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This exact scenario prompted PetCloud CEO Deb Morrison to join forces with National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers to ensure all pet owners can access the right care for their fur babies and continue to enjoy the benefits of pet ownership.

“Our mission at PetCloud is to make responsible pet care easy and we do this through a raft of services including pet sitting, dog walking, doggy day care, house visits and pet taxis, which are only ever a click or call away,” Deb said.

“PetCloud has over 30,000 pet sitters, drivers and dog walkers located in local communities right across Australia who are ready to help connect pets to the vital services they need.”

Around a fifth (18%) of Australians have a disability and there are expected to be around 460,000 participants on the NDIS once it's rolled out, prompting national pet care service PetCloud to work with NDIS providers to ensure participants' pets can get groomed, exercised and driven to their check-ups.

Australia's leading NDIS plan manager Leap in!, along with Spinal Life which supports people with spinal cord damage and other physical disabilities, have become the first NDIS providers to collaborate with PetCloud, providing their clients with access to the platform's services, which Leap in! CEO Andrew Kiel said would make pet ownership easier for participants.

“Pets play an important and often unsung role in supporting NDIS participants to achieve their goals and improve their physical and mental wellbeing. PetCloud's services, such as dog walking and pet taxis, are valuable for people with disabilities and make it possible for all Australians to access the support they need to take care of their pets,” Andrew said.

“Research shows pets have a calming effect that can assist to decrease blood pressure and cholesterol, their love and loyalty can ease feelings of loneliness, and dogs also create opportunities for exercise, outdoor activities and socialisation, so we want to remove any barriers to pet ownership for Australians who are most in need of an animal companion,” Deb added.

Part owned by RSPCA Queensland, PetCloud is the industry leader in responsible pet care services. All sitters and drivers have been trained in animal handling, are police checked and fully insured.

NDIS participants can book a pet sitter, pet taxi or dog walker via PetCloud's Concierge Team on [ndis@petcloud.com.au](mailto:ndis@petcloud.com.au) or 07 3185 2370.

Download the PetCloud App from the App Store or Google Play or visit [www.petcloud.com](http://www.petcloud.com)

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PetCloud is the industry leader in responsible pet care services. The Australian owned and run company offers a safe, convenient and affordable way for pet owners to find someone to look after their pet whether they require pet sitting, dog walking or a pet taxi. The platform is part owned by RSPCA Queensland with PetCloud's Customer Support run through the RSPCA Qld's National Call Centre. Guided by experts and industry leaders, PetCloud is Australia's most trusted and reliable pet sitting platform. PetCloud is a social impact organisation, which plays a positive role in helping to change the lives of pets and people in Australia.

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