

# the **TwoByFour** NY Monthly Online NEWS LETTER



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## Summer Time Bugs

My friend Arthur Katz, from Knockout Pest Control reminded me that we should ALL pay closer attention to Fleas, Ticks, Mites, and other insect pest that can attack our Dogs and Cats especially THIS 2011 Summer Season. Apparently, all of the heavy snows this past winter actually was beneficial to insects. It seems that the snow on the ground insulated the ground, making conditions over the winter more habitable for insects and parasitic mites and ticks.

Please take the time to apply flea & tick preventative products on your pets. Not only can fleas, ticks, and mites cause serious skin reactions in your pets, but since many are parasitic they can transmit diseases like Heart Worm and West Nile Virus. So make sure your pets take all of the medications your vet prescribes, including Heart Worm medications.

If your pooch or cat brings fleas, ticks, or mites into your home... your home can become infested with these pests infesting rugs, curtains, and upholstered furniture. And these pests can bite you and your family just as easily as they can your dog or cat. Since they DON'T make Frontline for people, may I suggest, if you do have a problem – call my friend Arthur Katz at Knockout Pest Control and ask him for a Cryonite Pest Treatment. It's a wonderful pest elimination technique that kills bugs of all sorts by freezing them so there is never an issue of a bug developing a resistance to it. And since there are NO CHEMICALS, just ice cold CO2, (reclaimed CO2 at that), it's Green and totally environmentally safe to use around people, kids, and pets. It can be sprayed directly on dog beds, in crates, on plush toys, or just about on or even in anything. It's amazing! It isn't inexpensive....but it works amazingly well.

Checkout their website: [www.knockoutpest.com](http://www.knockoutpest.com) and I think he has several discounts and offers on it. AND he

## PET SITTING SERVICES

Just like you, your pets like routine and familiar surroundings. So the next time you go on vacation or a business trip, don't bring your dog to a kennel to be locked up in a pen or a cage. Let your pet stay at home. TwoByFourNY's loving pet professionals will see to it that your pet is well fed, watered, walked and played with; so that when you come home your pet will be happy, healthy and content. If you don't want to leave your pet in a kennel or at home... ask about TwoByFourNY's "At OUR Home" pet sitting service. Call today. Call 516.662.7461



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also has a great BLOG. Basically, he really is a nice guy... and really knows his stuff.



## With Your Dog's Health In Mind – Here's a Little Reminder

After puppies receive their initial vaccines at 6 to 8 weeks and they've gotten their 2nd & 3rd boosters, ask your vet to make sure your dog received the correct amount of boosters for their breed. It is sometimes suggested that Dobermans, Pinschers, Rottweiler's, and Pit Bulls receive a 4th booster shot because their breed is more susceptible to PARVO.

But after that ADULT DOGS require ANNUAL BOOSTERS. Since dogs age 7 times more rapidly than people, (re: dog years), their metabolism manifests diseases 7 times faster, so preventing illnesses in dogs is extremely important.

I'm not a veterinarian, so ask your own vet about your pet's vaccination schedule and wellness check-ups.

HOWEVER, here at TwoByFour NY we care for more than just ONE DOG. Whether we're walking your dog, sit for your dog, or board your dog In OUR Home, we require that ALL of the dogs we care for meet the required standards of vaccination & wellness to protect our Dog Walkers/Pet Sitters and staff members BESIDES the protection and well being of the dogs and other pets we care for. So please have your dog vaccinated and take seasonal precautions to prevent your dog from Fleas, Ticks, and Mites using prescribed treatments or products like Frontline. This is an important issue.

## Weird or Not... the Jury Is Out... What Do YOU Think?

Okay, I'm always finding interesting things to tell my TwoByFour NY Online Newsletter readers about and someone recently passed this info on to me. I'm not sure WHAT I think about it. But I'd LOVE to know what my DOG LOVING pet owners think.

ANGORA WOOL. We're all aware of the Angora wool fiber. WOOL comes from shearing sheep hair. Sure there's MOHAIR which comes from shearing the hair of a goat. And well ANGORA comes from the brushing out of the back soft silky hair of the Angora Rabbit. Okay, maybe they blend in a little wool to strengthen the fibers....but Angora is premium fiber used in knitting some of the finest and most expensive sweaters and scarves. Think of having to brush the backs of rabbits to spin enough rabbit hair into yarn to make anything - let alone an entire sweater.

Okay, Angora 101 is over. So, have you ever heard of CHIENGORA? I hadn't BUT Chiengora has been becoming a "hot" trend in recent years. Those who know how to speak a little French might have already figured this out. "Chien" is the French word for DOG. Yup, hair from dogs to make knitting fibers spun into yarn. It may never become a major fashion trend, but there appears to be a cottage industry out there of spinners and knitters who are responding to dog lovers out there who want a "lasting" memento of their dog that will still be there after their dog has past.

I looked a little more into this and well, there seems to be some real history in this. It appears that people have been making yarn from dog hair for centuries; as far back as the caveman and even our Native American Indians. It is said to have exceptional fluffing properties, keeping people warmer than other wool products and repels water well. I'd say sheds water well, but that's how most of the dog hair is collected anyway.

Many people I talk to about this are either interested, wince, or are repulsed. But some of the finished works I've seen are quite beautiful. The natural Chiengora spun yarn from a long haired breed like a Golden Retriever is absolutely gorgeous. And when you think the hair simply fell or was brushed out is a very resource friendly and Green method of making clothing. Like Angora many spinners blend the dog hair with other natural and synthetic fibers to add certain qualities.

You can actually go online and find someone to give you information on how to collect the hair from YOUR DOG and they can even Spin and Knit something for you. Or check out a book out there called "Knitting With Dog Hair" on Amazon.

So I'd like to know what my readers think. Drop me a line via the Contact Us Page. This is going to be interesting.

Also please note: TwoByFour NY REQUIRES all dog owners to present updated forms supplied by your vet that states the vaccines your dog has received to make sure their vaccination schedule is up-to-date.

Unfortunately we CANNOT walk or sit for a Dog without up-to-date paperwork. For our safety and wellbeing of our staff and all of the loving creatures we care for we ask for your cooperation & understanding.



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