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THINGS TO CONSIDER
WHEN CHOOSING A PET MINDER

QUALIFICATIONS &
EXPERIENCE

FACILITIES

CARE PACKAGES

TESTIMONIALS

INSURANCE

VALUE

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DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE?



Anyone can say they can look after a pet, it really isn't a difficult job, cuddles, some food and water and a walk around the block. However the level of care is different and it's the smaller things that could turn into big things that only professionals can see.

We are professional veterinary nurses and animal industry personal, meaning we can provide a higher level of care to your fur-baby.

- Would someone notice the smaller things, like increased water intake enough to pick up early renal disease, or see the changes in your fur-babies voice/demeanour to recognise the risk of tick paralysis and know what treatment to seek?
- What if your fur-baby is on medication and the dose is incorrect, they have a reaction or a relapse, could your pet minder deal with the situation properly and effectively?
- How much experience in the animal world have they had? Are they new or have they been around for a number of years?
- Do they have testimonials or other clients you can speak to?

These are all things you need to consider when leaving your beloved fur-baby in someone's hands.



DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT & DO THEY COME TO YOUR HOME?



Ensuring your fur-babies safety is just as important as their happiness, while you are away. It is important to check that the area they are staying is safe and secure, here are some things to look out for

- Is the fencing secure and stable?
- Is there room for them to run?
- Is the area and home clean and tidy, are there any smells?
- Is there an undercover area or shaded area to rest?
- Is there plenty of water available and are the bowls clean?
- Is there somewhere they can shelter from the weather?
- Is there plenty of bedding and what condition is it in, is it clean?
- Can they come inside the home?
- Are you required to bring your own food?
You should be doing this as a change in diet can cause gastro upsets (not fun for anyone)
- Do they request to see your vaccination certificate and require flea/worm/tick prevention? This will decrease any chances of diseases and parasites being spread.
- If they are coming to your home - are they police checked?
- If they are coming to your home - what vibe do you feel? Always trust your instinct.



DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT CARE PACKAGE FOR YOUR PET?

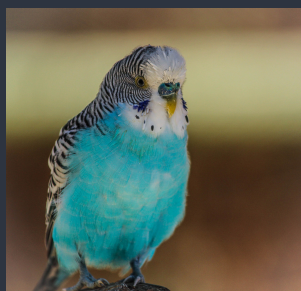
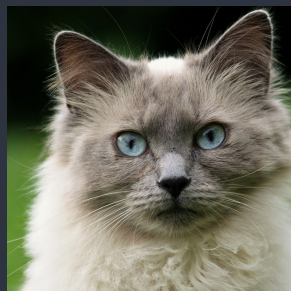
Each fur-baby is different and has it's own needs, it's important to consider these when you are selecting your pet minder.

- Can your pet minder accommodate most if not all of your requests and needs?
 - Will your fur-baby have almost the same routine?
- If your fur-baby requires medication can this be given correctly, dose and time wise?
 - Is your pet minder flexible and happy to keep you updated?
 - Can fur-babies be separated into different areas if need be?



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OTHER CUSTOMERS?

This is a great thing to check out! Most businesses won't have bad reviews posted on their websites, so do your research, check out their facebook, or other social media sites – are there reviews or comments on status' or photos? Do they have more than a handful of reviews? Can you contact any of their clients and get a recommendation? Your vet clinic, community facebook pages and dog parks are great sources too, have you seen their names recommended or have they been spoken about at the local park or vet?



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ARE THEY INSURED AND HAVE THEY BEEN POLICE
CHECKED?

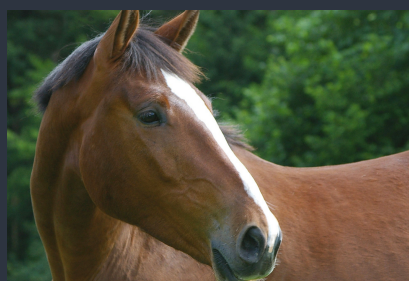
Heaven forbid any mishaps happen, but what if they did? Most small, independent pet minders don't actually have any insurance, meaning if something did happen either the pet minder or yourself you have to pay for damages. These damages may not only be veterinary bills, but damage to third parties or property. Larger pet minding companies will generally have insurance, just for that extra peace of mind. It's worth asking your pet minder if they do have any insurance.





ARE YOU GETTING WHAT YOU PAY FOR?

You may ask why there is such a difference in price with some companies, the answer is simple, you get what you pay for. Kennels can have up to 50 animals in their care at any one time, so how much time will your fur-baby get with a human and how much time do they spend out of their run? If you select someone to have your fur-baby in their home chances are you will pay a little more, why? Because it's likely your fur-baby is the only one in their home at the time, meaning one on one care and LOADS of attention. If you are getting someone to visit in your home, there is the travel time consideration to be taken in, sometimes the carer will drive half an hour each way to visit and then spend 45mins with your fur-baby, so nearly 2 hours of their time is taken by one visit, again there are only so many hours in a day to drive between jobs and in our case work too - most of us work in clinic as a nurse as well. Then there are overheads like above, insurance, and other goodies that they need to ensure your fur-baby is safe and happy.



DO THEY HAVE BACK UP IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG?

Another big consideration, what if something happened to your pet minder, does the business have a back up? Individual pet minders generally don't have a team of people they can rely on and if something popped up then your fur-baby may not get the care they need. When you go with a pet minding company with more than one person you get the backup option, you know that someone will be able to care for your fur-baby if your pet minder becomes unwell, car breaks down or there is a family emergency.

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WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?



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