

4 Things Every Pet Owner Should Know When Choosing A Pet Sitter

1. When is my pet happiest and most content?

Pet ownership in the United States is continually on the rise. Currently, 63 percent of all American households have pets. The US pet population includes some 73 million dogs, 90 million cats and 16 million birds plus fish, hamsters and other animals.[1] These pets are happiest when they're home, surrounded by familiar sights, smells and sounds.

2. What pet care options are available to suit my family and lifestyle?

For many years, pet owners faced a dilemma when they had to be away from home. Limited care options were available. One choice was boarding at a kennel or vet. Another was turning to family, friends, neighbors or a professional boarder. But these solutions were seldom ideal.

A new alternative - pet sitting - has changed all that. Today, pet sitters - professional pet caregivers - look after an animal or animals, at home, while their owner is away. Pet sitting has taken the anxiety out of leaving a pet behind, which is why it is one of the nation's fastest growing industries.

3. What makes pet sitting an ideal option for most pet owners and their beloved pets?

Pet sitting offers the best of all worlds - for pets and their owners. Trauma is minimized. Owners need not go through the ordeal of transporting unhappy pets and worrying that they might be exposed to other animals' illnesses. Animals get to stay in their familiar environment, maintain their diet and exercise routine and are attended to by caring professionals

Professional pet sitting allows owners to confidently leave their pets home, knowing that they'll receive the love and care they so rightly deserve.

4. What are the benefits of hiring a professional pet sitter?

Using a professional pet sitter reaps benefits for both pets and their owners.

Once you experience professional pet care in your home, you'll never worry about being away from your pet again.

For the Pet

Benefits to your pet include:

- Staying at home in his/her safe, secure environment
- Being surrounded by familiar sights, smells and sounds
- Following his/her regular diet and exercise routine
- Having play time
- Receiving love and personal attention
- Maintaining medical treatment, when required
- Having someone responsible in case of an emergency
- Eliminating the trauma of travel or an unfamiliar environment
- Ensuring good health (no exposure to other animals' illness or parasites)

For the Owner

Benefits to you include:

- Knowing that your pet is in caring, loving hands
- Having the confidence that the pet sitter can deal with other issues - such as grooming, vet visits
- Eliminating the trauma of having to transport and leave your pet
- Not having to impose on family, friends or neighbors
- Feeling your home is more secure (with someone going in and out several times a day)

Not all pet sitters are created equal, in hiring a pet sitter, it is important to make sure you have chosen the right person to care for your beloved animal. **At WeCare4Pets** background checks are run on all of our pet sitters. Our sitters are also Pet CPR and First Aid Certified.