

# YOUR BEST FRIEND'S FRIEND

## OCTOBER 2007 ..... CRITTER CHAT NEWSLETTER

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YBFF

For starters ..... is this really a newsletter? WOW! Where to start .....

#### THE YBFF TEAM..

Brooke has been with YBFF for almost two years now. I have no idea what I ever did without her. She without a doubt is the B in YBFF! I'm sure anyone who has had the privilege of her caring for your pets will agree ... she is simply amazing.

We have just recently added another full-time YBFFer. Her name is Courtney Frazier and again, she is just absolutely fabulous. I'm sure you and your furry friends will be meeting her in the near future. You will find a bio on her on our web site.



We have also added overnight pet sitting services on a limited basis. We understand there are times when it may be necessary for someone to stay in your home overnight (ill pet, new puppy, etc.) YBFF has sub-contracted with several people to fulfill that need. Although they are not

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### USEFUL AND FUN INFORMATION

#### KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

Many of us love Halloween. Dressing up in silly costumes, going trick-or-treating, and inviting friends and family over for a Halloween party are all part of this celebrated night. However, do our pets love it too?? Here are some tips for ensuring our pets are safe through a night of ghouls and goblins.



**SAFE AT HOME** .. This is the night to keep your pet by your side. Do not leave your pet alone in the backyard. Animals have been teased, stolen, injured, and even killed by pranksters carried away by the excess of the holiday.

Keep your dog or cat in a room away from the front door with plenty of fresh water. It may sound unsociable, but too many strangers in weird costumes can scare an animal. You don't want take the risk of your pet escaping or biting from fear.

The best idea is to leave your dog home when you go out trick-or-treating. If no one will be home, turn a radio on or the TV for noise. Also, turning your lights out deter trick-or-treaters from coming to the door while you are gone.

If you decorate your house with Halloween lights, make sure wires are secured out of the way so your pet doesn't trip or chew on them. Never leave a lighted jack-o-lantern unattended around pets. One exuberant swish of a tail can start a fire or a quick sniff burn a whisker.

**TRICKS OR TREATS** .. Don't put a pet in a costume unless he or she seems to like it. REALLY! If you do, make sure it's safe: no constricting details that can obstruct hearing, movement, breathing or sight.

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Direct employees of YBFF, we do a thorough interview process and background check on each overnigher. We also provide each overnigher with YBFF highly professional and strict guidelines, expectations and detailed instructions for each job. We will schedule a meeting with you, YBFF, and the person house/pet sitting for you so you are able to interview them yourself and go over details of the job. We will be in constant contact with the sitter during the service and handle problems should they occur.

We are continually searching for additions to the YBFF team because it takes a very long time to find just the right person.

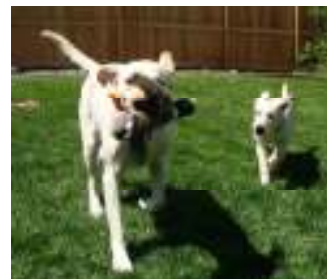
**OUR WEB SITE** .... Be sure to visit the YBFF web site ([www.ybffpetcare.com](http://www.ybffpetcare.com)) often. We are constantly updating, changing, and adding fun and informative pages and information on the site. As always, we welcome any comments or ideas you may have for changes or additions

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Halloween candy is NOT for pets: Chocolate is toxic for cats and dogs. Xylitol, a sugar free sweetener commonly found in candy and gum could quickly cause low blood sugar, impaired muscle coordination and seizures in dogs. Lollipop and candy-apple sticks can get stuck in an animal's throat or perforate the stomach; candy wrappers can cause obstruction and irritation to the digestive system. Keep all Halloween candy in a safe place your furry friends can't get to. Have a fun filled Halloween!!

**NEWSLETTER STAR** .. Out of all the pictures we take, it's always hard to pick just one favorite for the newsletter but here is our pick for this one. Meet Drake and Colt ..... Big brother teaching little bro how to have some real fun!!



### WELLNESS TIPS YOU CAN LEARN FROM A DOG

- Kiss first, ask questions later
- Live for your daily walks
- Practice frolic-and-rest interval training
- Sleep whenever and wherever you can
  - Eat joyfully
- When you're tired of sleeping, play
- Stretch, shake and roll over frequently
  - Forgive everything
- Be happy to see everyone

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to the site. Remember, there is a link on the site to schedule service to make it very easy for you!!

**REMINDERS** ..... The holidays are fast approaching! Be sure to plan ahead and schedule pet care services as early as possible. We won't take on more business than we can handle in a professional manner. YBFF always adheres to very high standards which each of our furry friends have come to expect.

Please remember to always call the office number (303-692-1140), (not cell numbers) when scheduling service. The office number is checked at least every half hour.

That's it for this addition. Please feel free to offer any suggestions you have on info you would like to see in our newsletter. If you know of a pet-related event coming up you would like us to post, let us know. We hope you all have a great start to the winter and we all hope for a much milder one than the last.



I just couldn't resist sharing this cute pic of Sam playing frisbee!!

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### MORE FUN INFO ..

#### HOW TO PREPARE FOR A NEW PUPPY

- Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk barefoot in the dark
- Wear a sock to work that has been shredded by a blender
- Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "go potty, hurry up, let's go .....
- GOOOOOOOOD PUPPY**
  - Cover all your best suits with dog hair
  - Play catch with a wet tennis ball
- Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate
- Tip over a basket of clean laundry and scatter it all over the floor
- Jump off your couch shortly before the end of your favorite show and run to the door saying "no no! go potty outside, **GOOOOOOOOD PUPPY**
- Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning and do not try to clean it up until that evening
- Take a warm cuddly blanket out of the dryer, and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap!



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