



Vacation Pet Care – Expectations and Responsibilities Pet Guardian

Companion Care and Safety - Outside & On Walks

Communicate desired number, timing and duration of walks	
Convey training routine and special instructions	Alert pet sitter as to dog's bathroom habits (ie. some dogs prefer their yards for relieving themselves, etc.)
Provide appropriate leash and collar / harness in good condition	Provide walking aids in case of dogs who 'pull,' such as a head harness or a specialty collar (we can sometimes provide our own)
Provide appropriate clothing for your pooch (ie. winter coat or raincoat, boots, etc.)	
Alert us as to local areas to avoid and / or where strange dogs are known to be off-leash	

Companion Care and Safety - In home & Alone

Provide ample food and treats	Communicate any food sensitivities, food-related aggression, etc.
Leave name of food in case we run out	
Provide any medication with clear instructions & vet contact info	Confirm that 6hrs is an appropriate timespan for dog to be left alone; if not, confirm shorter period during initial consultation.
Alert pet sitter of housebreaking issue, chewing, etc.	Provide safe & authorized chew toys / bones
Alert pet sitter of concerns regarding potential escapes (ie. holes in fence)	

Home Care and Maintenance

Alert pet-sitter of home maintenance concerns (ie. appliances not functioning, leaking pipes, etc.)
Provide contact information for home maintenance emergencies
Provide towels / products for cleaning dog after muddy / rainy / snowy walks
Provide cleaning products and instructions for anticipated pet messes (we recommend enzyme cleaners)
Provide ample kitty litter or name of preferred brand
Communicate recycling / trash instructions (ie. time and date, sorting instructions, location of bins)

Home Safety and Discretion

Alert pet sitter of other people possibly accessing property during vacation	
Convey procedures for rotating lights & communicate any lights that are on timers	
Confirm policy on answering phone	Confirm policy on divulging information to neighbours
Provide working key	Alert pet sitter of any 'quirky' locks in house
Special instructions for inside door to garage (ie. should it be left unlocked)	

Communication & Professionalism

Confirm time of departure within 24 hours
Leave note outlining any last-minute pet or house-related concerns
Confirm method of communication (ie. text, phone, email) while at home and away
If desired, confirm desired method and frequency of updates during vacation (typically email)
Important: Confirm arrival home ASAP & arrange for return of key promptly, if applicable.

Additional Instructions / Requests:
