

Dog Boating VS Dog Sitting

What is best for your pets health?

You are heading out-of-town for business, holidays, wedding or family reunion and you've got your travel plans and accommodation sorted but what to do with your furbaby? How do you choose between dog kennels or dog sitters?

You might be thinking - Do they like to socialise with other animals and have playtime or are they too fearful and socially unpredictable? Will they adapt to a new environment or are they better off at home? Will they be alone at night?

In a national study of pet ownership, Animal Medicine Australia revealed finding affordable boarding is one of the key difficulties experienced by pet owners.

Owner want your pet to be safe, cared for and comfortable while they are away but every four-legged family members is different so we explore how to find the best care your furbaby.

Dog Sitter

The RSPCA Queensland recommends there are advantages to pet sitting over other pet-care options, particular when the pet is cared for in its own home.

"Pets are happier and experience less stress in a home environment," the RSPCA Queensland explains.

"Diet and exercise routines are continued, travel trauma for the pet is minimised and the pet's exposure to illness is minimised."

Pet sitters is a more attentive form of care as sitter will generally have fewer pets to care and are able to provide one-on-one time with your pet.

Your furry family member will also not be left alone in the evenings.

Dr Ken Tudor, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, told PetMD.com pet sitting reduces stress to your dog, especially with live-in sitters, as it is as close to the pet's normal environment as possible.

"[Pets] show signs of stress when their owners are away but it tends to be less severe when they are in the familiar surroundings of their own homes," Dr Tudor said.

"In 30 years I have yet to treat stress induced bloody colitis in a pet that has been cared for by a sitter."

With PetCloud.com you can choose a sitter in your local area who is suited to your pets exercise, social and health needs with many have accreditations, checks and even qualifications.

PetCloud's CEO and Founder Deb Morrison advises pet sitting can be beneficial for pets.

"Pet sitting in a home environment is often the perfect choice for small to medium-sized dogs, those who are used to sleeping indoors and prefer lots of one-on-one care and attention", said Deb Morrison.

Whether at your place or there's PetCloud sitters charge from \$15 to \$50 per pet, per day and will love your furbaby like their own.

Dog Boarding

The RSPCA recommends to visit the boarding facility site in person to check living conditions and housing areas to assess if you are comfortable with the space provided and general conditions.

“Find out what sorts of daily procedures they have in place for providing food and water, exercising, cleaning and observation/care of the animals...and if the facility have contact with a veterinarian in the area in case of any medical problems arising,” the RSPCA advises.

Dr Tudor advises stress is the biggest problem with boarding of any sort as pets are uncomfortable outside their normal environment.

“Often stress results in vomiting and diarrhoea... fear and timidity may reduce appetites and often pets will loss weigh when boarded,” Dr Tudor said.

Dog boarding facilities can lead to increased rise of diseases and distress caused by the volume of pets in the facility with varying levels of care requirements and anxiety level.

Many kennels will not have a staff member staying at the facility overnight, meaning pets are left alone.

Price range varies as much as the quality of dog boarding facility and pricing for boarding alternatives, like pet hotels with amenities, can quickly become expensive depending on the level of services and add-ons chosen.

Why not treat your pet like a star with a trusted sitter you have hand selected from www.petcloud.com.au?

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