

RSPCA Property Checklist

Both Sitters and Pet Owners must take joint responsibility in ensuring the entire property is safe, secure, hazard-free, and escape proof. Every property and every pet is different. Be alert for other hazards that are not listed.

Your number 1 priority is ensuring visiting pets cannot escape.

Outside Checks for Dogs and Puppies - (Cats and Kittens should never be outside).

	Security Check: Entry points to the backyard and front yard areas are securely blocked.
	Fence is Sturdy - Is the fence flimsy, poorly constructed or poorly maintained, or inappropriate for containing dogs (such as an electric containment system)?
	Fences are high enough and have no gaps below, through, or above - Is the fence high enough to prevent the dog escaping? Remember to consider the gate as well as the fence height; the height at the lowest point determines whether or not an animal can jump out.
	No Slopes enable pets to jump over - Does the slope of the land or adjacent furniture make the fence less secure (facilitating escape either over or under the fence)?
	No Gaps between fence palings or under - Are there gaps or holes in the fence that may allow an animal to squeeze through? Dogs can be very determined to squeeze through gaps between palings and spaces in wire mesh. Pay particular attention to gaps under fences. Ensure they are low enough to prevent the dog from escaping under.
	Gate Bolts or Latches in order - Do the gates have latches that are easy to use and can keep the gates securely closed?
	Bodies of Water are fenced: Are there unfenced water features, such as a pool, fish pond or dam? Many pool fences won't exclude a small dog or puppy, and they can drown if they accidentally fall in and are unable to get out.
	Moving Cars: Do cars back out through the dog containment area? If so, how will the dog be kept safe from the moving vehicle?
	Rocks and Seeds and Poisonous Plants or Litter: Are there other potential hazards in the yard, such as macadamia nuts, palm tree seeds, poisonous plants, or garden rocks?
	Shade and Shelter: Is there adequate shade and shelter to protect the animal from the full force of the sun throughout the day and/or to escape adverse weather during thunderstorms?

	Remember, shade areas move throughout the day. It is important that shade is available ALL day long.
	Access to food: The pets have access to food throughout the day. To avoid ants, the bowl is placed in a shallow tray of water.
	Cozy Sleeping Spot - The pet has access to somewhere comfortable to sleep
	Toileting area - The pet has access to the yard or to puppy pads, potty grass, kitty litter
	Enrichment Toys - Pets have access to toys where they have to forage or work to get a treat. Fresh raw meaty beef or lamb bones plus squeaky and soft comfort toys.
	Drinking Water - The pets have access to a full water bowl all day
	Escape proof - You have walked around the entire perimeter of the property to check there are no means of escape.

Indoor Checks for Pets - (Cats & Kittens must be kept indoors 100% of the time).

	Security: entry points to the pet's area must be securely blocked at all times
	Cords: Are there potential hazards indoors, such as electrical cords and curtain cords?
	Toxic Food: Toxic food is out of reach such as chocolate, garlic, onion, grapes, sorbitol, macadamia nuts
	Toxic substances: Washing powers, cleaning products, and alcohol are out of reach from the pet
	Latches - Are latches on the windows/doors secure? Could the cat/kitten dog/puppy potentially wiggle them open?
	Screens - Are screens used to create a barrier? If so, screens must be in a good state of repair.
	Bars - Are security bars used to create a barrier? If so, the spaces between the bars must be small enough that a cat/kitten dog/puppy cannot squeeze through or become trapped.
	Windows - Are there high, relatively inaccessible windows that remain open but may be accessed by a cat via furniture, such as bookshelves?

	Doors - Are there certain doors that must remain closed to keep the cat/kitten dog/puppy secure? Will children or other family members remember and reliably stick to these rules?
	Everyday household items - Are there normal household items that may become a hazard for playful pets, particularly if they are bored? Sharp objects, candles, and fish tanks are obvious hazards.
	Ventilation - If the house is relying on doors and windows to be closed to keep the cat/kitten dog/puppy secure, will the room be too hot/stuffy in summer?
	Access to food: The pets have access to food throughout the day. To avoid ants, the bowl is placed in a shallow tray of water.
	Cozy Sleeping Spot - The pet has access to somewhere comfortable to sleep
	Toileting area - The pet has access to puppy pads, potty grass trays, or kitty litter.
	Enrichment Toys - Pets have access to toys where they have to forage or work to get a treat. Fresh raw meaty beef or lamb bones plus squeaky and soft comfort toys.
	Drinking Water - The pets have access to a full water bowl all day
	Clean and Hygienic - the overall standard of hygiene and cleanliness at the property, including the disposal of waste materials; to a level that is appropriate to accommodate humans and pets.

<p>I have done a full property walk through and walked around the perimeter. The above information is true and correct, all residents of the property are aware of the above information. My pet has been introduced to the Sitter's own pets. I hereby agree to the PetCloud terms and conditions.</p>	<p>Pet Owner Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
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Questions Pet Owners typically ask during a Meet Greet

- What previous experience have you had in minding pets?
- What dog breeds and types of pets do you have experience in minding?
- Will there be other pets or children will be present when the pet stay takes place?
- How often will you be home with my pet? Do you have other full time work commitments? Are you home on weekends?
- Have you done PetCloud's online Pet Sitter Training course?
- Do you have references or reviews?
- Why do you like being a Pet Sitter?
- Are you insured? (with PetCloud every Sitter is insured, as we pay for all our Sitters nationally to be insured)
- How often do you answer your phone if I need to contact you?
- Where will you be taking my dog for a walk during the stay? Are there parks or beaches?
- What do you normally do in the event of a Veterinary emergency?
- What would you do if my pet escaped in order to recover them?
- How far away is your nearest Vet located and are they 24hrs?
- Do you have a car and license in event of emergency or trips to the groomers?

Observation: Watch your pet's interaction with the Sitter and or their pets. Do they seem to get along? Get your pet sitter to take your pet for a short walk and say a few basic commands like 'sit', 'stay', 'leave it', 'lie down' and do they come when the sitter calls their name? You are trying to assess whether they handle/control your pet when out in public situations.

Booking Details

Pet Owner Name: _____ Arrival Time [Date | Time]

Phone Number: _____ Depart time [Date | Time]

Address If applicable

Booking Services
Requested

Daily photo updates will be uploaded to your PetCloud inbox by the Sitter.

Notes: