

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

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## FOR BARNEY

I have good friends whose property has a large unfenced yard and live near a major heavily trafficked roadway. They say dogs, running loose; happen onto their property about 8 to 10 times every year. These aren't stray dogs, but dogs that have simply gotten away from their homes and wandered onto their property. A handful are from homes over 3 miles away, but most of these dogs would eventually find their way back if left alone, but unfortunately, a few years ago, my friends were told by an owner of a repeat offending dog, to "Leave him alone, he'll find his way back. Stop leashing him up and calling me to retrieve him. Barney, (the name of the Beagle), can find his own way home." So after 4 times of returning him in one single month, they finally gave up and let him roam around awhile in their backyard and eventually Barney would leave all by himself. Unfortunately, a few months later, about ¼ mile away from their house, they saw that same beagle lying in the roadway next to a police car howling and writhing in pain, because of being "crushed" by a truck while attempting to cross the busy road. Barney died in agony along the roadside from the internal injuries.

Today my friends now go out of their way to corral loose dogs that they see running around unattended in their neighborhood and do their best to return them to their owners. They're real dog people and animal lovers.

The problem they have expressed to me lately is that many of the dogs they are coming across have NO IDENTIFICATION. No tags, no name & address tag, and no micro chip. These dogs are un-returnable. What they have been doing is bringing these dogs to shelters, if the shelter has room, or they call their Town's Animal

## PET SITTING SERVICE

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 "In OUR Home" **24 HOUR SUPERVISION** and **TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED** Pet Sitting Service. Call today. Call 516.662.7461



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...puncture stomachs. And if you have fruit trees... dogs love fruits, but if they eat a plum or peach pit, they can get very sick from the trace cyanide these pits contain. And lastly, unfortunately, the FALL SEASON is FLEA SEASON. In the FALL months fleas are at their peak. Make sure you apply some flea prevention onto your dog. If you discover that your dog has fleas see your veterinarian and if you notice fleas in your house... remember to call my friend Arthur Katz at KNOCKOUT PEST CONTROL – [www.knockoutpest.com](http://www.knockoutpest.com). (I had to give him a plug.)

Control Department. Now the former doesn't euthanize dogs, but the Animal Control Department might. How awful that because of the lack of an ID tag, which is NO RESPONSIBILITY of the dog, that a dog may be euthanized. That's two for two. What are concerned animal lovers supposed to do IF someone doesn't demonstrate responsibility of their dogs by keeping track and control over them? Dog owners must consider that sometime, somehow, a dog is going to get out. Putting an ID on a dog, gives your dog its only edge of being returned. [National statistic's compiled report that 1 out of 7 lost dogs are returned to their owners. That's ONLY ONE out of seven.]

So, in the name of Barney, that adorable wandering gypsy, let's ALL make the effort to secure our property to keep our dogs safely contained from danger AND remember a simple Name & Address or Phone Number tag will prevent a lot of worry and heartbreak and might be your dog's only salvation from an unnecessary needle.

[a post authored note: Following the recent Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene, from the Carolinas to Vermont, as many as 100 dogs and cats had been reported missing and presumed had run away from their homes. Today, shelters and animal control centers throughout the storm stricken area have dozens of animals whose fate is uncertain, because these dogs and cats lack any identification. It is for these times, WHEN YOU DON'T EXPECT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN that you need to PREPARE for IT. Please put identification on your pet as soon as possible. It's the loving thing to do.]



## FALLing IN LOVE, Stink Bugs and ALL

Dogs LOVE the FALL season. The sidewalks are so much cooler and are easier on their paws. The air is crisper and easier to breath, so exercise and simply running around is much more enjoyable. The cooler days are also easier on their owners who will now be spending more time outside playing with their dog(s). The kids are off to school so now not only can your dog take midday naps, but they have something to look forward to when their playmates come home. And the changing color palette of the fall trees... well maybe not that. A dog's visual color spectrum will mainly have them see the vibrant red and orange leaves as brown and tan. But hey, that's still better than the green leaves that they saw as

Also, speaking of Arthur and Knockout Pest Control... have you seen the swarms of STINK BUGS this FALL yet? Some of my friends are starting to see them in groups of 20 to 30 around the windows. This FALL they're expecting a [STINK BUG INVASION](#) in the millions. This is a NEW negative about the FALL, but don't worry if your dog eats them, entomologists and vets say eating them isn't harmful. But if you do have STINK BUGS... call Arthur before they get inside your home.

So despite any negatives, go ahead and enjoy this FALL and enjoy your DOG.



## ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

It's early yet, but the holidays are around the corner. I just want to remind everyone about our PET SITTING SERVICES. One of the most popular of the PET SITTING SERVICES we offer for dogs, at Two By Four NY in Long Island, is our "IN OUR HOME PET SITTING PLAN". Instead of caring for your dog in your home while you're away, you can board your pup in OUR home. Your dog will not only have "friends" to play with, (both human and canine), but your dog will live in temperature controlled comfort, (cool in the summer and toasty warm in the cooler/colder months). Meals and medications are given per their owners instructions. Water is always available. And they have frequent Number ONE and Number TWO breaks. Some owners also take this opportunity to have their dog's nails clipped and have them bathed. Dogs don't always need a grooming, but a nice bath and a deep brushing is always appreciated. So don't wait too long to schedule your dog's holiday boarding. Holiday time is our busiest time and we want to make sure YOU arrange the best arrangements YOU want for your dog.

[Information supplied here is only to keep you aware about the needs of your pet – nothing can replace the examination and care from your veterinarian.]

grey. So I guess autumn does bring a little color for them to enjoy.

But always keep in mind that FALL also brings some tree and grass pollen, and therefore possible watery eyes and a wetter nose. Fallen twigs and branches that are so much fun to chew on can lodge in throats and...

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