



GCCOA Newsletter September 2021

Luxury

My cat, Pierrot
 The eloquence
 Of his sleep!
 Tucked under
 The ample breast
 His paws
 Are two velvet pillows
 His thick-furred boots
 Stretch out
 In luscious abandon,
 His colors are blue-gray
 And silvery white.
 His purrs lightly
 Embroider the air.

No emerald,
 No mink muff,
 No ermine vest
 Could provide the luxury
 Of this cat's sleep.
 How rich I am!

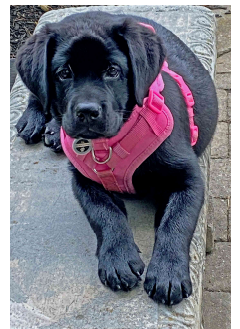
*Written by May Sarton at
 the age of 82, published
 in her book Coming into
 Eighty, 1994.*



As the weather turns a little cooler and Ohio comes into its own with fall color on the way, we are reminded of the many good things in our lives to be grateful for. Family and friends are top of the list and that includes our furry friends as well. We want to share, as always, a few heart-warming photos and stories about our Pet Partners new and old, current and passed. Our pets give us so much so we think they deserve some limelight. Enjoy the changing seasons and take time to appreciate your pet's unique contribution to our lives.

A New Puppy to Love

It was the worst day and the best day when our sweet yellow lab Emma went to the Rainbow Bridge this past November. The sadness lingers but there is comfort in knowing that Emma is now okay and free from pain. Losing Emma left a hole in our hearts and an emptiness in our home. We thought for a long time about getting another dog...after all we are no longer "kids." But the decision was finally made and we now have a delightful black lab puppy named Winnie. She has quickly filled the emptiness both in our home and in our hearts. We will always have wonderful memories of Emma, but are looking forward to creating new memories with Winnie. She is a gift we are grateful for. —Lynn Martin, GCCOA Care Manager



The story of Mollie and Nellie

Mollie is 9 years old and takes care of Nellie, a senior who lives alone. Nellie says she was dead set against a dog since her dog was stolen when she was younger, but then her long-time friend and housemate talked her into getting Mollie.

Now Nellie's friend has passed and it is Mollie, a true friend, who looks out for Nellie and gives her comfort and companionship. Nellie enjoys having Mollie to care for and talk to.



Pet Partners



Hi! My name is Daisy and I'm a miniature Golden doodle. I live with my mom, Jamie Rath, a care manager at GCCOA and my dad, Mark. I will be ONE in November. I'm sure there will be a huge party. I am very food motivated—I will do just about anything for a Cheerio. I love anything that squeaks and can be chewed on (including mom's shoes when she leaves them out). We have a boat that I love. I stand at the front with the wind blowing my ears. I keep a close watch out for ducks and birds. I'm not sure who needs who most, me or mom. So, we make a good girl power couple!

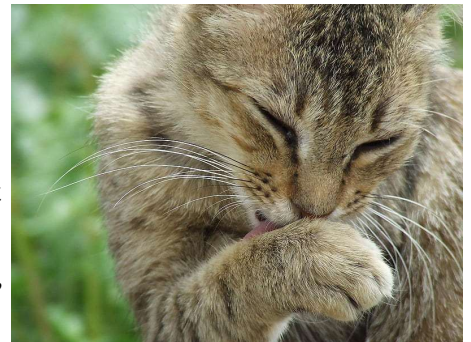
Essential Oils Can be a Danger for your Pets

Many of us use essential oils in a diffuser or DIY cleaning solution. They make our homes smell clean and wonderful, but did you know that essential oils can be toxic to pets?

When essential oils are used in fragrance diffusers, the oil droplets are widely distributed throughout a room. If a cat breathes in a harmful oil, it could cause respiratory irritation. Symptoms of respiratory irritation include a watery nose and eyes, drooling, vomiting, and difficulty breathing. If an essential oil diffuser tips over, and kitty licks up the oils it could be toxic for her.

Many recipes for eco-friendly DIY cleaning solutions include essential oils for cleaning power and fragrance. If a cat walked across a surface wet from a cleaner with an essential oil (or a commercial cleaner), then licked her feet clean, she could ingest enough essential oil to do some harm.

While some feel that all essential oils should be avoided, other sources list pet-friendly essential oils. The oils to avoid are tea tree, pine, lemon, and orange. Some pet-friendly essential oils that also have antibacterial and/or anti-fungal properties are: arborvitae, eucalyptus, lavender, peppermint.



Source: pawsandpines.com/pet-friendly-essential-oils-for-cleaning/



Dogs come when they're called.
Cats take a message and get back to you later.