

PET SITTING CONTRACT

The parties to this contract and agreement are:

Client Name	
Address	

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Owner")

AND

Pet Sitter Name	
Address	

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Sitter")

The parties choose the above stated addresses as their physical addresses at which legal proceedings may be instituted.

Whereas the Owner wishes to engage the Sitter and the Sitter agrees to undertake the services under the terms and provisions defined in this Pet Sitting Contract, Pet Information sheet(s) and the Veterinary Release Form which shall all become part of this Contract. Any reference to pets in this contract shall refer to those specified on the Pet Information sheet(s)..

Compensation

The Sitter shall be paid the total amount of	
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Additional fees may include the purchase of necessary items for the care of the pet(s), including but not limited to pet food, litter or cleaning supplies, transportation, unexpected visits and emergency expenses for health care. The Sitter shall retain and submit receipts as proof of additional expenses.

This Pet Sitting Contract shall come into effect on the date:	/ /
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And Shall:

Terminate on the date:	/ /
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The term of this Pet Sitting Contract may be extended if requested by the Owner and so accepted by the Sitter.

The onus shall be on the Owner to confirm his/her return and his/her availability to resume care of the property and pet(s) prior to or on the last day of this contract term failing which the Sitter may perform additional visits in the interest of the pet(s).

Any additional visits or duties shall be calculated at:	per visit
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Cancellation or Termination

Either party may terminate this Pet Sitting Contract a minimum of 48 (forty-eight) hours prior to the first scheduled visit without incurring penalties or damages.

Failure by the Owner to cancel by giving the minimum notice required or any cancellation during recognized holiday periods will result in a 30% cancellation fee of the total amount due, unless such cancellation is caused by severe weather, death in the family or a medical emergency.

Where the Sitter as sole proprietor needs to cancel later than 48 hours prior to the Owner's departure due to unforeseen circumstances, he/she may appoint a substitute with the written approval of the Owner and any difference in the fees charged shall be for the account of the Sitter.

Should any pet become aggressive or dangerous, the Sitter may:

- Arrange with the pet's Guardian to assume responsibility for the pet until the Owner's return;
- Place the pet into a kennel or animal care facility at the Owner's expense if the Guardian is unable or unwilling to assume responsibility for the pet.

Liability

The Sitter will perform the duties required to the best of his/her ability in a responsible manner.

The Sitter accepts no liability for any breach of security or loss of or damage to the Owner's property if any other person has access to the property during the term of this agreement.
 The Sitter shall not be liable for any mishap of whatsoever nature which may befall a pet or caused by a pet who has unsupervised access to the outdoors.
 The Owner shall be liable for all medical expenses and damages resulting from an injury to the Sitter caused by the pet as well as damage to the Owner's property.
 The Sitter is released from all liability related to transporting pet(s) to and from any veterinary clinic or kennel, the medical treatment of the pet(s) and the expense thereof.
 The owner agrees that should the pet become destructive or if there is a time where it benefits the safety and wellbeing of the pet that the pet be put into a cage and the door locked.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, the Sitter shall contact the Owner at the numbers provided to confirm the Owner's choice of action. If the Owner cannot be reached timeously, the Sitter is authorized to:

- Transport the pet(s) to the listed veterinarian;
- Request on-site treatment from a veterinarian; .
- Transport the pet(s) to an emergency clinic if the previous two options are not feasible.

Security

The Sitter warrants to keep safe and confidential all keys, remote control entry devices, access codes and personal information of the Owner and to return same to the Owner at the end of the contract period or immediately on demand.

Whole Agreement

This Pet Sitting Contract and Pet and Owner's Info Sheet(s) and the Veterinary Release Form attached constitute the sole and entire agreement between the parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and the parties waive the right to rely on any alleged expressed or implied provision not contained therein. Any alteration to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

Assignment

No party may assign any of its rights or delegate or assign any of its obligations in terms of this Pet Sitting Contract without the prior written consent of the other party, except if inclement weather or a bona fide emergency prohibits the Sitter from fulfilling his/her duties in which event the pet's Guardian may be called upon to care for the pet(s).

General

The parties agree that any or all parts of this agreement may be submitted to the other party in legible and recordable electronic form and upon acknowledgement of receipt by the receiving party shall become valid parts of the agreement.

Paragraph headings are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to have any effect in the interpretation or determining of rights or obligations under this agreement.

Where appropriate words signifying one gender shall include the other and words signifying the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

Signed by the Owner who warrants his/her authority to enter into this agreement	
Date of Signature	/ /
Signed by the Sitter who warrants his/her authority to enter into this agreement	
Date of Signature	/ /