

# 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.