

# Animal Sitter and Caretaker

## Service Agreement

### **General Pet Care Information**

PLEASE NOTE: The utmost care will be given in watching both your pet(s), your home, and your stabling facility. However, due to the extreme unpredictability of animals, I cannot accept responsibility for any mishaps of any extraordinary or unusual nature (i.e., bitings, kicks, furniture damage, accidental death, etc.) or any complications in administering medications to the animal. Nor can I be liable for injury, disappearance, death, or fines of pet(s) with access to the outdoors.

### **Terms and Conditions**

*Please read carefully and fill in the blanks of this agreement.*

1. The Parties herein agree as follows: The initial term of this agreement shall be from (*Today's date*) \_\_\_\_\_ and be valid for all future services until the home address or stabling facility shall change.
2. For animal / house sitting services for Client absence due to travel or hospital stay, the Client must call 24 hours before leaving to verify date and time of departure, and Client must notify Animal Sitter and Caretaker 24 hours prior to returning home with estimated home arrival time.
3. Animal Sitter and Caretaker is authorized to perform care and services as outlined in the Client/Pet Information Sheet. Animal Sitter and Caretaker is also authorized by Client to seek emergency veterinary care if deemed necessary with release from all liabilities related to transportation, treatment, and expense should specified veterinarian be unavailable.
4. Animal Sitter and Caretaker is authorized to approve medical and/or emergency treatment (excluding euthanasia) as recommended by a veterinarian. Client agrees to reimburse Animal Sitter and Caretaker for expenses incurred, plus any additional fee for attending to this need or any expenses incurred for any other home/food/supplies needed.
5. In the event of inclement weather or natural disaster, Animal Sitter and Caretaker is entrusted to use best judgment in caring for pet(s) and home. Animal Sitter and Caretaker will be held harmless for consequences related to such decisions.
6. Animal Sitter and Caretaker agrees to provide the services stated in this agreement in a reliable, caring, and trustworthy manner. In consideration of these services and as an express condition thereof, the Client expressly waives and relinquishes any and all claims against said Animal Sitter and Caretaker except those arising from negligence or willful misconduct the part of the Animal Sitter and Caretaker.

7. Client agrees to provide all necessary equipment for dog walking; cat play; horse walking, lunging, and riding; stable and/or paddock mucking out; animal grooming; as well as fresh animal quarters bedding and towels to wipe wet animals after being outdoors.
8. Client understands and takes full responsibility for PROMPT payment of fees upon completion of services, including the additional 4% service tax. A handling fee (\$35) will be charged on all returned checks. One half deposit is required on lengthy assignments and of first time Clients. Clients with a history of late payment will be required to pay in advance before services are rendered.
9. In the event of personal emergency or illness of Animal Sitter and Caretaker, Client authorizes Animal Sitter and Caretaker to arrange for another qualified person to fulfill responsibilities as set forth in this agreement. Client will be notified in such a case.
10. All pets and horses are to be currently vaccinated. If not vaccinated for health reasons Client is responsible for all costs should Animal Sitter and Caretaker be bitten or otherwise exposed to any disease or ailment received from Client's animal which is not currently vaccinated.
11. Animal Sitter and Caretaker reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time before or during its term if Animal Sitter and Caretaker in its sole discretion, determines that Client's pet poses a danger to health or safety of Animal Sitter and Caretaker. If concerns prohibit Animal Sitter and Caretaker from caring for pet, Client authorizes pet to be placed in a kennel, with all charges there from to be charged to Client.
12. Client authorizes this signed agreement to be valid approval for future services of any purpose provided by this agreement permitting Animal Sitter and Caretaker to accept telephone reservations for service and enter premises without additional signed agreements or written authorization.

I have reviewed this Service Agreement for accuracy and understand and agree to the contents of this form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Sitter and Caretaker: \_\_\_\_\_