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April: A Very Special Month





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The month of April holds incredible importance in our family. We mark several events on our calendar. After the most significant date of Easter and the celebration of our risen Christ, we also celebrate two very special birthdays, and mark the anniversaries of 3 incredibly heartwrenching losses.

So, this edition of **deTails** will be a combination of celebration and reflection throughout each of our categories: **Pampering**, **Healing**, **Understanding**, and **Devotion**.

Be sure to check each section carefully so you don't miss out.

Besides links to helpful and thoughtprovoking articles, you'll find downloadable freebies such as yummy recipes, and much more.

I'd also like to remind you of the website where the **deTails** newsletter is available. At *PawsToPray.ca*, you can find a fresh source of inspiration, entertainment, and enjoyment each and every day. Whether you're a pet parent looking for tips and ideas on raising your fur-kids or a friend in faith.



longing for some spiritual uplifting, PtP is a gentle blend of both. And, as an enhancement to the plethora of information available there, our socials <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> add extra value to your PtP experience and I invite you to like and follow us there.

HALLELUJA!!

Easter is upon us and that means a time of spiritual renewal for many of us! I have created an <u>Easter Week Reading Plan</u> that you can download for free and follow along as we trace the steps of Jesus through the last days of His earthly ministry. In the most profound story of sacrifice and renewal ever told, the pages of scripture that document the crucifixion and resurrection will evoke powerful emotions and inspire thanksgiving and praise for the most extraordinary gift we have ever received!

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Further, as we celebrate so much in this wonderful month of April, I can't forget to share the two other special days we have to commemorate! My husband Bill's birthday is on the 6th. And, our special boy, Jacob-Milo, will celebrate his 5th Gotcha Day (and ca. 7th birthday) on the 23rd! For those of you who aren't familiar with our birthday celebrations, you can tune in to our Facebook and Instagram pages to see the photo essay of the special day.

LAST THOUGHT

I can't tell you how grateful I am that you're taking time out of your busy day to read and review this newsletter. I strive to pack it with useful, helpful, and uplifting material and hope that each month, you will look forward to receiving the newest edition. I'd be so happy to hear your feedback -no matter what!, good or not so good- so that I can ensure the content meets the needs of those of you who are receiving it. There are so many ways to contact me including email at LetsPawsToPray@gmail.com, FB Messenger, via my website PawsToPray.ca, and of course, the traditional ways for which contact info is added at the end of the email.

So, thank you once again, for being part of the Paws To Pray Pack. Sending you many blessings and wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!













Healing

April is a particularly hard month for me as I continue to grieve three significant losses. In 2017 on April 1st, our boy Thomas, at age 14, left us for the Rainbow Bridge without much warning. Just a year later, on April 5th, Teegan Marie (aged 13) joined her brother there. Those two Norfolk Terriers had been as special to us as any human children could ever be. Then, only 24 short months later, on April 5th, 2020, my beloved Pops lost his battle with bladder cancer and left a huge hole in my heart and void in our family. As a writer, I find that putting words to paper is most therapeutic and when I was at one of my lowest, darkest points, I wrote this short essay: A Mother's Love.

Grief can become incredibly destructive but, it can also teach us lessons that help us to navigate through life after loss. Using a grief journal to identify the areas where you are struggling the most can help you to deal with your loss and all the emotions that are overwhelming you on a daily basis. You can find a free, downloadable Grief Journal here.

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Understanding

Last month, in my article entitled Pet Parenthood: Seven Important Things to Consider Before Adopting a Puppy we discussed many of the details we need to think about when we're planning to adopt a puppy. So, naturally, after the adoption papers are signed and we bring baby home (or even an older rescue pup) the way we structure our time together with our new furkid over the next several weeks is more than critical! In my latest essay, "Decompress For Less Stress", I take a closer look at the things we should (and shouldn't) do when we bring our new fur-kid home.

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Devotion

With so much emotion, from both sides of the spectrum, packed into the month of April, I wanted to pay tribute to the special little fur-kid who, tiny in body, made a gargantuan difference in my ife.

On the 23rd, we will celebrate Jacob~Milo's 5th Gotcha Day and in recognition of the impact he's made in, not just my life, but that of our entire family, I wrote Jacob-Milo: A Rescue Story.



Pampering

Since we're celebrating two very special birthdays in our family this month, I thought it was only fitting to share my recipes for the delicious banana bread cake and cream cheese icing that our whole family, 2leggeds and 4-leggeds alike, can enjoy together. Over the years this has been my go-to for marking the special days of each of our fur-kids!

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Download your free copy of my Easter Week Reading Plan and beginning Saturday, April 1st, follow along on the Jesus' journey through the last week of His earthly ministry.

With the EWRP Journal, you can record thoughts and notes and at the end of the book there are questions to reflect on what we have learned.

I pray we're all blessed as we follow along together through the most profound story ever told.

God Bless

Next Month :

Some of the highlights for the May 1st issue of **deTails** will include celebrating International Pet Month and Mother's Day.

We'll also discuss "picky eaters" and I'll share a top selling *Norfolk* **Nibbles Treat Boutique** recipe for Peanut Better Perfection cookies.

See you next month!



