



Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

Caring for your pet while you're on holidays

You must consider what arrangements you are going to make for the care of your cat or dog when you decide to go away on holidays.

The nature of the arrangement will depend on how long you plan to be away and on your particular pet.

The most appropriate care option is to arrange for your pet to go to a licensed boarding kennel or cattery.

You may need to make a booking for your pet well in advance if your holiday is during a peak period such as school breaks, Easter or Christmas.

It is important to keep your pet's vaccinations up to date.

As most reputable kennels or catteries will only accept animals which have proof of up to date vaccinations against infectious diseases (in cats these are **feline enteritis, cat flu and feline leukaemia virus** and in dogs they are **canine distemper, canine infectious hepatitis and canine parvovirus**).

For a range of Kennels or Catteries contact your local Vet.

It is advisable to place your pet in a boarding facility if you are planning to be away for any length of time or engage a professional pet minding service.

If it is not possible to arrange either of these and you are planning to be away for a period of less than a week or a couple of days, there are several things you should do:

- Ensure your pet is in a secure enclosure so it can't escape and run away and that it has adequate shelter from the elements and access to plenty of fresh water.
- Arrange for a reliable person who has an affinity with your pet (neighbour, relative or friend) to visit daily to feed, top up water and check that your pet is healthy and safe - they might even spend some time playing with your pet so it does not feel too lonely or neglected.
- Put a tag on your pet with the contact details of the person minding your pet. If this person regularly minds your pet, ask them if you can use their name and telephone number to be put on your pet's microchip details. Obtain information from your local Council.



This document contains important information. If you do not understand it, contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450.



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