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## Pet Services LLC

### ASPCA's Seven Halloween Safety Tips for Pet Parents

Attention, animal lovers, it's almost the spookiest night of the year! The ASPCA recommends taking some precautions this Halloween to keep you and your pet saying "trick or treat!" all the way to November 1.

That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian.

Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it (yup, a few pets are real hams!). For pets who prefer their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume may cause undue stress.

**IDs, please!** Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver, increasing the chances that he or she will be returned to you.

**Jack-o-lanterns:** A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but exercise caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned/singed by candle flames.

When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat/dog doesn't dart outside.

Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts or burns, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.



All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.

To read full article, visit: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/halloween-safety-tips>

## HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS

**Book by Oct. 25 to guarantee your spot.**

Reservations made after October 25 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

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## News from the Top Dog



2013 is flying by and the holidays are right around the corner so if you haven't made

your reservations for the holidays (November 16, 2013—January 5, 2014), please do so by October 25 to ensure we have space.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, TPS has grown considerably in 2013 so I spent the summer interviewing and hiring some additional dog walkers: Deb McRae, Arieal Foley and Becky Johnson (you can read more about them on the next page).

Also, I hired an Office Manager Robyn who will be answering my phone from 7am-2pm Monday-Friday. Because I'm out in the field all day, I sometimes cannot return calls until the evening. Having Robyn means you can speak to a live person who can answer your question immediately rather than waiting for me to return your call. Let me know how you like the new service.

More exciting changes are on the horizon:

- On-line scheduling
- Accepting Credit Cards

Look for more information in the next newsletter or on our Facebook page.

Also, I will be emailing a survey asking for your opinion on how to serve you better so watch your in-box.

## Antigone's Vacation

Saturday, Oct. 26-Sunday, Nov. 3

I decided to take a vacation in a few weeks so I'm well rested to help my staff take care of all your pets this holiday season.

If you need pet sitting during this time, please contact me by Wednesday, October 23 so I have adequate time to prepare the employee who will be taking care of you.

During my vacation, Deb and Robyn will coordinate any scheduling changes, answer calls/texts from my cell phone and check my email to ensure "business as usual" during my absence.



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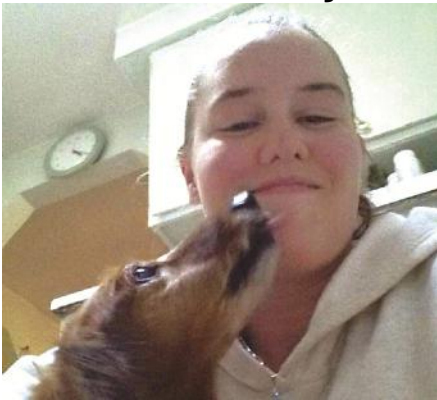
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## Deb McRae



I grew up in the Seattle area. I worked at the Boeing from 1980 to 2012, then retired in 2013 at 55 years old. I love animals. I was raised with all kinds of pets such as dogs, cats, rabbits, and once my father brought home a skunk as a new family addition. I have had small dogs and big dogs. I love to walk, and I believe a walk is always better with a dog.

## Ariael Foley



I have loved working with all kinds of animals my entire life - from abused animals to 6 week old newborns. I have experience with different breeds of dogs, cats and, on one memorable occasion, a pet tarantula! Working for Tailored Pet Services is a blast. I get to spend all day with furry buddies! I wake up excited to go to work and spend time with the buddies that are depending on me.

## Becky Johnson

Ever since I was young, I've surrounded myself with animals. Relatives use to laugh and call me the "dog whisperer." That hasn't changed. I was raised with dogs and cats, and began training my Border collie in agility and obedience at the age of ten. When she was tragically diagnosed at an early age with a very rare disease, I nursed her back to health. The experience urged me to look into medical work with animals.



During my junior year in high school, I interviewed for a position in the Veterinary Assisting and Grooming Program at Sno-Isle Technical School. I was accepted and spent half of my school days learning how to become a Vet Assistant. By the end of the year, I was proficient in bandaging and splinting, first aid care, injections, pilling, restraining, and surgical assisting. I was invited back as a Senior. Each year I interned at a new clinic. My first year was in a hospital. My second year was with exotic animals. I got to work hands on with wolves, cougars, bob cats, and smaller mammals. And I graduated with High Honors.

Even so, I know deep down that assisting and technician work is not what I want to do. I want to train dogs. I began training by raising a Lab puppy for Guide Dogs of America. She attended school with me, and went anywhere I went, including stores, movie theaters, and grocery shopping. My first dog ended up failing the program due to medical problems. That, however isn't going to stop me from continuing my training. I now have new puppy - a Belgian Malinois - with whom I hope to compete in Schutzhund. I'm incredibly excited to begin this new part of my life. Besides dogs, I'm an active car enthusiast and I play lots of video games. I draw and read with my kitties next to me.

Dog walking, which I love, allows me to meet new dogs, learn about their behaviors, and most importantly, bond with some awesome owners and their pooches! I'm trying out pet sitting as well. I absolutely adore helping my clients take great care of their own pets.



## Holiday Fees/Cancellation Policies

- **4th Quarter Holidays (additional \$10 per visit):** Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
- **Cancellations/Change of service dates:** No charge if made 14+ days prior to service; thirteen days or less, payment in full will be charged (no refunds)



## Invites You

**What:** 1st Year Birthday Party

**When:** Sunday, October 27 2:00-4:00pm

**Where:** 1301 Mukilteo Blvd, Mukilteo

- Pet Halloween costume contest
- Local vendors & booths
- Raffle prizes and refreshments
- Bring dry/canned food or blanket for a local animal shelter



Party brought to you by Tails and Trails Mukilteo Dog Park. Co-sponsored by Mukilteo Arts Guild

For more information, visit the Tails And Trails Mukilteo Dog Park Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/mukilteodogpark>

## Client Referral Program \$20 Credit

for every referral that schedules service

2nd Annual  
**Dogtober Fest**

Saturday, October 19, 2013 • 2-6PM  
The Irishmen, 2923 Colby Avenue, Everett

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Scrub-A-Mutt and Everett's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) are coming together again for the second annual Dogtober Fest.

\$5 cover charge/donation includes a trivia card and one door prize ticket. Trivia begins at 2PM. Teams of 5 or less will compete against each other with their knowledge of "beer and dogs." Each member of the winning team will win a bag of goodies!

Extra door prize tickets will be available for purchase and door prizes will be given away throughout the event. In addition, 50/50 raffle will be held.

Come hungry and thirsty - the Irishmen has great food and drink for sale.