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## April 2023

*Your monthly tail wag!*

Welcome to the following pups that had their first stay with the Caledon Tailblazers in March!

- Mac
- Marley

- Poppy
- Theo the Labradoodle
- Maui the Bernedoodle
- Ben
- Leo
- Dakota
- Jeffery

and two new drop in visit kitties, Mia and Monster!

Well March went by in a blur!! March break was super busy with many guests at the Caledon Tailblazers. I think the dogs enjoyed their little vacation almost as much as their families enjoyed theirs! We went to the dog park and had several walks a day as well as time to play and socialize at home. I think everyone went home happy and relaxed!

As I write this newsletter on the first day of April, the weather outside is a balmy 11°C. It actually feels like spring! The wet paws and muddy feet definitely present a bit more work as we need to wipe paws and sometimes dry off coats after our walks but if the reward is no snow and some warmer temperatures then I'm okay with the extra work! With the warmer temperatures we also need to remember to do our tick checks after walks and outdoor play time. Check out the tips I have provided in this newsletter on dealing with these nasty little creatures.

Many of you are already starting to plan for the spring and summer months and booking your pups stay with me. As I am only able to accommodate a maximum of four dogs at a time I think it is a good reminder to plan early whenever possible. I already have a few blocks of time that are full. I have also booked some vacation time when I will not be taking any bookings. Below you will find a list of these dates.

May 20-31

July 7-16

July 31 - Aug 7

October 14 - Nov 1

My Tuesdays tend to be quite busy with doggy daycare dogs so if you need to book for a Tuesday please contact me as soon as possible and I will do



## Tick Season!

With the warmer weather ticks once again become a concern. As a matter of fact it doesn't even have to get that warm for ticks to become active. Ticks will become active at temperatures above 4°C. Because some ticks carry Lyme disease it is really important that our pets don't bring these insects into the house where they can potentially bite a human. Here are a few tips to help you better deal with ticks:

- Tick and flea medication is available from your vet which will protect your pet from tick bites/Lyme disease and fleas.
- Lint rollers can work really well to pick up ticks that may have attached themselves to your pet while they were outside. It's

my best to accommodate you. What would make a lot of my scheduling much easier is a website with a calendar showing my availability! I am hoping to have one up and running soon. If anyone has recommendations for a website designer then I would appreciate any leads!

A few housekeeping items before I bid you a wonderful April:

- Please try your best to make reservations at least 24 hours ahead of time and same for cancelations. If you need to cancel for any reason then I would very much appreciate 24 hours notice. I don't have a cancelation fee at this time but as I get busier and my days fill up I may have to introduce one if it becomes a problem as I don't want to turn people away and then end up having space available.
- Payment of pet sitting services is required before your pet's stay begins (or at the time of drop off).
- When dropping off or picking up your pet please do your best to be here within 5 minutes of the arranged time. I do work during the day and I schedule drop offs / pick ups around my conference call schedule. If you are going to be more than 5 minutes early or late please send me a text message.
- If your dog isn't well trained on a leash then some type of training collar is required as I am often walking 3 or 4 dogs at a time and without a proper training collar it is very difficult to walk so many dogs. Examples of training collars are a prong collar, a gentle leader that goes over the dog's nose, a harness, or an e-collar.

I thank you all for your trust in me and your continued support. I think I have one of the best jobs in the world because I get to spend time with all your fur babies! They are wonderful companions and they keep me active! I wish everyone a wonderful month of April :).

*Katrien*

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really important to always check yourself and your pets after being outside especially if you have been in long grass or in the woods or on the trails in Caledon.

- If you find a tick on your dog it is important to remove it asap. You can pick up a tick removal tool from Lee Valley Tools, Amazon or perhaps your veterinarian. Removing a tick is quite easy but you need to make sure the tool is positioned under the tick and against your pet's skin, then you just pull it straight out. You can tell you got the whole thing if you can still see it moving after you have removed it.



Did you remove a tick from yourself or your pet and would like to know what kind of tick it is? The etick website has some great information about ticks, as well as the ability to report a tick bite and a map of Canada showing other reported tick bites. This site can help you identify what kind of tick you are dealing with and whether it is a potential carrier of Lyme disease.

<https://www.etic.ca/>



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