

COZY CAT INN BOARDING & SITTER TIPS

Avoid frustrations and spur of the moment decisions by taking the time to tour prospective boarding facilities and/or interviewing sitters before you require their service. From a pet's perspective... no kennel will ever replace the comfort of being at home on the couch with the family that adores him/her. If the idea of relinquishing the keys to your home makes you uncomfortable, boarding is the only option. The quality of accommodations may vary greatly. Things to look for when choosing a boarding facility...

- Is the boarding area strictly for cats ?
- Is it accredited, permitted, licensed/bonded/insured, inspected ?
- Does it look and smell clean?
- Is it well ventilated, and a comfortable temperature ?
- Does it look like a cat could escape the boarding area ?
- Is the staff friendly and knowledgeable ?
- What is their evacuation plan ?
- What is the vaccine policy ?
- Can vaccines be waived if deemed not medically advised by your veterinarian ?
- If a hospital environment, how are the sick cats isolated from the boarding area ?
- Are tours permitted ?
- Do they offer reasonable / flexible hours / weekend or evening hours ?
- Do they offer pick up and delivery if needed ?
- What are the policies for fleas, bathing and grooming ?
- How often are the kennel areas frequented/ rounds performed ?
- Who's responsibility is it to perform rounds and give medications? (kennel assistant/ technician/ students) ?
- What if your cat requires medical attention ?
- Are they able to medicate?
- Is there a medicating fee ?
- Are the hours of operation conducive to the medication needs ?
- Do they have a policy regarding preferred foods and/or prohibited foods ?
- What is supplied ?
- What can you bring from home ?
- Is there areas for privacy for timid cats to hide in ?
- Do the cats have bedding to lie on ?
- Is there a common exercise area, if so how do they sanitize it in between cats ?
- Is there access to outdoor areas ?
- What is the size of the kennel ?
- What is the rate?
- Is there multi levels ?
- Are there views outside or views of anything entertaining from the kennels ?
- Is there a multi- pet discount ?
- Is there long term rates ?
- Do they have a system for monitoring and recording your cats daily activities (appetite etc) ? (report card)
- Will you receive a copy of their report card?
- Did they ask you anything about you cat or its individual needs ?
- For your convenience...Did they provide you with any necessary forms which would be required prior to a boarding admission ?

Comparing options will afford you the peace of mind knowing that your cat(s) are safe and comfortable while you are away.

The Cozy Cat Inn answers to all of these questions may be found in our policies or by scheduling a tour.