

Pet Sitter Checklist

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- Before Leaving your Pet
 - Arrange an initial home visit to familiarise your pet with their new minder.
 - Make sure the pet sitter and your pet get along together.
 - Schedule for feeding & walking.
 - Make sure to have plenty of food, litter and medical supplies available.
 - Have all food, toys and cleaning equipment in easy to find locations.
 - Close any rooms you don't want your pets to access and lock if need be.
 - Clean tanks, cages, kennels, etc just before pet sitter arrives.
 - Leave contact details of where you'll be and the number for your vet.
 - Have a neighbour, relative or friend who knows your pets well on standby.
- Getting your Pet Ready
 - Ensure that your pet is licensed and has all the appropriate identification equipment
 - If your pet has any health problems then get them taken care of.
 - Have your per registered at the local animal shelters.
- Rules for Your Pet
 - Is pet allowed outside at certain times only?
 - Is your pet an inside or outside animal?
 - Is your pet only allowed to eat certain foods?
 - Is your pet allowed to eat between meals?
 - Is your pet allowed on the furniture or beds?
 - What is your policy on scratching furniture or carpets?
 - Do you have any methods of punishment for breaking of rules?
- Pet Supplies
 - Pet bedding.
 - Tanks, cages, kennels etc.
 - Food, drinks and treats, include bowls and food containers.
 - Health care products and medications.
 - Toilet equipment.

- Pooper scoopers, mops, buckets and cleaning products.
- Toys and play items.
- Walking and exercise equipment.
- Cleaning and/or grooming equipment.
- Travelling items.