

## HELP US HELP YOU!

### PREPARING YOUR HOME & YOUR PET



Prior to leaving, please be sure that we have everything we need to properly care for your pet(s). We will call to confirm your date and time of departure. However, if for some reason you didn't get our message, be sure to call before you leave. It's very important that we are all "on the same page" for your departure and return.

A few last minute preparations can make a big difference. We ask that you leave everything necessary to care for your pet in one general visible area such as the kitchen counter or laundry room.

- o Food
- o Treats
- o Food/Water Bowls
- o Medications
- o Toys
- o Leashes/Collars
- o Pet Carrier
- o Brush/Comb
- o Litter/Scoop/Liners
- o Plastic Grocery Bags
- o Spoon for wet food
- o Can Opener
- o Carpet Cleaner
- o Cleaning supplies
- o Vacuum/Dust Buster
- o Broom/Dustpan
- o Dish Soap
- o Lots of Paper Towels
- o Clean Rags/Old Towels



- Make sure your pet has a collar that fits; not too big, not too small. Put ID tags on all collars.
- Leave toys for your pet to play with while you're away.
- Leave a tee shirt you've recently worn where your pet sleeps for a security blanket.
- Inform us of anything that may be out of the ordinary (sinks that don't drain properly, toilet that overflows, etc.)
- Stock up on enough pet food and kitty litter to last the entire time you are away and then some in case you are delayed in returning. However, we don't mind running to the store for you if you don't mind the extra charge.

- We don't flush cat litter so please leave us plenty of plastic bags for disposal.
- If your pet is having an "under the weather" week, let us know.
- If you have a security alarm system, please notify the company that a pet sitter will be coming to your home and give them our name and phone number.
- Most pet visits consist of early morning and evening visits. We would appreciate it if you would leave one or two lights on or set up timer lights so we won't have to walk into a dark house.
- Make sure all doors, sliders and windows are secured including the garage before leaving. We will keep the garage entrance door locked unless you tell us otherwise.
- Put away and secure all small valuables.
- Leaving a television or radio on while you're away can be an excellent crime deterrent and good companionship for your pet.
- To prevent damage from electrical storms or pet injuries (chewers), unplug any unnecessary appliances.
- If there are areas of your home that is off limits to your pet(s), please shut the door or gate the area.
- Inform your neighbors of your absence and that you have contracted our services. We will need to know who has access to your home. Should we arrive and find things out of place or a stranger in your home, we will call the police first and ask questions later.
- If you rent, give your landlord our name and number in case of an emergency. Please provide us with your landlord's contact information as well.
- Count heads right before you leave. You wouldn't want to lock anyone in a closet.
- Be sure to let us know if your departure or return is delayed, and take our card with you so you can call us.