

August 2024 Email Newsletter curated by your Chief Pet Minder https://www.facebook.com/peaceofmindpetsrva

#### Save the Date!



## **Are Dog Parks Bad?**

Dog parks are not bad. The danger at dog parks, are owners that are not familiar with their own dog's temperament, dog body language, and the mix of dogs in attendance at any given time. Personally, I don't enter dog parks unless they are empty, or I know the owner(s) and dog(s) present.

If you are looking to better socialize your pup, start small with one on one playdates with a friend or neighbor that has a confident, easy-going dog of their own. Introduce the pooches in a large open space so no one feels cornered. Be extra alert to your dog's body language and how they are interacting with the other dog. It is normal for dogs to correct each other if they don't like something so allow them to "talk" as long as it doesn't get out of hand. Once they're friends, sit back and enjoy the expressions of pure joy on their faces as they romp and play!



## **Time to Pet Tip**





I love Time to Pet, but one of its limitations when booking pet sitting visits for vacation, versus a regular potty break or walk, is that they look the same to us in the system. That can occasionally lead to us feeding them a meal when that wasn't your intention. One way to avoid any confusion is to book a dog walk as a dog walk. Another way is to specify in the notes if you only need a potty break.

Bonus tip of the month! Always communicate via the portal. Keeping all communication in one place allows for me to stay on track and efficiently communicates to all members of the team in case I am unavailable.

# **Upcoming Pet Friendly Events**

- Fidos After 5 at Lewis Ginter August 8, September 12 & 26, and October 10 & 24 at 5pm 8pm <u>https://www.lewisginter.org/event/fidos-after-5-2024/2024-05-23/</u>
- Day of the Dog Virtual 5K Saturday, August 17, 2024 Saturday, August 31, 2024 <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/day-of-the-dog-1m-5k-10k-131-262-save-2-tickets-</u> <u>886989568677?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</u>
- Barks & Brews Festival Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 1pm 6pm https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barks-and-brews-festival-tickets-890059500927?aff=erelexpmlt
- Richmond Brunch Weekend September 6-8, 2024 Proceeds benefit the RVA SPCA <u>https://www.wozhereco.com/rva-brunch-weekend</u>

#### **Tell Your Friends! We're hiring!**



Peace of Mind Pets RVA is seeking reliable and compassionate individuals to join our team! Ideal candidate(s) will be responsible for providing exceptional care to pets in our care while maintaining clean and safe spaces. Duties will include providing client's updates, feeding, exercising, loving on, and supervising pets, as well as performing various cleaning tasks to ensure they remain happy and healthy! We're hiring for the following positions:

- Professional Pet Minder
- Doggy Daycare Attendant

Please feel free to share with your friends. They can apply by sending their resume to peaceofmindpetsrva@gmail.com