want to let your dogs off the leash in the yard.

Accidents can happen and dogs may run away, whether you have a fence or not. The gate is left open, the wind blows it open, etc.

Did you know that if your dog runs away (and not in a prey driven frenzy), falling on the ground, calling their name and



pretending you are hurt may bring them running back to you? Think it sounds silly? It won't if you experience that awful feeling of seeing your beloved pet run from you.

What else can you you do if your pet does get away from you unexpectedly, besides feel sick about it? In Lancaster County, Help Find Sophie's Facebook page is an excellent resource to turn to. With over 7,000 followers and pictures of your pet posted, it networks the missing animal. Many lost pets are found through Help Find Sophie's page, with the help of the community. Also, contact the police, SPCA, ORCA or post a message on Nextdoor.com. The more word gets around, the more chance your dog will be found and come home safely.

Also, remember to register your dog, microchip them and leave their tags on. Check out Orvis.com. They have awesome martingale collars that can be custom made with your dogs name and a phone number in big, bold letters. If your dog gets loose and will not approach a person, it is more likely that the person will be able to read the phone number off the collar rather than just being able to check the tags. Keep your pets safe!



Tell me Something New

Once Upon a Dog Tail continues to grow and wants to remain your top pet sitters in Lancaster, Pa and surrounding areas. More employees will be hired and our areas of service will broaden. We are proud to be hiring Employees instead of Independent Contractors, so we know we have full responsibility and supervision over them. Our employees go through an extensive process when applying. They complete an application, submit a resume, go through a phone interview, in-person interview, are reference checked (personal and employer) and a criminal background check is performed on them. We hope you have been pleased with the changes and hope to continue to be able to love your pets like our own.

Referrals

Thank you to all of you that have referred our services in the past. When the person you referred books a service you receive a free visit. There is no limit to this. Isn't it grand??!

Reviews

Please visit our Facebook page and write a review at <u>https://www.facebook.com/Onceuponadogtail</u> if you haven't already. Thanks for your support.



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Service Areas

Servicing Lancaster, Lancaster Township, Landisville, Hempfield, Manheim Township, Lampeter Township, Lititz and surrounding areas

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REMINDER: PLEASE SCHEDULE AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS YOU CAN SO WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOU AND YOUR ANIMALS NEEDS

TRY IT!!

Dog Ice Cream Recipe:

3 ripe bananas
32 ounces plain yogurt
1 cup peanut butter

Directions:
Blend, pour the mixture

into ice trays, freeze.
into a couple hours you'll
have a cool treat for
your dog!

Functions:
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