

# Pet Sitting Information Sheet

Courtesy of Boredom Busters Pet Care LLC

## **What is pet sitting?**

Pet sitting is the act of caring for one's pet while the owner is away. Obviously as the pet owner, you should prefer the care to be completed by a reliable, competent individual.

## **Who cares for my pet?**

Ideally you would look for a 'people & pet friendly' adult. Just because a person is great with pets, doesn't mean their a pleasure to deal with...I am happy to say that 'people & pet friendly adults are the only individuals we have on staff ☺

We love that our sitters become attached to the pets in their care. We do our best to have one person dedicated as 'your' pet's sitter. However, we also realize that vacations, occasional illness, or emergencies are a fact of life for pet sitters as well. So we do insist on a backup staff member to be familiar with your needs as well. Better safe and prepared, than sorry and disappointed.

## **Where does pet sitting take place?**

Pet sitting services are most typically performed within the owner's home. Before any services are booked, a pet sitter will visit your home and meet you and your pet (s). Information is gathered. Keys are shared. The pet sitter then visits your home to care for your pet during the times you have agreed upon.

## **When would be the best time to get started with a pet sitting service?**

The best time to become familiar with a pet sitting service is as far before your trip as possible. This way everyone can get to know each other and become comfortable with the process. And let's be honest ... if for any reason you or your pet are not comfortable with the person visiting...it allows you time to meet someone else! On the flip side, if they are not comfortable, they can refer you to a pet sitter that may be better suited to your home and pet.

## **Why would I want to use the services of a pet sitter when I could just ask my neighbor?**

Neighbors love to help each other. They love to know lots of 'things' about their surroundings. But, do they always want to be in your home 3 – 4 times **per day** for a week? Maybe they had other plans (and we just too polite to say anything).

The long and short of it is...sometimes the neighbor is relieved a professional sitter is helping out; in some other cases maybe not. Only you would know if you are intruding on time your neighbor would rather be using for themselves. What I do know is this...MANY times once one person uses the service of a pet sitter, the neighbors ask how their experience was...and usually for the sitter's information.

## **How much notice does a pet sitter need to help with a pet care request?**

A minimum of a week is kind. Kindness is well appreciated. By nature, most professional pet sitters LOVE to help. BUT... when requests come in last minute, it can throw a terrible wrench into their day (and many times their own plans) and even create a whirl wind of guilt because they really don't want to (but may have to) say no. The best advice is...please give as much notice as you possibly can, so they may care for your pet and be able to plan their lives as well ☺.

## **Where does Boredom Busters Pet Care provide services?**

We are a smaller-medium pet sitting service catering to specific towns within the Morris/Sussex part of the state. We like to know our staff and our clients. If we were to grow too big...that would be just much more unlikely! Our service area has been (and remains)

Morris County:

Morristown, Morris Township, Morris Plains, Randolph, Mount Arlington, Roxbury, Netcong & Mount Olive...

Sussex County: Stanhope & Hopatcong

**If you would like to talk to us about getting started with pet sitting services please call 973-770-2229. Thank you for your time!**